



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB
2019 Seguin Island Trophy Races (SITR)- Sailing Instructions
Saturday July 20, 2019

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (rrs 2017-2020), US/Sailing prescriptions, class rules governing one design yachts, the by-laws of Gulf of Maine Ocean Racing Association (GMORA), the by laws of the Southport Yacht Club (SYC), and the regulations of Hodgdon Yacht Services (HYS).
- 1.2 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B – [Special Regulations for inshore races](#) shall apply.
- 1.3 The requirement for life rafts has been waived. It will be the owner's responsibility to see that his/her yacht is sound, seaworthy, and safely equipped.
- 1.4 All boats in all classes shall carry a functioning VHF radio. All boats shall comply with Federal and State safety requirements.
- 1.5 RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4 states, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." The organizing authorities (SYC and HYS) shall not be liable for any damage to property, injury or death to persons in any way resulting from or connected with the Seguin Island Trophy Races.
- 1.6 Boats observed discharging trash over the side may be disqualified. RRS Appendix A5 applies.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at HYS.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1100 on the day of the race.

4 SKIPPERS' MEETING

- 4.1 A skippers meeting will be held at 1000 at HYS on Saturday, July 20, 2019.

5 TIDE INFORMATION

- 5.1 High Tide: 1423 Low Tide: 0809

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 PHRF RACING DIVISIONS may have one or more races. The First Warning Signal will be at 1130 Saturday, 20, 2019
- 6.2 PHRF CRUISING DIVISION may have one or more races. Warning Signal for the first race will follow PHRF Racing Division starts.
- 6.3 ONE DESIGN DIVISION (J24, J80, Rhodes 19) May have one or more races for one design fleets with four (4) or more entries of the same class. The First Warning Signal will follow the Cruising Division start. Final decisions concerning separate One Design Division starts will be announced at the skipper's meeting.

7 CLASS FLAGS, COURSE SIGNALS AND STARTING ORDER

7.1 PHRF RACING, PHRF CRUISING, ONE DESIGN CLASSES

- Division 1- PHRF- NE "A" flag
- Division 2- PHRF-NE "B" flag
- Division 3- PHRF-NE "C" flag

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J80 Division All Yellow Flag
Rhodes 19 Division All Blue Flag
Cruising Division All Green Flag.

One design classes that fail to muster the required 4 yachts for one design racing will be assigned to an appropriate PHRF division class. Other decisions concerning the one design division will be announced on the official bulletin board and at the skipper's meeting .

Any Change in the Starting Order will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board.

7.2 Scratch Sheets, showing participants, divisions, and starting schedules, will be available at the skippers' meeting on July, 20 2019 and online at www.regattaman.com.

7.3 Race Courses will be displayed on a white board or the course letter rack on the Race Committee Signal Boat.

8 THE START

8.1 For postponements before any starting signal, the race committee will display the Answering Pennant (AP) with two sounds. RRS 27.3 Postponements will end with one sound and withdrawal of the AP. The next warning signal will occur one (1) minute following the withdrawal of the AP.

8.2 **PHRF RACING, CRUISING, and ONE DESIGN DIVISIONS** start will be between a portable orange tetrahedron buoy to port of the signal boat at either W, X or Y (see 9.4 of these Sailing Instructions), and an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat. The location of the signal boat will be announced at the skippers' meeting and repeatedly on VHF before the first warning signal. The RC Signal boat may display Code flag "L" and announce on CH 72 its intentions to proceed to an alternative location.

8.3 Other changes in the location of any starting line will be announced at the skippers' meeting.

8.4 Races will be started using RRS Rule 26.

8.5 If Code Flag "I" is displayed as a preparatory signal, the Around the Ends Rule (RRS 30.1) will be in effect. No part of a yacht, crew or equipment may be OCS of the starting line (or its extensions) within one minute of her start. If Code Flag "Z" is displayed, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the minute before her start (RRS 30.2).

8.6 A limiting mark may be placed at the starting line, either streamed from or in close proximity to the Race Committee Signal Boat. Boats striking this limiting mark or sailing between the mark and the Race Committee Signal Boat will be considered in violation of RRS 31.

8.7 Boats not within five minutes of their scheduled start shall stay clear of those boats that are starting.

8.8 Individual recall: An individual recall will be signaled according to RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will display Code flag "X", one sound, and make an attempt to identify OCS boats by hail or broadcast over the designated VHF channel: CH 72 for PHRF Racers and Cruisers and One Design Divisions. Code flag "X" will be displayed until all OCS yachts are on the pre-start side of the line.

8.9 General Recall: A general recall for all classes will be signaled according to RRS 29.2. There will be two sounds and the First Substitute will be flown. The new Warning signal for the recalled class will be one minute from the drop of the First Substitute.

8.10 All starting sequences will commence at the beginning of a GPS minute such as 11:30:00.

9 COURSES AND MARKS OF THE COURSE- PHRF, CRUISING AND ONE DESIGN DIVISIONS

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- 9.1 Courses will be sailed according to RRS 28. Courses will be either windward/leeward or “around the navigation bouys” using marks listed in 9.4.
- 9.2 For windward/leeward courses, the distance and bearing to drop marks A and/or Z will be displayed on a white board from the signal boat. For windward/leeward courses, all marks will be left to port. Unless shortened according to RRS 32, all races will be sailed twice around the course. The leeward turning mark will be an orange tetrahedron located off the bow of the R/C signal boat.
- 9.3 For “around navigation bouys” courses, courses will be displayed on a Course Letter rack on the Race Committee Signal Boat. All marks shall be left to port unless the mark letter on the letterboard is preceded by a (+) sign in which case the mark shall be left to starboard. When the plus sign is at the head of the letter board, all marks shall be left to starboard. If “around navigation bouys” courses are to be sailed twice around, a number “2” will be shown at the bottom of the letter board.
- 9.4 Marks: A chart of the race marks is attached to these Sailing Instructions.

