

ROYAL SAVAGE YACHT CLUB  
& POINT BAY MARINA

DIAMOND ISLAND REGATTA  
Saturday August 20, 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
08/19/16

(This supersedes all prior versions)

**1.0 RULES**

The Diamond Island Regatta is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* except as altered by the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.

**2.0 SAFETY**

**2.1** All boats shall carry equipment required by the US Coast Guard. The ultimate responsibility for the safety of the vessel and her crew rests with her captain and individual participants who shall call the Coast Guard for emergencies. By entry in a Royal Savage Yacht Club event, each participant accepts all risks of that event and agrees that Royal Savage Yacht Club will not be held responsible for any injury to personnel or loss to vessels or gear.

**2.2** Decision to Race. “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or not to continue *racing* is hers alone” (from *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016*, Part I, 4).

**2.3** When the wind is sustained at 25 knots or over and/or severe weather is predicted for race time, the Race Committee will consult with the Regatta Chair or his/her substitute before starting the race.

**3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the RSYC tent.

**4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**4.1** Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board, east of the A-frame and copies will be available at the skippers' meeting. Any changes will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect. Copies of the event’s Sailing Instructions will be available at the skippers meeting the day of the race.

**4.2** Following the raising of the "L" flag with one sound, oral change(s) to the Sailing Instructions and/or to the designated course may be given on the water in accordance with RRS Rule 90.2(c).

**5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

No signals will be made ashore, as there is no facility on which to display signals.

## **6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

There will be only one race in this event.

## **7.0 DIVISION AND CLASS FLAGS**

There will be red flags for all boats sailing in the Spinnaker division, teal flags for all boats sailing in the JaM A class and neon green flags for all boats sailing in the JaM B class. These flags should be affixed to the backstay, or if your boat does not have a backstay, to a starboard shroud. The flags will be available at the registration table the morning of the race. These flag colors are for individual racing boats and are not to be confused with the flags for starting which will fly from the committee boat. Those flags are purple for the Spinnaker Classes B & D, light blue for Spinnaker Classes A & C, and yellow for the JaM Classes A & B as detailed in **13.0 STARTS**.

## **8.0 RACING AREA**

The racing area will include southern Lake Champlain and Town Farm Bay.

## **9.0 COURSES AND RACE MARKS**

The course selected for the race will be displayed from the Race Committee boat. Courses options and locations of race marks are described in **RACE MARKS AND COURSES** published in a separate document.

## **10.0 RACE COMMITTEE COURSE COMMUNICATIONS**

**10.1** The course for each class and the magnetic bearing to the weather mark will be displayed on the Race Committee boat before the warning signal for the first class to start.

**10.2** The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast the course information on channel 8 prior to the warning signal for the first class. A boat's failure to receive Race Committee channel 8 transmissions shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

**10.3** During races, the Race Committee will monitor channel 8.

## **11.0 THE STARTING AREA**

**11.1** The starting area is defined as a rectangle whose length extends 150 feet beyond each end of the start line and whose width is 150 feet above and below the starting line and its extensions.

**11.2** Boats shall keep clear of the starting area until their division flag has been hoisted by the Race Committee. Boats failing to keep clear may be disqualified.

**11.3** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat or its mast if no orange flag is shown and the course side of the port end starting mark.

**11.4** Races will be started using the 5-minute sequence as specified in the current RRS Rule 26.

## **12.0 POSTPONEMENT**

**12.1** After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with repetitive sounds at least four (4) minutes before the "AP" is lowered.

