

Harraseeket Regatta - Sailing Instructions

June 27, 2009

Rules:

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, 2005-2008 as adopted by US Sailing.

Safety:

In addition to the requirements of the RRS, applicable class rules and the US Coast Guard, all boats are required to be in compliance with the 2003-04 Offshore Racing Council (ORC) Special Regulations for Category 4. While the Race Committee may modify, shorten the course or abandon the race if there are concerns about crew or vessel safety on account of weather considerations ultimately it is the responsibility of the owner/skipper of each yacht participating as to whether to participate, continue, or withdraw from the race.

Entries:

Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form with current PHRF or Multihull certificate and payment of \$40.00 to Harraseeket Yacht Club. (avoid \$20.00 late fee by registering before 6/27/09). Classes will be divided by PHRF:

- Class A PHRF 0 to 102
- Class B PHRF 103 and up
- Class C Cruising

Notices to Competitors:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board outside the club in the hallway.

Signals made from shore:

Signals made from shore will be displayed from the flag pole in front of HYC. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 min after the AP is lowered.

Schedule:

- 0800 to 0930 Registration
- 1030 Skipper Meeting
- 1200 Warning Signal
- 1630 to 1900 Party

Starting and Finishing:

This is a Pursuit Race format. Yachts will start according to a starting schedule handed out at the skippers meeting. The highest handicapped yachts will be starting first. It is the skipper's responsibility to properly start. The Race Committee will attempt to notify any vessel that may start prematurely by hail or by VHF #72. All yachts not starting should stay

clear of the starting area. The starting area will be near Moshier Island. The starting and finish line will be between the orange flag on the RC Boat and the Drop Mark.

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. Rule 26 modified as follows:

Signal

Flag and sound

Minutes before starting signal

Warning, 5 minutes to start

White Shape; 1 Sound

Preparatory, 4 minutes to start

Blue Flag or Shape; 1 Sound

One-minute

Preparatory flag/shape removed; 1 long sound

Start

Red flag or shape; 1 Sound

1 long horn will sound at the start time for all following boats until the end of the starting sequence is completed.

Starting Area:

No yachts may enter within eight boat lengths of the starting area until 10 minutes prior to their designated starting time. Any yacht found to have violated this rule will have 5 minutes add to their finish time. If time and weather allows the Race Committee may institute a starting box created by the RC boat, starting line buoy and two other buoys directly behind the starting line. If in place no yachts may enter the starting box area until 10 minutes prior to their designated starting time.

Recalls:

The Race Committee **will attempt** to identify recalled boats by broadcast over VHF channel 72 and by hail from the committee boat. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not be grounds for redress.

Racing Area:

Two courses will be predetermined and handed out at the skippers meeting. Weather conditions will determine which course will prevail. Course "A" Long course or course "B" Short course. The Race Committee will announce the preferred course at the skippers meeting subject to change before the start.

Shortening Course:

If the course needs to be shortened further, yachts will be notified at the closest turning mark and the finish time will be adjusted relative to the change in distance.

Official Time and Time limit:

Official Time will be UTC -4. (In other words, it is GPS time)

There will be no time limit, however the RC boat will remain on station until 1800 if any yacht that has not finished and wants to continue racing they will be required to take their own time of finish and report it to the Race Committee ASAP.

Protest:

720 rule is in effect. Please observe the current Racing Rules of Sailing. In the event of a protest, protests shall be in writing and delivered to the Race Committee boat within 30 minutes after the race committee boat docks. Protests received will be posted on the Bulletin Board. A hearing will be held as soon as possible. It is the sole responsibility of each party in a protest to remain in the vicinity of the HYC for proceedings

Trophies:

Trophies will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place yachts in Class A, B, and Cruising. If more than 8 boats are in one class a 3rd place will be awarded. The trophies require customized embroidery and samples will be on display at the post race party and recognition will be given to the recipients at that time. Trophies will be mailed within two weeks.