



2011 Solstice Regatta Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009–2012 and the prescriptions of US Sailing except where modified or amended by the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions, and the class rules of the Laser or Ideal 18 fleets (as applicable).

2. Entries

Competitors may enter by completing an on-line entry form and paying the entry fee to Old Greenwich Yacht Club before 1100 on June 18. The entry form is available under Racing at www.ogyc.org.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race notice board located in the OGYC clubhouse.

4. Special Requirements and Amendments

Laser competitors must wear Coast Guard approved PFDs at all times.

The class rules of the Ideal 18 are modified to allow any number of persons race a boat.

5. Schedule

The warning signal for the first race of the Laser class will be at 1230 on June 19.

The first warning signal for the Ideal 18 class will follow the start of the Laser class.

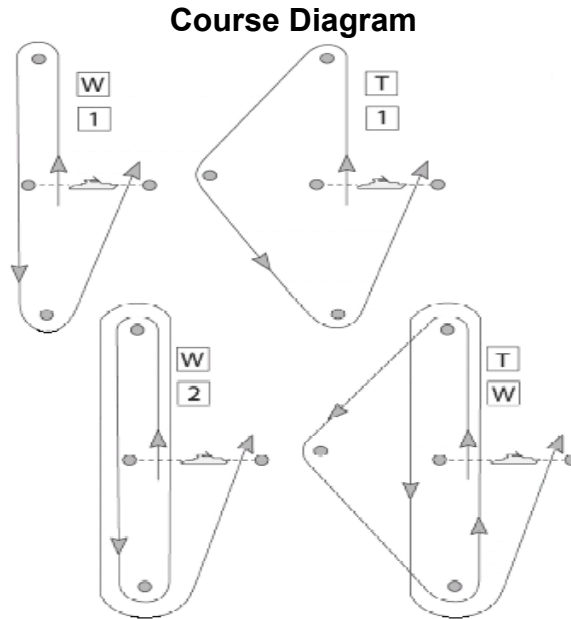
Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. No race will be started after 1630.

6. Racing Area

The racing area will be ¼ NM south of Newfoundland Reef in Captain Harbor, Greenwich.

7. Courses and Marks

The courses are displayed in the *Course Diagram*, below:



The *Course Diagram* shows the courses, course designations, the marks in order and the rounding direction of each mark. Course designations will be announced verbally and may also be displayed on the RC signal boat. Marks will be inflatable buoys. Windward offsets and leeward gates may be used.

8. Starting and Finishing Lines

The starting line shall be between a yellow flag on the RC boat and the start pin. The finish line shall be between a red flag on the RC boat and an adjacent mark on the *opposite side* of the RC boat from the starting mark, unless otherwise announced or the course is shortened.

9. Starting Procedures

The Sound Signal Starting System in Appendix S of the RRS will be used.

The RC will attempt to hail boats that are OCS, but not hearing a hail will not be grounds for redress.

A general recall will be signaled by repeated short signals from the RC boat. A new warning will follow as soon as possible.

10. Time Limit

The time limit for each race will be 40 minutes for the first boat to finish. Any boat finishing more than 15 minutes after the first finisher will be scored DNF. Any boat starting more than three minutes after the start signal will be scored DNS.

11. Protests

Protests must be announced to the RC at the end of each race. Arbitration may be offered ashore after racing concludes that day. A protest or request for redress must be submitted in writing and shall be delivered to the RC within 1 hour after the RC boat moors. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day in the OGYC clubhouse.

12. Penalties

Rules 44.1 & 44.2 are modified to require a 1-turn penalty including one tack followed by one gybe in the same direction.

13. Scoring

A low point scoring system shall be used according to RRS A4, except as specified below.

As many races as possible will be sailed within the time limit. A minimum of one race will be sailed for scoring the Regatta. If five races or more are sailed, each boat's score shall exclude her single worst score.

For Laser racers competing in the event, each individual race completed will count toward your GLR season qualification.

For Ideal 18 racers competing in one race will count toward your CT Area YRA One-Design Championship qualification.

14. Prizes

Prizes will be given to the first three finishers in the Laser Standard and Ideal 18 Divisions.

Prizes will be given to the first two finishers in the Laser Radial divisions if three boats compete and to the first three finishers if four or more compete.

Prizes will be awarded after racing ends on Sunday.

For the Ideal18 class, the Solstice Regatta is the first of a three regatta series competing for the Sally Finkbeiner Memorial Trophy given by the YRALIS. See www.yralis.org for more information.