

The 2009 EBYRA Wednesday Night Race Series
Sailing Instructions
May 13, 2009 to September 16, 2009

- 1 RULES** - The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) and the prescriptions of the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS). In the event of a conflict these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. The series is open to all sailing boats, spinnaker and non-spinnaker, with valid 2009 YRALIS or local (EBYRA) PHRF certificates. YRALIS crew weight limitations and credits will not be in effect. Boats not equipped with lifelines shall restrict crew position to prevent any portion of the torso from extending beyond the plane perpendicular to the shearline. Boats shall not violate the right of way of commercial traffic or other vessels not racing. Division assignments are posted on the EBYRA website (WWW.EBYRA.COM) and on the scratch sheet.
- 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** - Notices to Competitors will be posted on the EBYRA website.
- 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** – Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the EBYRA website by 6:30 PM the evening before the next race and shall be in effect for the remainder of the series.
- 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** – In the event of severe weather conditions, the Race Committee may fly an N over A flag (abandonment) at Morris Yacht and Beach Club and will broadcast same over VHF Channel 72 no later than 6:30 PM.
- 5 SCHEDULE AND LOCATION** - Races take place in and around Eastchester Bay each Wednesday from May 13, 2009 to September 16, 2009. The starting line will be in the vicinity of 46A and the first gun will be at 7:05 PM.
- 6 RACING AREAS** – The chart on the opposite side of these Sailing Instructions shows the location of the racing areas.
- 7 THE COURSES** - Courses will be signaled from the committee boat using the group code and course letters. See chart side of these Sailing Instructions for race marks, buoys and courses to be sailed.
- 8 MARKS** – Marks shall consist of EBYRA marks and government buoys. Each mark shall be represented by a letter and shall each be rounded to port. Mark details and locations are noted on the chart side of these Sailing Instructions. The starting and finishing mark will be the “S” mark. Use of the "A" mark as an alternate start-finish mark will be announced on channel 72.
- 9 RESTRICTED AREAS** - The restricted areas depicted on the Sailing Instruction’s chart are: The triangle bounded by R "2" FI R 4s "Big Tom", N "4", and Belden Point, the triangle bounded by Stepping Stones lighthouse, N "2", and N "4", and between FI R 4s "46" and the southern tip of Hart Island. Boats shall not sail through these areas except when rounding "B" as a specified mark of the course. After starting and before finishing, a boat shall not sail through the finish line. Any boat violating a restricted area or crossing the finish line while racing and not starting or finishing shall correct her error by sailing out the same side from which she entered.
- 10 THE START** – Races will be started using RRS 26. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark. The RC boat, anti-barging buoy, buoy lines and fittings shall collectively constitute the starting mark. No boat may pass between the anti-barging buoy and the Race Committee boat. Boats must stay well clear of the starting line until

their preparatory signal. Any boat not crossing the starting line within 4 minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class. The Race Committee will make every effort to do "rolling starts" but is not obligated to do so.

11 INDIVIDUAL RECALL – In addition to the Race Committee's obligations under RRS 29.1, the Race Committee shall attempt to hail the recalled yacht on VHF Channel 72.

12 DIVISION START SEQUENCE - The highest numbered division shall start first then next lower numbered division and continue until all divisions have started.

13 THE FINISH - The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM – The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, shall not apply. As provided in RRS 67, the race committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS 42 (Propulsion.)

15 TIME LIMITS - The first boat in each division must finish by 9:45 PM. The remaining boats in that division have until 10:00 PM to finish. Those boats not finishing will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35 and RRS A4.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS - A boat protesting shall so inform the race committee upon or immediately after finishing. The protesting boat shall file its written protest with an EBYRA representative within one hour and fifteen minutes of finishing. The Race Committee boat will not accept written protests on the water. Pending protests will be listed on the score sheet and posted on the EBYRA web site. Protest hearings are scheduled for the following Wednesday, after racing, at a location determined by the protest committee (participants in the hearing shall be notified of the location by telephone and/or mail and/or email.)

17 SCORING SYSTEM – Finishing position for individual races will be determined using the Time on Time method using the following formula: $CET=ET*(600/(480+PHRF))$. Series scoring will be calculated using the Cox-Sprague scoring system. A boat will earn one throwout for every two races beyond nine in which she starts provided there is a finisher in her division. Exact details on all scoring are listed in the Scoring Appendix, which is available on the EBYRA website. A score of DSQ resulting from a protest hearing shall not be thrown out.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS - The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 72 and will broadcast postponement, abandonment and other race-pertinent information.

19 RETIREMENT - Boats retiring from racing shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 SPECIAL NOTE TO COMPETITORS - Boats sailing in the vicinity of the racecourse but not intending to race shall notify the Race Committee prior to their preparatory signal, or risk being scored as a starter.