



Americas Fleet  
Host



Ida Lewis Yacht Club  
Organizing Authority



**2017**

**International 12 Metre Association  
North American Championship**

Newport, Rhode Island, USA.  
September 23 and 24, 2017

**Sailing Instructions**

(Revised 09/21/17)

**1. RULES.**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 ITMA/12 Metre Class By-Laws & Regulations as of July 2, 2008, the ITMA/12 Metre Class Rules as of March 1, 2016, and any subsequent amendments.
- 1.3 In order to suit local conditions, the Race Committee has received permission from the ITMA Event Organizing Committee to change the number of races to constitute a championship from those specified in ITMA By-law 10.2.1; and to change the length of the courses from those specified in ITMA By-Law 10.2.2.

**2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located on the deck to the west of the Ida Lewis YC club house.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.**

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Flag "L" flown from the flagpole at Ida Lewis YC indicates an amendment has been posted.

#### **4. Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at Ida Lewis YC.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal "AP".
- 4.3 When flag "Y" is displayed ashore, Rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the part 4 Preamble

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 A maximum of six (6) races are scheduled . No more than three (3) races will be sailed on any one day.
- 5.2 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1000 each day.
- 5.3 On Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

#### **6. CLASS FLAGS –**

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Class 1 - Grand Prix -----  | Numeral Pennant 1 |
| Class 2 - Modern -----      | Numeral Pennant 2 |
| Class 3 – Traditional ----- | Numeral Pennant 3 |

#### **7. RACING AREA**

- 7.1 Races will be held on the waters of Narragansett Bay.
- 7.2 The Rendezvous Area is:  
Area R – south of Halfway Rock, East Passage, Narragansett Bay.

#### **8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The courses will be windward-leeward courses. See Course Diagrams.
- 8.2 The course designator, either "W" or "V", and the approximate heading of and distance to the first mark will be displayed on a white board on the Race Committee Signal Boat no later than the warning signal.
- 8.3 For the "W" Courses, the number of legs will also be displayed on the white board as part of the designator e.g. W4 is a four leg race with a downwind finish, W5 is a five leg race with an upwind finish.
- 8.4 The "V" course has a fixed number of legs with the marks and sequence as follows: Start, 1a, 1b, 2, 1a, 1b, 2, Finish. The approximate heading of and distance to the first mark will be displayed on a white board on the Race Committee Signal Boat no later than the warning signal. .
- 8.5 All Rounding marks shall be left to port.

- 8.6 For all courses there will be an offset mark after the original windward mark. No offset mark will be set after a changed windward mark is set. The distance between the weather mark and the offset shall not be counted as a leg.
- 8.7 The leeward mark for the "W" courses will be approximately 0.1 mile to windward of the starting line. The leeward mark for the "V" course will be approximately .5 mile to leeward of the starting line.
- 8.8 For course "V", **except when starting or finishing**, the start and finish lines have no requirements or restrictions and the start pin and finish pins are not marks of the course.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 Rounding marks will be orange tetrahedrons. The offset mark shall be an orange sphere.
- 9.2 A new mark, as provided for in SI 11.1 will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- 9.3 The starting mark will be a yellow mark.
- 9.4 The finish mark will be an orange sphere.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 10.5 The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each premature starter over channel 79A. Failure to make such an announcement, the number of times an announcement is made, or the order in which a particular boat is hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.
- 11.2 If the weather mark is moved after the first leg of a race, then there will not be an offset set for that or any subsequent leg of the race.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark.
- 12.2 For W/L courses with an even number of legs which are not shortened and the "V" Course, the finish line will be set on the opposite side of the Race Committee Boat from the starting line.

- 12.3 For W/L courses with an odd number of legs, the finish line will be set approximately 0.1 NM to weather of the location of the last weather mark, unless the Race Committee changes the location of the finish. In which case the Race Committee will signal a change of course at the leeward mark.
- 12.4 The finish line Race Committee Boat will notify each boat after they finish if there will be no more racing that day.

### **13. PENALTY SYSTEM –**

- 13.1 RRS 44.3- Scoring Penalty shall apply. The penalty will be ONE (1) place worse than her finishing position.
- 13.2 The last sentence of Rule 44.3 ( c) is changed to 'The scores of other boats shall be changed to reflect the impact of the penalty'.
- 13.3 Penalties, if any, for breaches of rules other than rules of Part 2 may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. This changes rule 64.1(a).

### **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat in a class to complete the course in a race is 3 hours.
- 14.2 Any boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in her class to sail the course and finish will be scored TLE without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall receive points equal to the number of boats that finished within the 30 minute window for that race plus one. This changes Rules 35.1, A4.1 and A5.

### **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available from the Protest Committee Desk. On Saturday, September 23 the Protest Committee Desk will be by the dock house at Bannisters Wharf. On Sunday, September 24, the Protest Committee Desk will be on the deck to the west of Ida Lewis Yacht Club club house. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Protest Committee Desk within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks after the last race of the day. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3 A boat shall report and receive acknowledgement of its intention to protest and the yacht being protested immediately after the finish of the race to the Race Committee by radio on VHF 79A.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted after the protest time limit to inform competitors of any hearings in which they are parties. On Saturday, September 23 hearings will be held in the protest room located at Seamen's Church Institute; and on Sunday, September 24 at Ida Lewis YC. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest room. Failure of a boat to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Protest Committee as grounds for proceeding under rule 63.3(b).
- 15.5 A list of boats that accepted a scoring penalty will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

- 15.6 Rule 63.5 is changed by adding — "A protest involving contact may be heard by the Protest Committee even though the requirements of rule 61.1(a) and 61.3 have not been fulfilled."
- 15.7 Breaches of SIs 17 and 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1(a).

