



**Larchmont Model Yacht Club
2012 Spring Invitational Race
April 13-14, 2012
Sailing Instructions**

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing and the rules of the CR-914 class, except as any noted in section 1.2 and by this notice.
- 1.2 The RRS and class rules are amended as follows:
- (a) Rule 31 Boats may hit marks of the course without penalty.
 - (b) Rule E4.5(b) is amended to read: While ashore or at the water's edge, boats may be adjusted, drained of water or repaired, have entangled objects removed, or have radio equipment or batteries repaired or changed. Boats will not be allowed to change, reef or un-reef sails during the regatta.
 - (c) Rule E3.5: the starting sequence will be either thirty or sixty seconds long at the discretion of the Race Committee.
 - (d) Rule E 5.3: a boat intending to submit a protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after completing the relevant race.
- 1.3 Class rule 4.6 is modified to read: primary winches shall be installed. Winches may be modified to avoid fouling sheets. Bow foot rails, steering wheels and non-functional winches are not required.
- 1.4 Class rule 8, requiring all boats to have a class-approved bow bumper, shall be strictly observed. Any boat missing a class-approved bow bumper will not be permitted to race.
- 1.5 In case of conflict between Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern. This changes RRS 63.7

2 Schedule

1 Friday, April 13, 2012

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Registration and check-in

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Practice Racing

7:00 – Welcome Sailors Buffet – Junior Clubhouse - Separate fee (see Entry Form)

2 Saturday, April 14, 2012

8:30 a.m - Check-in/late registration

9:30 a.m. – Competitor’s meeting

9:45 a.m. – Harbor start

4:30 p.m. – Completion of racing

5:00 p.m. – Awards Ceremony

There will be a brief break for lunch. Lunch will be provided to the participants.

3 Location of Regatta

Larchmont, NY Harbor -- Approximately 300 feet south of the following coordinates:

Latitude 40:55:26 North

Longitude 73:44:43 West

4 Courses and Marks

All races will be staged from docks of the Larchmont Yacht Club.

Course configurations shall be windward-leeward with offset marks used at both windward and leeward marks. All marks will be rounded to port. The Race Committee will announce the course immediately before each individual race. It is the responsibility of each skipper to listen to each race’s course.

Marks will be numbered floats.

5 Starting Line/Finish Line

The starting line will be a line between two of i) a flag on the dock, ii) a designated mark and iii) a second designated mark off the dock. When announcing course changes, the Race Committee will also indicate which floating mark is the seaward side of the starting line. If possible, the Race Committee will set a keep-away buoy off the dock end of the starting line. This will be an approximate indicator of, but not an official indicator of the line itself. The purpose of the keep-away buoy is to act as a gate providing sea room at the dock end of the starting line.

The finish line will be the same as the starting line and, if a gate was used for the start, finishers must pass between the keep away buoy and the seaward end of the starting line.

6 Race Series, Divisions and Qualifying

Racing will be conducted using the Heat Management System 2007, HMS 2007, endorsed by ISAF Radio Sailing Division.

<http://www.radiosailing.org.au/docs/09/HMS07.pdf>

6.1 Initial Division of the Fleet

The event shall start with one race in which the fleet (all boats in the event), is divided into heats of approximately equal sizes by the Race Committee. Heats shall be seeded to contain boats of mixed ability. Where the ability of some boats is unknown their selection shall be at random. . The Race Committee may modify the seedings to achieve fairer placements. The first race will be a seeding race will be scored according to RRS A4 Low Point Scoring. Seeding race results will **not** be counted in scoring for the regatta championship. The Race Committee will use the results of the seeding heats to divide the fleet into approximately equal parts for heats for the first race.

6.2 Heat Management System

Races will be sailed in heats in inverse order of finish in the previous (or seeding) race. Except for the last (“top”) fleet to race a heat, the top four boats in a heat will be “Promoted” into the next higher heat and race immediately and the bottom four boats in a heat will be “Relegated” into the next lower heat for the following race. The promotion and relegation will continue until the completion of racing. The Race Committee may modify the number of boats promoted or relegated at its discretion.

6.3 Heat Timing

It is the intention of the Race Committee to run races in rapid succession to maximize time spent racing. At the end of any heat, the committee will signal one minute until the beginning of the starting sequence of the next heat. It is the sailor’s responsibility to be prepared to race at the start of their heat.

7 Scoring

A race is defined as one heat sailed by all divisions.

The *finishing* order of a **race** shall be from the first boat in the Highest Division to the last boat in the Lowest division modified as follows:

- (a) The *finishing* place of a promoted boat in any lower heat of the race shall be ignored.
- (b) Boats recorded as DNF, RAF, OCS, DNS or DNC shall score one more point than the last boat in their heat would have scored if all boats scheduled to sail in the heat had *finished* correctly.
- (c) All other boats shall then be put in consecutive order within the heat in which they were scheduled to sail, according to their *finishing* places.
- (d) The finishing places of boats shall comply with RRS A4
- (e) Scoring for the Regatta will be low-point as defined in Appendix A 4.1

For every six races sailed in each the Qualifying and Championship Rounds, each boat will receive one throw-out score.

8 Inter-club Scoring (along with associated bragging rights)

LMYC challenges all recognized Model Yacht Clubs competing in the regatta to enter three-boat teams and compete for the LMYC Challenge Cup. This event-within-an-event will be conducted throughout the regatta Challenge Cup participants’ finish ranks will be

added and the Challenge Cup team with the lowest combined score will determine the winner of the LYMC Challenge Cup. The Team with the highest combined Challenge Cup score will be obligated to lead “Three Cheers” for the winners.

9 On-the-Water Judges/Observers and Protests

Protests will be resolved by 3-minute justice immediately following the heat in question. All protests must be registered with the Scorer on the change dock upon completion of that heat.

10 Competitor behavior

Participants in this regatta are expected to exhibit sportsmanlike behavior, respect for competitors and officials, and good manners both on and off the water. A “zero tolerance” policy will be in effect at all times. Judges will be instructed to be alert for unacceptable behavior and to issue warnings or other penalties defined below whenever violations of these principles are observed.

Complaints about competitor behavior may be brought to the judges, by competitors, judges or members of the race committee. The judges will issue a decision before the start of the next heat or race. A first violation will result in a warning. A subsequent violation may result in disqualification from a race, a heat or the entire regatta. Scores resulting from such disqualifications shall NOT be excluded when calculating regatta scoring.

11 Sail Numbers

All boats shall display class designated, minimum 3-inch numbers on their mainsail.

12 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third for the day’s racing. Other prizes may be awarded at the Committee’s discretion.

13. CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

As a condition of participation:

- 13.1 I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury associated with it. I have read RRS 4, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.
- 13.2 I acknowledge and agree that neither the Organizing Authority nor the Race Committee, nor their members, will be responsible for:
 - a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or
 - b) any injury to myself, including death, sustained as a result of the participation of myself and the boat in this event.
- 13.3 I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself as a result of our participation in this event, whether on the water or on shore, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 13.4 I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that I am adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law or that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

14. Committee Contact

For questions call David Graves in the evening (914) 482-5687 dgraves@gravesite.ws.