**12.2** When a start is postponed, the specified time limit for finishing the race shall remain the same.

### **13.0 STARTS**

<u>DIVISION &amp; CLASS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FLAG &amp; SOUND SIGNAL</u>	
Spinnaker B & D.....	1100.....	Purple up / 1 sound	Warning
	1101.....	"P" up / 1 sound	Preparatory
	1104.....	"P" down / 1 long sound	One-minute
	1105.....	Purple down / 1 sound	Start
	Spinnaker A & C.....	1105.....	Light Blue up / 1 sound
1106.....		"P" up / 1 sound	Preparatory
1109.....		"P" down / 1 long sound	One-minute
1110.....		Light Blue / 1 sound	Start
Jib & Main A & B.....	1110.....	Yellow up / 1 sound	Warning
	1111.....	"P" up / 1 sound	Preparatory
	1114.....	"P" down / 1 long sound	One-minute
	1115.....	Yellow down / 1 sound	Start

### **14.0 SKIPPERS' MEETING AND CHECK IN**

**14.1** The Skippers meeting will take place at 0930 the day of the race, at the RSYC tent.

**14.2** All boats are to check in with the race committee at the registration table prior to the Skippers' meeting or following the meeting at the committee boat.

### **15.0 RECALLS**

**15.1** Individual recalls may be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.1, except for the following: The Race Committee may attempt to notify premature starters by hailing and/or by calling on VHF 8, but probably will not. However, failure to hail or call any or all boats(s), or failure of any boat(s) to hear or receive such hail or call will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

**15.2** General recalls will be signaled and conducted in accordance with RRS Rule 29.2. ["The warning signal for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the start for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start."]

### **16.0 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START**

**16.1** The Race Committee shall signal shortened course for any individual division by hoisting code flag "S" along with its division flag and making two sounds. In the absence of a division flag, that signal will apply to all divisions.

**16.2** The Race Committee shall signal abandonment for any individual division by hoisting code flag "N" along with its division flag and making three sounds. In the absence of a division flag, that signal will apply to all divisions.

**16.3** The Race Committee may attempt to broadcast shortened course or abandoned race information on channel 8.

## **17.0 FINISH LINE**

**17.1** The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat or its mast if no orange flag is shown and the adjacent mark unless the course is shortened. If the course is shortened, the finish line shall be between an orange flag on a race committee boat (if displayed) and the adjacent mark. If no orange flag is displayed the finish shall be as described in rule 32.2.

**17.2** If the Race Committee boat is not on station at the finish, boats shall take their own time in local 24-hour universal time, in hours/min/sec, when the finish mark is sighted abeam of the vessel's mast, leaving the mark on the proper side, and sailing within 4 to 6 boat lengths of the mark.

## **18.0 BOATS NOT FINISHING**

A boat that withdraws from the race must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **19.0 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Penalties taken at the time of an incident shall be in accordance with RRS Rule 44.1 and Rule 44.2.

## **20.0 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for all divisions started shall be 1500. One boat finishing within the time limit for its division shall make the race valid for all boats in that division.

## **21.0 PROTESTS**

**21.1** All forms required for filing a protest may be obtained ashore from the Regatta Chair after the race.

**21.2** A boat that intends to lodge a protest shall verbally notify the Race Committee of their intentions as soon as possible after clearing the finish line.

**21.3** The formal protest shall be submitted on standard forms to the Regatta Chair within one hour of the return of the Race Committee to the dock. The Regatta Chairman will distribute the protest to the protested party who shall have 30 minutes from its receipt to submit a written response on standard forms; the Regatta Chair may extend that time at his or her discretion.

**21.4** Protests will be heard as soon as possible following the incident. Protesting parties, protested parties and witnesses have a responsibility to remain available until after a protest is heard. Not being present for the protest hearing could result in the protest being disallowed or a boat being disqualified.

**21.5** The Protest Committee shall hear and rule on all contested protests and all protests involving serious damage.

## **22.0 SCORING**

Races shall be scored using the low-point scoring system as specified in Appendix A of current RRS. All races shall be scored using wind-indexed time-on-time.

### **23.0 SPORTSMANSHIP**

All competitors (including crewmembers) are expected to follow the rules, demonstrate good manners and sportsmanship towards fellow competitors and to members of the race management team and follow the tenets of fair sailing. Allegations of gross misconduct will be handled in accordance the procedure outlined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-1016*, Part 5, Rule 69.