

OLD GREENWICH YACHT CLUB

Etchells Fleet 9 and Fleet 1 Bluefish Scramble

Sunday, July 25, 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* (RRS).

1.3 Class rules which prohibit the use of VHF radios are waived for the duration of this regatta. All boats shall carry a radio capable of sending and receiving on VHF channel 72 for the purposes of race committee broadcasts.

2 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2.1 1200 First Warning

1500 No warning signal after this time

Awards presentation following the completion of racing at 5:30 at OGYC.

2.2 The regatta committee intends to run multiple races. The number of races conducted is at the sole discretion of the regatta committee. If a subsequent race will be run, the race committee will signal its intention by flying code flag "R" at the finish of the previous race.

3 RACING AREA

The racing area will be 1/2 nm south of R "36" Bell - Bluefish Shoal.

4 COURSES AND MARKS

4.1 Courses will be windward-leeward as follows:

4.2 The number of legs, the approximate bearing to the first mark and the length will be posted from the race committee boat.

4.3 Course lengths are at the discretion of the committee.

4.4 All marks shall be rounded to port.

4.5 Marks will be orange inflatables.

4.6 The leeward mark will be set approximately 100 yards to windward of the starting line

5 THE START

The starting line will be between a yellow flag on the committee boat and a mark displaying a yellow flag or an orange inflatable.

6 RECALLS

6.1 The race committee will endeavor to identify recalled boats by sail number using VHF channel 72.

6.2 Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification and the order and timing of such hail shall not be grounds for redress.

7 THE FINISH

The finish line will be the same as the start line.

8 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 1 hour. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF.

9 WITHDRAWALS

A boat that withdraws from the race or that does not intend to start a scheduled race shall notify the race committee at the first opportunity.

10 PROTESTS

10.1 A boat intending to protest is requested to notify the race committee promptly after finishing that race.

10.2 (a) Protest forms are available at the front desk.

(b) Written protests shall be delivered to the clubhouse no later than 2 hours after the race committee comes ashore.

(c) Hearings will begin as soon as practicable after written protests are filed. Witnesses must be available when called. If they do not appear when called, they may not be heard.

10 ARBITRATION

10.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule in Part 2 – When Boats Meet, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5 Section B of the *RRS*.

10.2 After a written protest is filed, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.

10.3 A boat that accepts fault at the arbitration hearing shall receive a penalty of 20% of the number of entries (rounded upward 0.5) added to her finish position, except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF.

10.4 The arbitrator is neither the race nor protest committee; therefore, decisions made during arbitration cannot be grounds for redress and cannot be appealed.

10.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest but may be permitted to observe testimony presented and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).

11 SCORING

11.1 One completed race constitutes a series.

11.2 The Low Point Scoring System, *RRS A4* will apply except that if less than three races are completed, each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores (if three races or more are sailed, each boat's score shall exclude her single worst score). Boats that do not compete in a given race shall be awarded points equal to the number of boats in her division that started that race plus one.

11.3 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Event prizes will be awarded following the race at OGYC.

12.1 Event prizes will be awarded for First through Third.

13 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY

13.1 The skipper/owner shall be responsible for all actions of his or her crew or guests. In the event of a breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member or agent of the Old Greenwich

Yacht Club, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her boat shall be subject to protest and disqualification.

13.2 The Old Greenwich Yacht Club is not responsible and will not accept any liability for bodily injury, death or property damage suffered from any cause. Each participant, including skipper and crew, participates in the regatta entirely at his/her own risk and waives any and all claims, including those arising from negligence or lack of due care, which he/she may have against the Old Greenwich Yacht Club, its regatta committee, and its officers, trustees, committee members, members, agents, or employees. Responsibility for evaluating the wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each participant as does responsibility for the safe condition of the boat, including safety equipment and rigging and for deciding when to wear life jackets. Patrol boats or other assistance will not likely be available. Assistance, if any, from the regatta committee or other Old Greenwich Yacht Club vessels, or other patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is entirely at the risk of the participant.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Old Greenwich Yacht Club, Tel 914 656 4434

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