

THUNDERBIRD INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

July 31 – August 4, 2019

Hosted by the Savin Hill Yacht Club
Sponsored by Mass Bay Thunderbird Fleet #5

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The prescriptions of US Sailing will not apply. This regatta is designated Category A for advertising.
- 1.2 A boat may not protest another boat for a crewmember allegedly failing to meet the membership requirements of ISAF regulation 21.1(b). For the purpose of this SI (rule), a crewmember is defined as a competitor other than the one who entered the boat in the race. This changes rule 60.1(a).

2 ENTRIES: Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the main floor of the Savin Hill Yacht Club.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the easterly flagstaff of the Savin Hill Yacht club.
- 5.2 When the "AP" postponement flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES:

- 6.1 Eleven (11) races are scheduled, of which no more than 3 may be sailed on one day.
- 6.2 The warning for the Practice Race will be signaled at 1830 on Wednesday July 31, 2019. The first warning signal for each championship race day (Thursday, August 1 through Sunday, August 4) will be at 1200. Subsequent races will be started at the discretion of the Race Committee. No race will be started after 1500 on Sunday, August 4.
- 6.3 A skippers meeting will be held at 1730 on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 on the second deck of the Savin Hill Yacht Club.

The race schedule is as follows:

Wednesday July 31, 2019 –
1830 Practice Race
Thursday August 1, 2019 –
1200 First Warning Signal
Friday August 2, 2019 –
1200 First Warning Signal
Saturday August 3, 2019
1200 First Warning Signal
Sunday August 4, 2019 -
1200 First Warning Signal

7 RACING AREA: The racing area will be located in the Boston Harbor area as shown on the attached chart.

8 THE COURSE:

8.1 The course will be windward/leeward and consist of 2, 3, 4, or 5 legs as shown in illustrations 'A'-'B'-'C'-'D'. Mark 1 and mark 2 are to be left to Port. Mark 3 and the starting pin form a Gate; boats shall sail between gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark. The windward leg will be between 1/2 and 1 1/4 nautical miles in length.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the approximate compass bearing from the RC Signal boat to Mark 1.

9 **MARKS:** The windward and leeward marks are YELLOW BALLS. The offset (slightly smaller) mark is WHITE BALL. The Pin will be a YELLOW BALL. The marks for a changed course will be a YELLOW BALL.

10 CHECKING IN: Before the warning signal of her first race each day, each boat will sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

11 THE START AND CLASS FLAG: Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.

11.2 The class flag will be the Thunderbird Class Flag

12 RECALLS: The Race Committee may attempt to hail sail numbers that it can identify utilizing a speaker horn and/or VHF marine radio on CH 72. (This changes RRS 41).

12.1 Redress – The failure of the race committee to hail a sail number and/or hull racing number, the timing of such hail, and the order in which such hails are made shall not be grounds for redress. (This changes RRS rule 62.1(a)).

13 LEAVING THE COURSE EARLY: A competitor who withdraws or retires should notify the Race Committee at their earliest opportunity

14 CHANGING THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK: To change the position of the next mark(s), the Race Committee will lay a new mark(s) as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

15 THE FINISH: The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the finish mark. When the course is shortened, a race committee boat near the mark will display code flag S and the boats shall finish by sailing through the line from the direction of the previous mark.

16 FINISHING ON THE COURSE: The race committee may finish boats on the course to facilitate starting subsequent races in a timely manner. Boats finished on the course will be notified by a race committee boat. The race committee will determine the finish places.

17 TIME LIMIT: The time limit will be 2 1/2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35 and A4.1.

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

18.1 The deadline for measurement protests is 1600 on July 31, 2019.

18.2 A boat intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee upon finishing. Protest forms are available at the jury desk located at the Savin Hill Yacht Club Flag Office adjacent to the entrance lobby.

18.3 Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit (one hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks). The Race Committee will post the end on Protest time on the official notice board.

- 18.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This posting shall be considered the notice required in rules 61 and 63.2
- 18.5 RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 18.6 On the last day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- within the protest time limit if the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - no later than one hour after the last decision is announced on the last day of racing. This changes rule 66.

19 PENALTIES:

- 19.1 Rule 44.1 and 44.2 are in effect.

44.1 Taking a Penalty

A boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing. She may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken rule 31.

However,

- when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31;
- if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

44.2 One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties

After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty by promptly making the required number of turns in the same direction, each turn including one tack and one gybe. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

19.2 US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V2 will apply. A boat that takes a post race penalty prior to arbitration, the penalty will be 20%.

20 SCORING:

- 20.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A will be used.
- 20.2 Boats that are on course side (OCS), do not finish, retire or are disqualified will score points equal to the number of boats that raced in that race plus one. Boats that do not start will score points equal to the number of boats in that race plus two. This changes RRS Appendix A4.2 and A9.
- 20.3 Eleven (11) races are scheduled, of which (5) races shall be completed to constitute the International Championship.
- 20.4 All races will count unless more than five races are sailed in which case one (1) drop race will be allowed. This changes rule A2.

21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS:

All boats shall be afloat before 1600 on Wednesday July 31st and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of written permission of the jury

22 RADIO/TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS:

After leaving the dock, a boat shall neither make radio or telephone transmissions while racing nor receive radio or telephone communications not available to all boats except for outside assistance per RRS 41. The race committee will monitor CH 72.

23 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS:

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

24 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC: Boats shall not interfere with commercial traffic.

25 PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded to the skippers of the top five (5) finishers. The first place winner may keep the International Trophy until the next International Championship Regatta. Prizes will be awarded to the first place boat in each race. Prizes will be presented at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday August 4, 2019.

26 INSPECTIONS: Inspections may be made during the regatta for compliance with Class Rules.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the regatta.

28 INSURANCE: Each participant boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000. per event or the equivalent.

COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

Course A

2 1____RC (Finish)

Pin__3__RC (Start)

Course: From the start, round Mark 1, and Mark 2 to Port, thru Gate formed by Pin and Mark 3, Then to the finish between Mark 1 and the RC Boat.

Mark 3 is not a mark of the course on the first leg. (It will not be in place at the start.)

Course B

2 1

Pin__3__RC(Start/Finish)

Course: From the start, round Mark 1, and Mark 2 to Port, thru Gate formed by Pin and Mark 3, round Mark 1, and Mark 2 to Port, then to the finish between the Pin and RC Boat.

Mark 3 is not a mark of the course on the first or last legs. (It will not be in place at the start and finish.)

Course C

2 1____RC(Finish)

Pin__3__RC(Start)

Course: From the start, round Mark 1, and Mark 2 to Port, thru Gate formed by Pin and Mark 3, round Mark 1, Mark 2 to Port, thru Gate formed by Pin and Mark 3, then to the finish between Mark 1 and the RC Boat.

Mark 3 is not a mark of the course on the first leg. (It will not be in place at the start.)

Course D

2 1

Pin____RC(Start)

Course: From the start, round Mark 1, and Mark 2 to Port, then to the finish between the Pin and the RC Boat.