



2019 WYS Instructor's Challenge

WESTHAMPTON YACHT SQUADRON

Remsenburg, NY 11960

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Sailing Instructions

(Revised August 9, 2019)

Only Division: Flying Scot-No Spinnakers

1. RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 including US Sailing Prescriptions (RRS), except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 As provided for in Rule 86 of the RRS: Rule 44.1 will be changed by requiring only one penalty turn under any circumstances covered by Rule 44.1.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Westhampton Yacht Squadron (WYS) notice board located north of the flagpole.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 10:00 AM on the day it will take effect. Oral instructions may be given on the water, as necessary, with a loud hailer from the Race Committee boat or by an official support boat, as provided in RRS 90.2(c).

4. SIGNALS

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the WYS flagpole.
- 4.2 Code Flag L (yellow and black squares) with one horn blast on shore means a notice to competitors has been posted. On the water, it means to "come within hail" of the Race Committee Boat.
- 4.3 Code Flag AP (red and white stripes) with two horn blasts means the race is postponed. A single horn blast accompanies the lowering of the flag.

5. SAFETY

- 5.1 All competitors must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type III or Type V Personal Flotation Device ("PFD") at all times on the water. This changes RRS 40.
- 5.2 No Spinnakers are to be flown at any time while racing.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The Instructor’s Challenge will consist of races on Sunday August 11, 2019.

6.2 Five (5) to six (6) races are planned, but there may be more or less depending on time and weather conditions.

6.3 Schedule for the day:

Registration/Check-in	9:00 – 10:00 AM
Skipper’s Meeting	10:30 AM
Warning Signal for First Race	11:30 AM
No Race shall begin after	2:30 PM
Awards after Race	

6.4 Racers must check in with the Race Committee boat on the water prior to the first race each day. If leaving the race area, racers must communicate that information to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Appropriate class flags will be used as part of the 4-minute timing as follows:

Flying Scot - Blue FS insignia on a white field

8. RACING AREA

8.1 Races will be held on Moriches Bay west of WYS in the vicinity of Seatuck Cove.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The planned course is a windward/leeward-once around (WYS Course #2) but may be modified at the skippers meeting or on the water by oral instruction from the Race Committee.

9.2 The diagrams in “Attachment A” at the end of these Sailing Instructions show the courses. Course Diagrams will also be available at the Registration desk. Additional courses may be added during the racing season. Prior to each race, the course symbol will be displayed on white board from the Race Committee boat designating the course to be sailed in that race.

10. MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be orange inflatable pyramids.

10.2 The start-finish line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the small orange ball in the water (the pin) or an anchored pin boat with a staff.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started using a modified Rule 26 (3-minute start sequence) with the warning siren being made approximately one (1) minute prior to the warning signal.

11.2 Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

11.3 If RRS 30.1 is invoked, the “I” flag (yellow field, black ball) will be hoisted instead of the Preparatory Flag P two (2) minutes before the start and lowered at one (1) minute before the start.

12. RECALLS

- 12.1 Code Flag X (blue cross on a white field) and 1-horn blast signals an individual recall. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers for boats that are OCS (on the course side). This modifies RRS 41. Boats shall not be entitled to redress for the following: The failure of a boat to hear or receive a recall hail; Order of recall numbers hailed or promptness of the hail. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.2 Code Flag First Substitute (blue pennant with yellow triangle) and 2-horn blast signals a general recall. A single horn blast accompanies the lowering of the flag. The warning signal will be made one minute after removal.

13. SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START

- 13.1 Code Flag S (white flag with blue square) with 2 blasts of a horn, signals a shortened course. The finishing line shall be at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying flag S. This modifies RRS 32.2.
- 13.2 Code Flag N (blue and white checks) and 3 horn blasts signal abandon race; return to start area. A single horn blast accompanies the lowering of the flag. The warning signal will be made one minute after removal.
- 13.3 Code Flag N over Code Flag H (blue and white checks over white and red vertical stripe) and 3 blasts of a horn signal abandon race, return to shore.

14. PENALTY TURNS

- 14.1 A boat will only be required to take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the RRS. This modifies RRS 44.1.

15. RETIREMENT

- 15.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

16. TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 A boat that starts more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 16.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF (did not finish). This changes RRS 35 and A4.

17. PROTESTS

- 17.1 The Race Committee will post the docking time at the end of racing each day on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Protest forms are available at the club and completed protest forms shall be delivered to the Protest Committee no later than one hour after the docking. The same time applies to protests by the Race Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

18. SCORING

18.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A, including Sec. A9 of Appendix A, will apply as modified.

18.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series, however, five (5) to six (6) races are planned.

18.3 The results will be based on all races completed, however, there will be one (1) throw-out race allowed if five (5) races are sailed. This modifies Appendix A2.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS – All participating sailors may carry a two (2) way radio on their sail boat, for use in an emergency or to communicate with the race committee their status. Except in such circumstances, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats in the same class. This restriction also applies to cell or mobile phones.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Competitors in this event are subject to these Sailing Instructions and are participating entirely at their own risk, and assume full responsibility for starting or continuing to race – Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, host club and/or personnel conducting this event will not accept any liability for material damages or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.