

# OGYC - USS AMERICA REGATTA PHRF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Saturday, September 10, 2011





**MANAGEMENT:** The current Racing Rules of Sailing as adopted by the US Sailing Association will govern except as modified herein. Captain Harbor yachts 18 ft and over may compete if properly completed Entry Form and Fee are delivered to the Regatta Chairman prior to the deadline by registering at [www.ogyc.org](http://www.ogyc.org). Click on Race followed by Regatta Registrations. Boats will race in divisions. Each entrant should have on board their yacht a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving Channel 72.

**INSTRUCTIONS & SCRATCH SHEET:** It is the skipper's responsibility to get a scratch sheet and any changes in the instructions from the Committee Boat, not later than 12:15 on the day of the race. Skippers must confirm yacht name, sail number and their intent to sail with Spinnaker to the Committee by sailing past the stern on starboard tack. Name and number will be acknowledged.

**TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for each race will be 3 hours and 30 minutes for the first boat to finish in each division. Boats finishing more than 60 minutes after the first boat in its division may need to take her own finish time and report it the Race Committee.

**RATINGS:** YRA of LIS PHRF ratings will be used. A rating will be assigned if a valid 2011 YRA of LIS PHRF certificate is not available. Yachts in division I may race with or without spinnaker. Yacht racing with spinnaker shall inform the race committee before the start of their intent to race with spinnaker. Yachts with spinnaker will be scored with their PHRF rating less 6 seconds per mile. Yachts racing without spinnaker will be scored with their PHRF non-spinnaker rating. Yachts competing in this race as non-spinnaker are prohibited from the use of any headsail whose mid-girth (mid-luff to mid-leech) is more than 50% of its foot measurement. This means: no flashers, jib only. Except when changing headsails, participating yachts may not fly more than one headsail at a time

## DIVISIONS and START AREA:

<b>Div I</b>	<b>PHRF up to 165</b>	
<b>Div II</b>	<b>PHRF 166-199</b>	
<b>Div III</b>	<b>PHRF over 200</b>	
<b>Div IV</b>	<b>One Design</b>	

All PHRF divisions are based on ratings that may be adjusted for yachts racing with Spinnaker. The PHRF start will be ½-1 mi. South of G1. Starting order of divisions is at the discretion of the race committee.

**START SEQUENCE:** A series of short blasts will signal approximately 1 minute before the starting sequence begins. Unless postponed, the first Warning signal is scheduled at 12:25 pm.

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>FLAG and SOUND</u>	<u>Minutes before Starting Signal</u>
Warning	Division number flag; 1 blast	5
Preparatory	P (blue with white center square); 1 blast	4
	I (Yellow with black dot-one minute rule)	
One minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 blast	1
Starting	Division number flag removed; 1 blast	0

**STARTING and FINISHING LINES:** The Starting Line and Finishing Line will be established between a Yellow flag on the Committee Boat and an adjacent buoy approximately ½-1 mi. South of Green Bell #1.

**PHRF HANDICAP SCORING METHOD:** Corrected time will be calculated by averaging time on time corrections with time on distance corrections based on PHRF ratings. The USS America trophy will be awarded to the boat with highest average corrected speed.

**MARKS:** Marks are to be passed in the order signaled. The first mark shall be left on the same side as the pin end of the starting line. The marks of the course will be signaled by code letters in order of rounding.

**MARKS OF THE COURSE:**

**A** - G "1" Fl. G 2.5s Gong - Captain Harbor  
**B** - RN "2" - Flat Neck Point  
**C** - RN "34" – Greenwich Point  
**D** - R "32A" Fl. R 2.5s - Mid Sound  
**E** - RN "2" - Great Captain Island, west reef  
**F** - R "36" Bell - Bluefish Shoal  
**H** - R "38A" Fl. R 4s Bell - Transport Rock  
**N** - G "21" Fl. G 4s Gong - Matinecock Point  
**O** - C "19" - Oak Neck Point  
**P** - G "17" Bell - Rocky Point  
**Q** - G "1" Gong - Lloyd Neck NW Bluff

**R** - G "15" Fl. G 4s Gong - Lloyd Point  
**U** - R "32" Fl. R 6s Bell - The Cows  
**V** - R "30" Fl. R - Smith Reef  
**W** - RN "28" off Greens Ledge  
**X** - R "28C" – Mid Sound off Norwalk  
**Y** - Inflated orange tetrahedron reaching mark on line with the start line, approx.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile on the pin side of the R/C Signal Boat.  
**Z** - Windward inflatable mark, approx. range & bearing provided in aft 2 columns of course board

**SHORTENED COURSE:** The course may be shortened by establishing the finish line at any turning mark of the course originally signaled. The Race Committee will display Code Flag "S" with 2 sound signals upon establishing the new finish line. Course may be shortened for any division.

**POSTPONEMENT:** Any postponement of the start will be signaled by code flag "AP" and 2 sound signals. The warning signal will be made one minute after this signal is lowered with sound signals. Divisions already started are unaffected.

**ABANDONMENT:** Code flag "N" and 3 sound signals. For all divisions, whether started or not, the race shall be abandoned.

**INDIVIDUAL RECALL:** Code Flag "X" and one sound signal. The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast sail numbers of premature starters over VHF Ch 72. Failure of the Race Committee to notify any yacht of a premature start does not relieve that yacht of her obligation to start properly.

**GENERAL RECALL:** Code Flag "First Substitute" and 2 sound signals. A new Warning signal will be made approximately one minute after this signal is lowered.

**WITHDRAWALS:** Any yacht withdrawing from the race for any reason shall notify the Race Committee by hailing or by VHF Ch 72.

**PROTESTS:** Protests shall be made in accordance with Rule 61. 3. Protests must be written and in the hands of the Race Committee no later than 1 hour after the Committee Boat docks. Protest for a rule of part 2 will initially be arbitrated; the arbitrator will contact the parties. The Protest Arbitration Penalty shall be the 20% Scoring Penalty as described in RRS 44.3(c). The hearing for a protest not resolved by arbitration will take place at OGYC as soon as possible.

**YACHT SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY:** It is the sole responsibility of the master of each yacht to see that she is seaworthy in all respects and that she is manned by a competent crew. The master and all the members of the crew of each yacht, by participating in this race, agree to do so at their own risk, and waive any claim against and hold harmless Old Greenwich YC, its officers, directors, committees, members, employees and agents against any claims arising in any way out of the participation in this race of such yacht, her master and crew.

**PRIZES and TROPHIES:** 1<sup>st</sup> place if three, 2<sup>nd</sup> place if four, 3<sup>rd</sup> place if five starters in a division. The USS America Sailing Trophy will be awarded to the PHRF winner with best overall finish. The Commodore Cox Trophy will be awarded to the OGYC member in a PHRF Division with the best overall finish. Winners will be announced at the picnic at the OGYC clubhouse after the race. The USS America Trophy and first place trophies will be presented after the race. All others will be presented at the November OGYC awards ceremony. The Birdsey Cup Trophy will be awarded to the top finisher for the day in Ideal 18s. See the USS America One-Design Sailing Instructions for starting time and location, and other information.