



# ***2019 ILYC Aloha Cup Series***

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY – IDA LEWIS YACHT CLUB**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V Sections A & B will apply.
- 1.3 The following RRS are changed: 35 - Time Limit & Scores, 44.1- Taking a Penalty, Appendix A - Scoring
- 1.4 For violations of rules other than those of Part 2, the Protest Committee may impose penalties other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1
- 1.5 No spinnakers shall be flown by boats during this series.
- 1.6 RRS 63.7 shall be replaced by, "If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (Sis), the Sailing Instructions shall apply." This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.7 It is the responsibility of competitors to check the Shields Fleet 9 web site which is the official location of the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions as well as other communications to Fleet members.

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

The Shields Fleet 9 web site is the official location of the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions as well as other communications to Fleet members. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Shields Notice Board at Ida Lewis Yacht Club.

#### **3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 11:30 AM on the day on which they will take effect. Copies will be available at Ida Lewis and from the Race Committee signal boat.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the Ida Lewis Yacht Club flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will not be made less than 45 minutes after the AP is raised. This adds to the AP description in the RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3 If sailing is to take place north of the Pell Newport Bridge, a flag "R" will be raised at ILYC. If the "R" flag is not raised, sailing will be south of the bridge.

## 5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Racing will be held on the following Saturdays.

First Day	<b>June 22th</b>
Second Day	<b>July 27th</b>
Third Day	<b>August 24th</b>
Possible Rain Day	<b>September 14th</b> (refer to section 5.4)

5.2 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1:30 PM. No warning signal will be made after 5:00 PM

5.3 The Race Committee may run up to six races on each day of racing. Flag A displayed with no sound signal as boats are finishing any race of the day means 'No more racing today.'

5.4 In the event that racing is canceled, September 14th may be used as a makeup day at the sole discretion of the race committee.

## 6. CLASS FLAG

6.1 The class flag for the will be the Shields insignia on a white field.

6.2 The Race Committee may substitute another flag as the class flag by announcing the new flag on **Channel 79A VHF**.

## 7. RACING AREA

7.1 There are two locations for racing.

7.2 Sailing area A will be south of the Newport Pell Bridge in the vicinity of Rose Island.

7.3 Sailing area B will be north of the Newport Pell Bridge south of Gould Island.

7.4 The sailing area will be announced on **Channel 79A VHF** by 11:45 AM each day.

## 8. THE COURSES

8.1 The course to be sailed will be posted on the Committee's signal boat.

8.2 Courses will be in accordance with the current Sail Newport South Bay Race Chart.

8.3 When Flag "**D**" is displayed prior to the warning signal, the course being posted is a special course that will be identified by listing its turning marks. The marks for the special course will be displayed in the same format as those on the South Bay Race Chart.

## 9. MARKS

9.1 The marks used for the series will be Government Marks, Special Racing Marks, or inflated racing marks.

9.2 The Government Marks and Special Racing Marks will be identified using their designation on the South Bay Race Chart.

9.3 Inflated racing marks (e.g., tetrahedrons) will be designated using triangles when the course is posted.

9.4 **OFFSET MARKS:** When Flag "**Q**" is displayed with the course signals, an offset mark will be used at the windward mark. This mark is to be left on the same hand as the windward mark and will be an orange sphere or an inflated mark. An offset mark may not be set if the windward mark is changed.

9.5 **GATES:** When Flag "**G**" is displayed with the course signals, the Race Committee will set a gate for the leeward mark. If mark from the South Bay Race Chart is used, the corresponding mark to complete the gate will be placed in the vicinity of the mark from the South Bay Race Chart. If inflated marks are used for the leeward mark, a set of gate marks will be dropped. Failure of the Race Committee to set or maintain the offset or gate marks shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a). In the event that the gate is not maintained, boats shall leave the remaining single mark to port.

## **10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

A security zone extends along the west shore of the Navy Base from the breakwater to the War College and is marked by a series of white buoys. Boats shall not sail to the east of the line between any two of these white buoys. Boats shall not sail inside any of the rocks known as "The Dumplings"

## **11 THE START**

**11.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

**11.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange or yellow flag on the signal boat and the starting mark.

**11.3** The starting mark may be an inflatable mark or a staff displaying an orange or yellow flag on an anchored boat.

**11.4** A boat that does not start within ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5 and excludes boats that are subject to RRS 29.1 and 30.1.

