



BREAKWATER YACHT CLUB
BOX 2601, SAG HARBOR, NEW YORK 11963

2008 May Cup
MAY 7, 14, 21 and 28
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The U.S. Sailing Association's Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 edition will govern this regatta.
- 1.2 The Round-an-End Rule shall be in effect at all times, (**whether or not the "I" flag is displayed**). This changes Rule 30.1.
- 1.3 No yacht shall approach the committee boat until she is on station. The RC is considered to be **on station when the line flag is raised**. The race committee has the sole right to protest this infraction. Remedy for infringement, after an appropriate hearing has been held, is disqualification from the race.
- 1.4 Once the committee boat is on station each vessel shall check in by passing stern to bow on the starboard side and hailing the yacht's name and sail number.
- 1.5 Starting area: all yachts must keep clear of the starting area until their respective preparatory signal has been raised. Failure to keep clear is subject to protest. The starting area is defined by a rectangle, whose base is between the committee boat and the pin extending 150ft on the non-course side of the line. The remedy for infringement after an appropriate hearing has been held is disqualification from the race.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 All competitors must:
 - 2.1a Be members in good standing of Breakwater Yacht Club
 - 2.1b Have paid the entry fee
 - 2.1c Have submitted the signed the captain's waiver
 - 2.1d Have submitted proof of insurance
 - 2.1e Have submitted a valid ELIYA PHRF 2008 certificate by May 21st.
- 2.2 Visiting yachts may enter at a cost of \$15.00 per individual race but will not be scored for the series.
- 2.2.1 Eligibility to race for visiting yachts is up to the discretion of the Regatta Committee.
- 2.3 ***No competitor will be scored without fulfilling all eligibility requirements.***

3. FEES

- 3.1 \$45 for US Sailing Members
- 3.2 \$50 for non-US Sailing members

4. DIVISIONS

- 4.1 Division splits to be Division 1 (Spinnaker) or Division 3 (Non-Spinnaker).

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Entry is good for the yacht named on the entry only - no substitutions allowed.
- 5.2 Entries can be mailed to Joan Worthing, 104 S. Magee St., Southampton, NY 11968, handed to Joan Worthing and/or Olaf Neubert directly, or placed in the RC box in the BYC office.
- 5.3 Entries must be submitted to the Breakwater Yacht Club, Attn. Olaf Neubert and/or Joan Worthing by 5pm on the first day that they plan on racing.
- 5.4 Entry forms will be available at the Breakwater Yacht Club and from the website, www.breakwateryc.org.

6. START

- 6.1 The Race committee shall attempt to sound the first gun at 6:00 PM local time in the area west of Majors Cove in Shelter Island Sound.
- 6.2 The starting order will be displayed from the RC boat by code flags or on the course board.

7. COURSES

- 7.1 Courses will be displayed on a signboard on the starboard side of the RC boat when on station (see Rule 10 SI).
- 7.2 Marks will be rounded to port unless **circled, designating a starboard rounding**.
- 7.3 The start area will be west of Majors Cove in Shelter Island Sound, although the committee reserves the right to move the start.
- 7.4 The default finish will be at the breakwater (BW) in Sag Harbor between SH1 and the RC boat.

- 7.5 **“A” – denotes pin end of starting line. “B” – denotes the windward mark. The pin mark “A” may be used as a mark on the course.**
- 7.6 All courses - when passing between N8 and N14 in either direction including from “A” or “B” must pass north of marker "CS" (north of FLR "10A").
- 7.7 All courses – when passing between N12 and N8 either direction pass south of FLR "10A".
- 7.8 **Some courses may contain an inflatable mark “C” placed in Smith Cove or “D” in Northwest Harbor.**
- 7.9 All course that pass between N 8 or “D” and the finish must honor all government marks excluding the red and green Junction buoy.
- 7.10 All courses passing between “N 14” or “G15” and the breakwater in either direction must honor all government marks excluding the red and green Junction buoy.
8. **SCORING**
- 8.1 For each division, the low point scoring system (U.S. Sailing rules Appendix A – using A9 modified to count DNS, DNF, RAF, DSQ, and OSC as scored equal to the number of boats coming to the starting area and keeping DNC scored as 1 more than the number of boats entered in the series) will be used.
- 8.2 **One throw out will be used for this series.**
- 8.3 The handicap system used to score individual placement of boats in a race is the Time-on-Time System. The Time Correction Factor (TCF) is multiplied to a boats elapsed time to get their corrected time. The formula for TCF is: $TCF = 650 \text{ divided by } (550 + PHRF)$.
9. **PRIZES** for 1st 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded in each division
10. **CHANGES**
- 10.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions may be posted on the BYC clubhouse notice board prior to the race. Skippers may also be notified by email.
- 10.2 The RC may make changes on the water by VHF radio or orally prior to the first warning signal.
11. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**
- 11.1 The race committee will monitor and make all on water radio communications on VHF 72.
12. **PROTESTS**
- 12.1 Protests will be allowed in accordance with part V, section A of the racing rules of sailing.
- 12.2 Protests must be submitted in writing on a USSA protest form or reasonable facsimile to the race committee **within one hour of the docking of the RC boat** following the race.
- 12.3 It is the protesting skipper’s responsibility to communicate his intention to the RC on the water before the RC boat leaves its station at the finish line and to ascertain where his written protest may be filed and arbitrator assigned.
- 12.3a The race committee will assign an arbitrator to attempt to resolve the protest amicably. This arbitration is mandatory.
- 12.3b This arbitration is nonbinding and the arbitrator will not serve on the committee for this protest.
- 12.3c If a hearing is unavoidable every effort will be made to hear the protest at the earliest possible convenience of the protest committee.
- 12.5 **Boats are strongly encouraged to exonerate their infractions on the water (rule 44) and to formally protest only as a last resort.**
13. **CAPTAIN’S RESPONSIBILITY**
- 13.1 Each captain must sign the responsibility waiver attached to his entry.
- 13.2 Each racing skipper shall be responsible for all the actions of his or her crew and guests.
- 13.3 In the event of a serious breach of conduct, sportsmanship, property damage, or failure to comply with a race officer, the skipper/owner may be subject to disqualification.
- 13.4 **All skippers should take the time to familiarize themselves with the racing rules of sailing.**
- 13.5 **All skippers should strongly encourage their regular crew to be members of Breakwater Yacht Club.**