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of all her race scores. This changes rule A2.
- 16.3 One completed race will constitute a regatta.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 Check In – prior to the first warning of each day all yachts shall check in the Race Committee by hailing them on VHF 79A and reporting their number and name until acknowledged.
- 17.2 A yacht that retires shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3 In the event that life saving equipment is lost overboard, it should be retrieved. If recovery is impossible, loss of any equipment that floats shall be reported immediately to the Race Committee and to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard station on VHF Channel 16.
- 17.4 Man Overboard - In the event that a crew member has been lost overboard and detached from the yacht, then the yacht shall immediately:
  - 1. sail clear and stand by to recover the crew member, and
  - 2. notify the Race Committee on VHF channel 79A that a crew member has been lost overboard.

It is expected that the closest vessel, including racing yachts or support boat shall immediately proceed to render aid. This provision DOES NOT modify Rule 1.1 in any way.

The yacht whose crew member was lost overboard and detached from the yacht shall be scored equal to the number of starters for that race without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1.

**18. SUPPORT BOATS** - Support boats shall stay outside of a 100 yard radius of any boat that is racing.

## **19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 19.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and any other wireless device.
- 19.2 During the race, contestants may not receive weather, current, or navigational information except from a publicized source available at no cost to all competitors. Subscription, password protected or restricted access web pages are considered private information and may not be used for the transmission or reception of specialized weather information.

- 19.3 General use of the Internet and publicly available web sites to obtain weather including all National Weather Service data is authorized. Weather data developed specifically for the Race may not be received while racing.
- 19.4 The race committee will utilize VHF Channel 79A for communications with competing boats for race information, recalls, change of course, etc. Failure to do so shall not be grounds for seeking redress.

**20. PRIZES** -1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies will be awarded by Division. This regatta counts towards the season long Ted Hood Trophy. **NOTES**

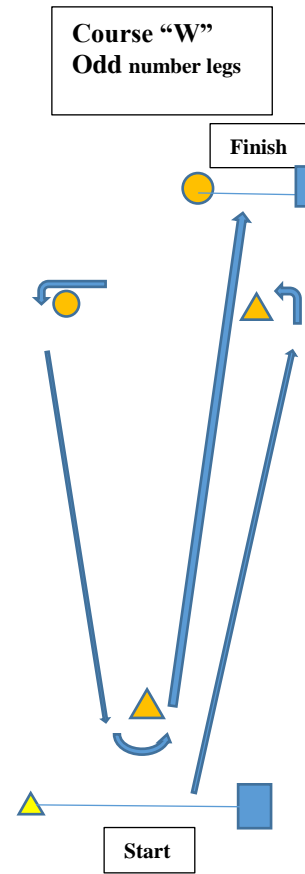
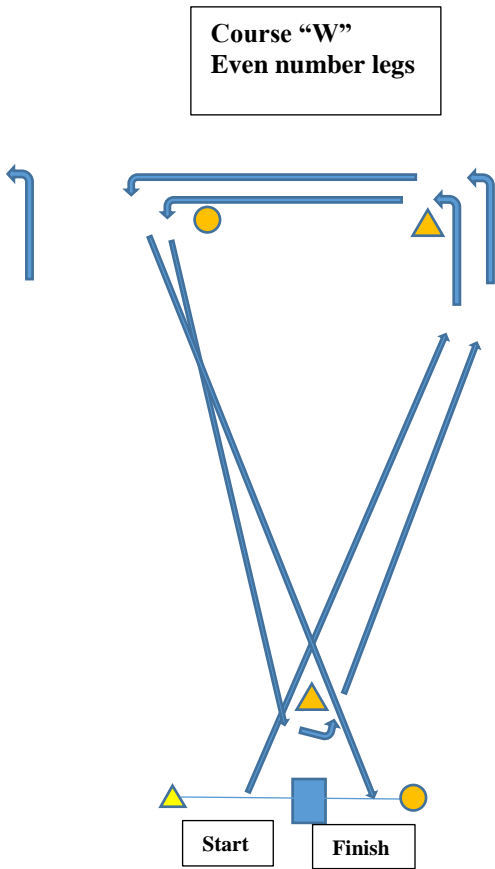
- 20.1 Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have right of way over a vessel under power which may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.
- 20.2 In the event there is racing in Narragansett Bay, competitors should be aware of heightened security around the Navy base in Newport just to the north of the Newport Jamestown Bridge. The area to the along the coast of the Naval Facilities from Coasters Harbor to the breakwater at the north end of Coddington Cove shall rank as an obstruction. Yachts shall not enter this area.
- 20.3 Rule 55 is changed by adding the following: "However, the discarding of biodegradable banding material, such as wool or cotton, while setting sails is permitted."

**21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, the 12 Metre Class and any sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta Attention is also drawn to ISAF Offshore Special Regulation 1.02, Responsibility of the Person in Charge, as well as the "Waiver and Release of Liability".

**22. MEDIA RELEASE:** Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, to ITMA, The 12 Metre Class Association, The Ida Lewis Yacht Club, Sponsors and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material and representations of the boats in any media World-wide (including but not limited to television, video, print and electronic media), for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the 12 Metre North American Championships and all participants therein.

## COURSE DIAGRAMS

The number of legs depicted in the W COURSE diagrams are only presented as an example. The actual number to be sailed will be presented on the course board as described in Paragraph 8.2.



**Course "V"**  
**Start, 1a, 1b, 2, 1a, 1b, 2, Finish**