**11.5** The race committee will attempt to broadcast sail numbers of boats that are on course side (OCS) at the start on the Fleet VHF Channel (79A VHF). Failure to make a broadcast, to make it promptly, or for it to be received by a boat will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **12 CHANGE OF COURSE FOR THE NEXT LEG**

Add to RRS 33 (a) – "(3) by displaying the designation of the new next mark and making a backup announcement on **Ch 79A VHF.**" Radio broadcasts are available as a courtesy only. Failure to receive or properly interpret these communications shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.

## **13 THE FINISH**

Unless the course is shortened, the finish line will be between a staff flying the blue flag on a race committee boat and the nearby mark. The race committee will attempt to make the last leg of the course a beat to windward, but failure to do so will not be grounds for a request for redress.

## **14. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for each boat will be 90 minutes.

## **15. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS & PENALTIES**

**15.1** Protest forms are available at the ILYC Dock Office.

**15.2** In addition to the requirements of rule 61.1, the intent to protest shall be reported to and acknowledged by the finish line committee boat immediately after finishing – this may be done on **Ch. 79A VHF.** At the conclusion of racing, if any protests have been received, the committee boat will broadcast the sail numbers of boats involved in any protests on **Ch 79A VHF.** Failure to do so is not grounds for seeking redress nor does it exempt any boat from protest obligations.

**15.3** The protest time limit is **7 pm (local) the day following the race.** Protests shall be delivered to the ILYC dock office. Protests may also be submitted by fax to (401) 846 8234.

**15.4 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT:** The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to:

A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing.

However, when she may have broken rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than the starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. Penalty turn(s) may not be taken within the zone of a mark.

**15.5 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE:** After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The Post--Race Penalty shall be (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit, but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

**15.5** Protests will be heard at Ida Lewis Yacht Club – time and date to be decided by Ida Lewis Yacht Club Protest Committee. A list of protests received promptly after racing and of boats which reported performing penalty turns will be placed on the Shields Notice Board at ILYC.

**15.6** If one of the parties to a protest fails to show for the hearing and the protest is deemed to be valid, the Protest Committee will proceed to hear the protest.

**15.7** The penalty for breaking rule 55, Trash Disposal, is at the discretion of the protest committee (DP) and may be less than disqualification.

## **16 SCORING**

**16.1** The scoring system is the Low Point System as described in 90.3 and Appendix A in the RRS and modified by these SIs.

**16.2** At least two boats must start for a race to be scored. This changes RRS 90.3(a).

**16.3** A minimum of three (3) completed races is required to constitute the Aloha Cup Series.

**16.4** When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be one (1) throw out for every six (6) races scored. This modifies RRS A2.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**17.1** A boat that retires shall notify the Race Committee by calling on **VHF Ch 79A** as soon as possible.

**17.2** Boats are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and that sailing vessels do not have right-of-way over a vessel under power which may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.

**17.3** Boats that infringe the second paragraph of the Preamble to Part 2 of the RRS and are witnessed by a member of the Race Committee are subject to protest by the Race Committee.

**17.4** If the protest is upheld, the boat shall be disqualified from the race and scored DNE. In addition, if the boat being disqualified is part of Shields Fleet 9, she shall not sail in the next two scheduled races of the **Wednesday** series.

## **18. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**18.1** 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 phones.

**18.2** **Competitors shall monitor Ch 79A VHF while racing for Race Committee communications.**

**18.3** Competitors shall only receive Race Committee VHF communications on the 79A VHF, the Fleet VHF Channel.

**18.4** All radio broadcasts are available as a courtesy only. Failure to receive or properly interpret these communications shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62

## **19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.**

**19.1** Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4.

**19.2** Decision to race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the races.

## **20. GOVERNMENT MARKS.**

**All government aids to navigation must be observed, except for marks "6", "9", "10", "13", "20", "22", "23", "Q", "X" and "V", which do not need to be honored, unless that mark / aid is used as a turning mark on that leg of the course.**

## **21. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Boats shall not sail between Rose Island and the Newport Bridge. Except for course "T4", when sailing under the Newport Pell Bridge, boats shall sail through one of the three center spans of the bridge.

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