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Fall Series and Lightship Trophy Races

September 21 – October 12, 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The Safety Equipment List provided in the Notice of Race will apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 of the Lightship Race Day or 1200 on the day it goes into effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water by VHF radio.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on Regattaman.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with the competitors on VHF radio channel **72**.
- 3.3. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that isn't available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the mast of the PYC.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal A.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. This replaces NOR.







Time	Date	Item
0830	Saturday 9/21	Skippers Meeting
1000		First Warning Signal Lightship Race
Post race		Awards and social
1100	Saturday 9/28 only	Skippers Meeting
1300	9/28, 10/5, 10/12	First Warning Signal
Post Race		Social

6.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.3. Signal Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means “No more racing today.”

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. Class flags will be:

Class	Flag	Class	Flag
Racing A		J24	
Racing B		Etchells	
Cruising			
TBD			

8. RACING AREAS

- 8.1. The starting area shall be between Clapboard Island and Long Island unless the Race Committee chooses another area. Races will occur within the confines of the 2020 CYC-PYC Mark List Chart.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The courses for the Fall Series PHRF Classes will use government and drop marks as described on the 2020 CYC-PYC Mark List as shown in Addendum A.

- 9.2. The courses for the Lightship Race is as follows (approx 22nm):

Start in the vicinity of Mark P to
a gate between Marks OC and OD to
Mark OP left to port to
a gate between Marks OC and OD
finish at Mark P

- 9.3. The RC may change the Lightship Course by displaying the letters of an alternate mark to replace **Mark OP**. All other marks shall remain the same.

- 9.3.1.

Mark	Distance (approx)
ON	17 nm
OI	10
OF	7

- 9.4. Course CB - Round Clapboard Island in any direction, keeping Mark N, N12 & 14, Daymark 18 and all Aquaculture barges on the inside.
- 9.5. Course LL - Round Long Island in any direction, keeping Crow Island, Stepping Stones, Obeds Rock, Vaill Island, Overset Island, and College Rock on the inside.
- 9.6. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks to be used are described in the 2020 CYC-PYC Mark List.
- 10.2. The starting and finishing marks may be yellow inflatables.
- 10.3. A race committee vessel signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 13.

11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions: Government Navigation Aids "N12", "N14", and "R18" near Clapboard Island must be passed on the safe side (the westerly side) at all times. These areas are highlighted on the 2020 CYC-PYC Mark List.

12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4. If any part of a boat's hull, **excluding any sprits or extensions**, is on the course side of the committee starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race will attempt to broadcast her sail number on the VHF channel or, in the Laser Class, hail her sail number. Failure to make this broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 6.
- 12.5. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will change the designated mark (or the finishing line.)

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.
- 14.2. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 14.3. If announced at the skippers meeting racers in the Lightship Race may be asked to take their own time at the gate OC/OD and at P (when crossing a bearing of 060 from P which is to the tip of Little Chebeague)

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will not apply.

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1. This section does not apply to the Lightship Race.
- 16.2. There is no finishing window for the Lightship Race. Late finishers may be required to take their own finish time as described in section 14.3. The Finishing Window for all other races and classes is 45 minutes.
- 16.3. The Finishing Window is the time for the boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place 2 more than the points scored by the last boat that finishes within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.
- 16.4. Failure to make the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17. PROTESTS

- 17.1. Competitors contemplating filing a protest shall remember that they are expected to follow and enforce the rules. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire. (Sportsmanship and the Rules).
- 17.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.3. Hearing request forms are available at the PYC Notice Board
- 17.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in an area designated as the protest room, if not the Trophy Room, beginning as posted.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. The scoring system is as follows: RRS Appendix A.
- 18.2. Races on each race day regardless of the number of races run, will be aggregated up for a single score for that weekend using RRS Appendix A. If races are run on all four scheduled race days, a boat's series score will be the total of her race day scores excluding her worst score.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. Boats shall check in prior to the first warning signal of the day by sailing past the stern of the Signal Boat on starboard tack, and hailing the boat's name, sail number, and number of persons onboard.
- 19.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1. First place trophies shall be awarded for all classes. For classes with 5 or more boats a second place trophy will be awarded. For classes with 7 or more boats a third place trophy will be awarded.
- 20.2. Awards shall be available for pick up at the table on the PYC porch.
- 20.3. The Lightship Race prizes will be available as soon as possible after that days racing. The Moore Trophy is awarded to the winner of the Lightship Race.
- 20.4. The Fall Series prizes will be available as soon as possible after the last day of racing. The Lippo Trophy is awarded to the PYC member boat scoring best overall in the Fall Series

21. RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees or acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**