

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

STARS & STRIPES REGATTA

Saturday, June 23, 2007 1:00 PM Start

1. Rules
 - 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, the rules of the Harbor 20 Class and the Notice of Race. (except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
2. Entries
 - 2.1 An entry must be filed with the Race Committee for the Nautical Museum prior to the first start. The individual signing the entry will be regarded as responsible for the yacht throughout the event.
 - 2.2 Entries must include the sail number and division "A" or "B".
3. Changes in Sailing Instructions
 - 3.1 Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be handed out from the Race Committee boat not less than 15 minutes before the start.
4. Racing Area
 - 4.1 The racing area will include all of Newport Harbor and out to "J" mark.
 - 4.2 The starting line is not restricted.
 - 4.3 Any competitor that makes contact with a moored boat must report the incident to the RC upon conclusion of the race.
5. Course and Marks
 - 5.1 The diagram on the 2005 Inside race course chart shows the location of the marks.
 - 5.2 The Race Committee will indicate the division starting and the marks to be rounded.
6. Check-in
 - 6.1 Boats must sail by the Race Committee prior to the first warning at 1:00 PM to be recognized and advise the division they elect to enter.
7. Start/Finish
 - 7.1 The race will start in the turning basin and finish at the new location of the Nautical Museum.
 - 7.2 A (3) three minute sound starting system will be used with a new clock for each division with approximately (3) three minutes between divisions.
 - 7.3 The order of starts will be Harbor 20 A, then Harbor 20 B.
 - 7.4 All boats whose starting signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

8. Time Limit

- 8.1** The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish will be 1 hour and 30 minutes. At the discretion of the Race Committee, after the start the course may be shortened by setting an alternate finish line so that races may be completed within the time limit. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes in its division will be scored "DNF".

9. Protests

- 9.1** The 360 procedure by an infringing boat will be in effect. In cases where the 360 is not performed and a protest is required to settle a dispute, the formal forms will be completed and turned in by 4:00 PM. The protest will be heard immediately. There shall be no appeals from the decision of the Protest Committee insofar as such decisions affect awarding points in the Regatta.

10. Scoring

- 10.1** Boats will be scored using the low point system as defined in RRs Appendix A to determine first, second, and third in each division. In addition, special awards will be made for boats that are especially effective in displaying the spirit of the regatta, the "Stars and Stripes Regatta". All boats are encouraged to display an American flag.
Awards will include 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for each fleet.
Boats with best decoration; 1st and 2nd for each fleet.
Crew with best theme; 1st and 2nd for each fleet.

11. Trophies

- 11.1** Trophies will be awarded at 5:00 PM