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2024 Sailing Instructions For Fleet 46 Thursday Evening Races

1 RULES

All Fleet 46 races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS). RSS prescriptions to rules 60.3 and 63.2 will not apply.

2.CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 9:00am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00pm on the day before it will take effect.

3.CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the Rhodes 19 class flag.

4.RACING AREA

For combined races, where boats from both Clubs are racing (COMBINED), the racing area will be located in Hull Bay bordered to the North and East by the Hull Peninsula, Bumkin Island to the South, and bordered to the West by the marked channel between Hull Gut and Bumpkin Island. The starting area shall be as close as to the western end of Bumpkin as the Race Committee deems reasonable.

For non-combined races, the racing area and starting area shall be determined at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Hingham boats are always welcome to sail in non-combined Thursday night events and are cordially invited to use all of the Hull Yacht Club facilities including guest moorings, dock, Commodore's Bar, post-race pot luck, etc. on any Race Day.

5.THE COURSES

The course patterns will be as per Addendum A.



6. MARKS

All marks will be colored inflatable marks or orange balls.

Offset Mark: At the discretion of the Race Committee, an offset mark may be set in conjunction with the windward mark. The offset mark will be placed at a right angle to the weather leg. Boats shall pass the windward mark to port and then pass the offset mark to port. The offset mark must be honored at each rounding of mark 1.

Leeward Gate: For course A, or Course A 2, at the discretion of the Race Committee, a leeward gate may be substituted for the leeward mark. If the Race Committee sets a leeward gate, it shall be rounded by sailing between the two marks and leaving the left hand mark to port or the right hand mark to starboard.

7. CHECKING IN

Before the warning signal of her first race each day, each boat shall sail past the Race Committee signal boat, preferably on starboard tack, and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee repeating the boat's sail number.

A boat failing to do so may receive a 20% scoring penalty for the first race in which it completes on that day, as described in Rule 44.3(c). This changes A4, A5.

8. THE START

Races will be started using the 3 minute starting sequence.

For the first and subsequent race(s) of the day, or after a postponement, a short series of signals will be sounded before the warning signal is made.

Wind limits – No races will be started if the sustained wind is over 23 MPH (20 knots) or under 5 MPH (~4 knots), as determined by the Race Committee. Each Skipper is solely responsible for determining safe wind conditions for his or her boat and crew.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable mark or flag at the port end of the starting line.

Code flag R may be flown to indicate that additional races will be held.

For Thursday night races, official races shall start no earlier than 6:15 pm in the Spring/Summer Series. For the Late Summer Series, as the days get shorter, the RC may start Thursday night races earlier at their discretion. Weekend/Saturday regatta races shall start in accordance with that particular weekend/Saturday regatta's Sailing Instructions.



10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1. Any mark to be rounded, after rounding the new mark, may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

11. THE FINISH

11.1. The finish line will be between a staff on the RC boat and a finishing mark at the end of the line.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. Protested boat may exonerate itself by completing one complete circles (360), at the earliest opportunity. If the foul occurs within the three boat length circle of a course mark (the “zone”), the boat must complete two circles (720), or:

12.2. Rules T1 thru T4 (RRS Appendix T: ARBITRATION) apply.

Step 1: T1 POST-RACE PENALTIES, the penalty will be 20%.

Step 2: T2 – T4 ARBITRATION, the penalty will be 40%.

Step 3: Protest Hearing, the penalty will be disqualification.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1. The race time limit will be 60 minutes. All vessels that have not completed the course will be scored number of starts plus one.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1. A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. Changes RRS 61.1(a)(2).

14.2. All boats intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing the race.

14.3. The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the race committee boat has docked or moored.

14.4. Protest forms are available online, racers should download them in advance.

14.5. Protest hearings will be conducted at the home Club of the Race Committee conducting the relevant Thursday evening race.

14.6. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.

15. SCORING (UNDER REVIEW)

15.1. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply, with the exception of scoring for a DNS. A DNS will be scored as: **(total boats in the Race + total boats sailing any Race in the series)/2 + 1.**

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in a penalty.

16.2. In compliance with federal law effective April 1, 2021, those piloting mark boats less than 26 feet in length are required to use their engine cut-off switches (ECOS.)



17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1. All boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of monitoring **Channel 68**.

17.2. The Race Committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course change, etc. shall be **on VHF 68 and/or PA speaker and are a courtesy only**. Failure of the race committee to make broadcast or failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under Rule 62.1.

17.3. Recalls. The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats that are identified as on the course side (OCS) on VHF channel 68. Failure to hail any boat or untimely hail of a boat shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

17.4. While racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive electronic communications (VHF or cell phone) not available to all boats other than for emergency or non-racing purposes.

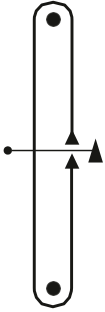
17.5. Any same day cancellations of Thursday nights will be communicated by VHF 68.

18. RELEASE AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

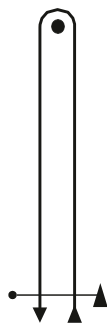
18.1 By participating in these races, all Skippers and their crew agree to release and hold harmless all race organizers and officials of and from any liability arising from our related to conducting or participating in the races governed by these Sailing Instructions.

ADDENDUM A
COURSE DIAGRAMS

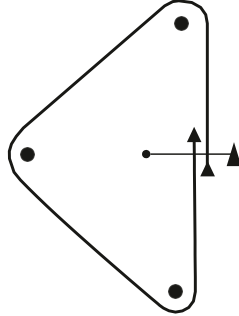
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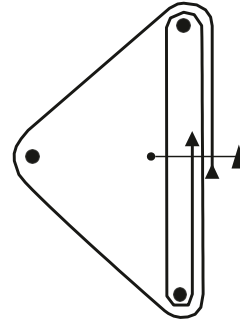
Course B



Course C



Course D



Twice Around

When a number 2 is displayed with a course letter, this indicates the course shall be sailed twice around.

Spinnakers

- Thursday Night: No spinnakers
- Saturday and/or Weekend Regatta Racing: Spinnakers

