

**Rhode Island Yacht Club  
Cranston, RI**



**2017 Moonlight Race  
Sailing Instructions**

**September 8, 2017**

Regatta – This Regatta shall be as listed in the Notice of Race, posted on the Race Committee bulletin board and on the Rhode Island Yacht Club (RIYC) web site.

**1. RULES**

This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in “The Racing Rules of Sailing” (“RRS”).

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Committee bulletin board located at RIYC.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of this regatta will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located near the dock office or in the case of Courses, Section 7, as a letter code card displayed adjacent to the Race Committee section of the dock office.

**5. SCHEDULE**

The warning signal for the start of the Fleet will be at 1900. The start will be at 1905. There will be two classes: PHRF spinnaker and PHRF non-spinnaker. All boats shall check in with the Race Committee either orally by approaching the committee boat or by radio on Ch. 72. Each boat shall report to the Race Committee the number of persons on board (POB).

**6. CLASS FLAGS**

Classes will start in the following order:

- **Red Flag**: spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes 1905 start

**7. COURSE**

The course shall run from the start at C-1 to the R-8 the government mark between the northwest corner of Prudence Island and the lighthouse on Warwick Neck, which shall be left to port and then to finish.

## **8. OBSTACLES**

The following obstacles shall be observed at all times: leave Sabin Point Dolphins to the east; leave "C"1 Pawtuxet Cove to the west, leave Bullock Point, BP 4sec to the east, leave Conimicut Light to the west, and a boat shall not pass through the RIYC mooring field, defined as an imaginary string drawn taut around all moorings owned and operated by RIYC and applied as in Rule 28.1, except for approaching the Finish when set in accordance with Section 10.

## **9. THE START**

The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a government mark nearest to the side of the boat on which the orange flag is displayed. The flag, not the horns control the start.

## **10. THE FINISH**

The finishing line shall be between either:

- a) an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and Mark # 2 ("GC"1) or
- b) an orange flag displayed on the deck of the RIYC clubhouse, or by the jib crane post and "GC 1" or
- c) an Orange Triangular Float located near the perimeter of the RIYC mooring field and Mark #2 ("GC"1).

If the Race Committee is absent when a boat finishes, the skipper will report the finishing time, and position in relation to nearby boats, to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **11. TIME LIMIT**

There is no time limit for this race.

## **12. PROTESTS**

In addition to following Rule 61 protest forms must be filed with the Race Committee after the protesting boat finishes. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after the race.

## **13. SCORING**

Scoring shall be on a Time on Distance method adjusted for Narragansett Bay PHRF. Awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be given for spinnaker and non-spinnaker. Presentations will be in the RIYC Club House following the next Tuesday night race.

## **14. SAFETY REMINDER**

Narragansett Bay has a commercial shipping channel and sailing vessels do not have the right of way over a vessel under power and restricted in her ability to maneuver. Failure to observe the Rules of the Road shall be cause for disqualification. Repeated violations can result in a season ban. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **15. DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH**

Disposal of trash overboard is prohibited and can result in race disqualification. Please dispose of all rubbish in the dumpster at the end of the parking lot.

**16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race, RRS.. The organizing authority and the yacht club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race series.

**17. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall have a valid certificate of insurance on file with the office of Rhode Island Yacht Club.

