



Stone Horse Yacht Club
Sr. Sailing Instructions
updated July 2009

- 1. GOVERNING RULES:** All SHYC races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-20012, effective January 1, 2009, as adopted by the U.S. Sailing Association, including U.S. Sailing Prescriptions, except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions. (Rule 87)
- 2. ELIGIBILITY:** SHYC races are open to all members of SHYC. Individual crew need not be members but the skipper must be a SHYC member. The Race Committee (RC) may grant permission to sailboats skippered by non-club members to race.
- 3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official SHYC bulletin board located at the clubhouse.
- 4. CHANGE IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 on the day that the change will take effect, or on the water, communicated to each boat before her warning signal.
- 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SHYC flagpole.
- 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES:** The first warning signal is at 1300 unless otherwise stated in the calendar. All sailboats must pass by the stern of the RC boat to check-in prior to the first warning signal. A minimum of two sailboats is required to start a race for a given class.
- 8. COURSES AND MARKS:** The course of each class will be indicated by a letter or letters and numbers on the RC boat beneath the class designation before the warning signal. All regular marks except the starting mark will be large orange tetrahedron inflatable marks.
- 9. RACING AREA:** The normal starting and finishing area is approximately 0.50 miles in the Southwest direction from the light on the end of the Wychmere Harbor breakwater.
- 10. THE START:** Races will be started in accordance with RRS, rule 26. The starting line will be between a orange flag on the RC boat and a white mark unless otherwise specified by the RC. Sailboats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of sailboats whose signal has been made. Infringement of this rule shall lead to a DSQ for the race.
- 11. THE FINISH:** Normally, the finish line will be between an orange flag on the RC boat and the starting marker. This is subject to a replacement mark or the mark of the leg underway in the event of shortened course.
- 12. SAFETY:** All competitors shall wear zipped or tied U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Devices(PFD's) at all times while on the water. Any sailboat withdrawing from a race or retiring for the day shall notify the RC boat or a crash boat. Failure to comply with the above safety requirements will result in that sailboat scoring DSQ in all races sailed that day.
- 13. RECALLS:** An individual or a general recall will be signaled in accordance with the RRS.

14. TIME LIMIT: The time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes. Sailboats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first sailboat finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Exceeded). All starters will be scored the total number of entries in the race.

15. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES: For all classes Rule 44.2 will be in effect: the 720°turn will be used.

16. PROTESTS: A Flying Scot shall fly a protest flag (this modifies Rule 61.1 (2)). Protests shall be reported to the RC boat upon finishing of each race. Protests shall be written on forms available from the Yacht Club office or the Race Committee and lodged with the RC Chairperson within thirty (30) minutes from the time the RC boat returns to the dock. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after the day's racing.

17. SCORING: Low Point Scoring System Appendix A. To qualify for inclusion in the individual July and August series results, a sailboat must start at least 70% of the races held in that series. To qualify for inclusion in the individual July 4 and Labor Day series results, a sailboat must start one of the races held. The season series will be based on the sum of all races held and a competitor need not qualify in each individual series to qualify for the season series. Each sailboat's score will be their sum (70%); only one (1) DSQ may be discarded in each July and August but not for July 4 or Labor Day.

Note: The Race Committee will monitor channel 73. For safety purposes, competitors are encouraged but not required to have VHF radios onboard.