Duck Island Yacht Club
PHRF Sailing Instructions
2015.0

1. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY and SCOPE** - The Organizing Authority for these events is the Duck Island Yacht Club (DIYC). These Sailing Instructions and Supplements apply to all PHRF races run by the DIYC Race Committee (R/C).
2. **RULES**
   1. The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS).
   2. A current ECSA or DIYC PHRF handicap rating is required.
   3. Conformance to ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4 Monohulls is strongly encouraged.
3. **CHANGES TO THE RULES** - These Sailing Instructions contain changes to the RRS as follows:
   1. **SAIL NUMBERS** - Conformance to Appendix G is not required. However, matching identifying numbers on the mainsail, headsails with overlap greater than 120% and spinnakers are strongly recommended. This changes RRS 77.
   2. **CHANGES TO RACE SIGNALS**
      a. Signals made ashore will be displayed or heard at the flagstaff at the DIYC Clubhouse. When flag **AI** is displayed ashore, the warning signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after the **AP** is lowered.

      b. The R/C may run **multiple races**, signaled by code flag **L** flown during the finish of a race and a courtesy announcement on VHF Channel 68. If class flags are flown with flag **L**, only those classes will participate in subsequent races and the other classes may leave the racing area.

      c. A course board, identifying the classes to which a visual signal applies, may be used in lieu of class flags.
   3. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
      a. Protest forms are available at the Clubhouse in the forms box by the official notice board.
      b. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered to the R/C within the protest time limit, which is one hour after the last boat has finished. (RRS 61.3)
      c. Notices of hearings will be posted on the official notice board approximately 10 minutes after expiration of the protest time limit.
      d. Radio communications by the R/C are informational and a matter of courtesy only. Only the R/C may request redress on an issue arising from radio or other courtesy communications. (RRS 62.1(a))
   4. **SCORING** (changes to RRS A2, A4, A5 and 90.3)
      a. Corrected time will be calculated by applying PHRF handicaps and the Time on Time method (A=650, B=550).
      b. A minimum of three boats starting, and one boat finishing within the time limit is required for a class to be scored. A minimum of one scored race will constitute a series.
      c. If more than five races are scored in a series, one race will be excluded (except DNE)
      d. A boat scored “Did Not Compete” in a (multi-week) series race because it is racing in another event (such as a class regatta, Block Island Race Week, Nationals, etc) on that day or traveling to or from the event, will be scored points equal to the average of its scores for all other races of the series. Boats will be allowed two (2) travel days, or three (3) travel days before and after for events more than 75 miles away. This special consideration for events will be limited to one race day per series, and shall be applied for via email to diycrc@gmail.com within seven days of the event.
   5. **COURSE CHANGES** - See SI 7
   6. **TIME LIMITS** - RRS 35 is changed by SI 16.
   7. **MANUAL POWER** - RRS 52 is changed by Supplements B and C.
4. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the front of the DIYC building at the parking lot level, and may be posted on the DIYC website, www.diyc.com.
   1. Written changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day that they take effect.
   2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water prior to the First Warning Signal for a race as follows: distributed in writing to all boats, announced verbally directly to each boat and acknowledged, or on **VHF 68**.
   3. Class assignments will be posted before 0900 on the day that they take effect.
   4. Changes to the schedule will be posted by 2000 on the day before they take effect.

5. **SIGNALS AND COMMUNICATIONS**
   1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at the DIYC Clubhouse.
   2. The Race Committee will utilize **VHF 68** and will use that channel for fleet communications subject to the provisions in other sections of these Sailing Instructions. All boats are expected to monitor **VHF 68** for R/C announcements (see SI 3.3.d and SI 12).

6. **COURSES AND SIDE TO ROUND**
   1. Courses will be signaled by letters/numerals displayed on a course board on the Race Committee signal boat. The class logo or number in the top row followed, from top to bottom, by the successive mark letters. A numeral below a letter indicates the number of times that the preceding marks shall be rounded. The last mark indicates the finish mark. Examples: WKWS is round 'W', 'K', then 'W' and finish at 'S'; WK2WL is round 'W' and 'K' twice, round 'W', and finish at 'L'.
   2. For **Windward-Leeward** courses, such as WL2S, a boat shall start and leave each mark on the same side as the starting mark. **For other courses**, a boat shall start and leave each mark on the same side as the starting mark, unless doing so would not conform to RRS 28.

7. **COURSE CHANGES** - The race committee may change a leg of the course by changing the position of the next mark as specified in RRS 33; or may designate a FINISH mark as the next mark on a course board on the R/C boat signaling the change. This changes RRS 33 and Race Signals.

8. **MARKS** - (the location of each mark is approximate, see chart at http://diyc.com/Race/SI-DIYCmarks-2014.jpg).

   R/C Signal Boat - "Sitting Duck" is the usual signal boat. The signal boat includes boats attached or connected to it.