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A	Windward Orange tetrahedron	K.	G Bell “1C” The Cuckolds
B.	R “16” FI R Powderhorn Is.	L	Bell FI 4s R “2SR” Sheepscot River
C	RN “10” Harding Ledge	N.	Bell FI G 4s G “1” White Ledge
D.	GC “3” Ebenecook Harbor	O.	Gong RW “TM” The Motions
E.	RN “2” Ebenecook Harbor	P.	Bell 4s FI R R “2 BR” Bantam Rk
F	GC “9” Bull Ledge	Q.	R “20 ML” QR Bell Mile Ledge
G.	RN “6” Cedarbush Island	R.	GC “1” Five Islands Harbor (not on SITR chart)
H.	Gong R “4CL” Cat Ledges	W.	Start Ebenecook Harbor
I.	GC “3” Griffith Head Ledge	X.	River Start East of Five Islands
J.	GC “5” Sloop Ledge	Y.	River Start West of Dogfish Head
		Z.	Drop Mark

- 9.5 Restrictions: All yachts shall not sail on the east side of the Cat Ledges, between Southport and Lower Mark Island, or between Georgetown Island and Crow Island in Five Islands Harbor.
- 9.6 Distances between navigation marks will be measured on a straight line. If a course passes through an obstruction, an adjustment to the distance shall be made.
- 9.7 For ALL DIVISIONS, any decision to shorten, abandon, or change races because of weather and tidal conditions will be made by the Race Committee and announced according to RRS 32.
- 9.8 The race committee may shorten or abandon a race or races according to RRS 32 by displaying Code flag “S” with 2 sounds at the new finishing mark, or display Code flag “N” with 3 sounds if racing is to be abandoned.
- 9.9 The race committee may change/add a leg of a course according to RRS 33 by signaling all boats with Code flag “C” with repetitive sounds before they begin the changed/added leg.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 ALL DIVISIONS — finish will be between a staff displaying a orange flag on the r/c signal boat and a nearby drop mark.
- 10.2 Downwind finishes will be between the starboard side of the signal boat and a yellow cylinder. Upwind finishes will be between the port side of the signal boat and a orange tetrahedron. In both instances, finish line marks will be positioned so as to allow yachts to cross the finish line with the mark on port and their “stern to the last mark”.

11 PENALTY AND FOULS ON THE COURSE

- 11.1 RRS 31 touching a mark and taking a one turn penalty (RRA 44.2) shall apply.

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11.2 RRS 44.1, taking a penalty, and RRS 44.1 and 44.2, the two turn penalty, shall apply when yachts have broken rules in Part 2, RRS "When Boats Meet."

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). The time limit for the last or only race of the day is one hour after the first boat finishes.

12.2 For CRUSING DIVISION boats failing to finish within one hour after the first boat finishes, will be scored DNF.

13 PROTESTS

13.1 Boats intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee at the finish line of the race where the infraction of RRS was believed to have occurred. The protocol for any protest will follow RRS Part 5 60 and 61.

13.2 Protests shall be filed on a US Sailing Protest Form and delivered to the Principle Race Officer within one half hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat has docked. Protest forms will be available at the Registration Desk at HYS and online at www.regattaman.com.

14 SCORING AND PRIZES

14.1 The Low Point scoring system will apply as described in RRS 90.3 and Appendix A4. There will be no drop out races.

14.2 Boats that did not compete (DNC), did not start (DNS) or were on the course side (OCS), did not finish (DNF), retire after finishing (RAF), or as disqualified (DSQ) shall receive a score equal to one more than the number of boats in the division.

14.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15 TROPHIES

15.1 Prizegiving will take place at the Southport Yacht Club Race Party following the day's racing.

15.2 Individual prizes will be awarded to the first boat to finish in each class. 2nd place prize will be award to classes with 3-5 boats, 3rd place to classes with more than 6 boats.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1 The race committee will monitor VHF channel 72 for ALL DIVISIONS. The race committee may also be using VHF channel 72 for working communications, and may employ an "open mike" policy. Boats may monitor VHF channel 72, but are advised that any race committee communications are unofficial, and made either for race management purposes or as a courtesy to the competitors.

16.2 The Race Committee will make every effort to respond to calls from competitors except during any starting sequence.

17 SAFETY

17.1 All competing yachts shall monitor the appropriate VHF channel during the entire race day.

17.2 All competing yachts shall pass by and hail the signal boat when "on station" at the beginning of the race day. The race committee will acknowledge the hail and mark the yacht as having "checked in."

17.3 All yachts are requested to check-in with the Race Committee before the start of the race by sailing past the RC signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their sailing number, and receiving confirmation from the Race Committee, or by calling on VHF channel 72.

17.4 A yacht that retires must notify the RC as soon as possible.

18 A yacht that does not comply with Section 17 shall be scored as DNS or DNF by the race committee without a hearing. RRS Appendix A5 applies.

19 WITHOUT A HEARING. RRS APPENDIX A5 APPLIES. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entire at their own risk. See **RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race**. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20 INSURANCE

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20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.