- Mark 'A' - North end of Duck Island East Breakwater (Fl 4s)
- Mark 'B' - West end of Duck Island West Breakwater "2D1" (Fl R 4s)
- Mark 'C'- RG Nun, "E", East end of Long Sand Shoal
- Mark 'E' - Red Nun "6" South of Duck Island
- Mark 'F' - Green and Red Horn buoy "W" on West end of Long Sand Shoal [Fl R (2+1) 6s]
- Mark 'G' - Red Nun "8" South of Kelsey Point Breakwater
- Mark 'H' - Red Nun "14" at Charles Reef
- Mark 'I' - Green and Red Horn buoy "KR" at Kimberly Reef [Fl (2+1) R 6s]
- Mark 'J' - Red Bell buoy "8C" at 6 Mile Reef [Fl R 4s]
- Mark 'K' - DIYC temporary mark set approximately 50 yards towards the first mark from the starting line.
- Mark 'KG'- Mark 'K' set as a two buoy gate
- Mark 'L' - DIYC temporary mark to leeward of the starting line (range and bearing may be given)
- Mark 'LG' - Mark 'L' set as a two buoy gate
- Mark 'M' -RW Whistle "PI", N of Plum Island
- Mark 'O' -Windward Mark 'W' AND accompanying offset mark which must be rounded properly after rounding 'W'.
- Mark 'Q' - Red Nun "4" South of Crane Reef
- Mark 'S' - DIYC temporary mark or boat set as the starting mark.
- Mark "T" - DIYC temporary mark set as a triangular course reach mark on the same side of the signal boat as the starting mark.
- Mark 'U' - Bell R "2PG", Plum Gut
- Mark 'W' - DIYC temporary mark set to windward of the starting line (range and bearing may be given)
- Mark 'WG' - Mark 'W' set as a two buoy gate
- Mark 'Y' - Red Bell buoy "2" off Cornfield Point [Fl R 4s]
- Mark "Z" - DIYC temporary mark set as a finish mark on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting mark. Once a boat has started and cleared away from the starting area, it shall not pass between "Z", if set, and the Race Committee Signal Boat, except to finish. When used as a mark of the course, 'Z' and the nearby signal boat shall be passed as a gate.
- Temporary marks will be of the inflatable type and may be red, orange, yellow or white and in the shape of a sphere, cylinder or tetrahedron. Change marks may be a different color from the original mark..

9. **CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING ORDER**
   1. Classes will be groupings of boats that fulfill the conditions of entry in the Notice of Race and have registered and been accepted as entrants in a series. Classes will be defined in the Entry List.
   2. The class flag for each class will be the class logo flag or numeral pennant corresponding to the class number to which boats are assigned in the Entry List. Competitors are encouraged to fly their class flag on their backstay or starboard shroud.
   3. For the first race, classes will likely start in class number order, 1, 2, 3, etc. Changes may be announced by the Race Committee on the water.

10. **THE START**
    1. Planned starting area is as specified in the NOR and is subject to weather considerations.
    2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the R/C Signal Boat and "S".
    3. The restricted starting area will be a square behind the starting line the sides of which are equal to the length of the starting line. Boats not starting shall keep clear of the restricted starting area.
    4. Starting sequence will be per RRS 26 (5 minute). Rolling start sequences are likely.

11. **RECALLS** - As a courtesy, the Race Committee will endeavor to announce the names and/or sail numbers of OCS boats by hailing and/or on VHF Channel 68 and to inform them when they are 'clear' of the line in returning to restart. These communications are subject to the restriction on redress in SI 3.3.d

12. **THE FINISH** - The finish line will be between an orange flag on the R/C signal boat and a nearby finishing mark, which will be the last mark designated on the course board. The finish line shall be crossed in accordance with the definition of finishing in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

13. **CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT**
    1. All boats must check in with the R/C Signal Boat prior to the First Warning signal by hailing and being acknowledged near the starting line or on VHF Channel 68. Attempting radio communications with the Race Committee during the starting sequence is discouraged.
    2. A boat that retires from a race or that has checked in and decides not to race prior to its start shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by the best means available.

14. **PRIZES** - See Notice of Race.

15. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Competitors participate in races entirely at their own risk (RRS 4). 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 any race or regatta.

16. **APPLICABILITY, RACE SCHEDULE, TIME LIMITS**
    1. These Sailing Instructions apply to the events below. Listed Supplements contain additional instructions which may supersede or refine the above instructions.
    2. Boats still racing at the Time Limit, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will be assigned score points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points, except that they shall not be scored worse than DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.
    3. The dates for DIYC fleet races are scheduled on the NOR with the following Warning times and Time Limits:

Supplement	Event/Series	1st Warning	Time Limit
-	Wednesday Spring Fleet Captain's Wednesday Summer Cruiser/Racer	1830	Sunset + 30 Minutes
-	Commodores Invitational	1200	1600
-	Leukemia Cup	1100	1600
-	Fagan Memorial Regatta	1100	1600
-	Spring Regatta Thundermug Regatta	1100	1700
A	Shirley Hall	1830	Sunset + 30 Minutes
B	Single/Double Handed	1200	1700

SI Supplement "A" Shirley Hall Series

For the Hall Series, a majority of the persons on board must be female and a female shall steer.

SI Supplement "B" Single/Double Handed Race

MANUAL POWER - RRS Rule 52 is modified to permit the use of autopilots on boats with only one person on board during the Single/Double Handed Race.

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