# FHYC Thursday Series 2024 Sailing Instructions



## 1. RULES

- 1.1. RRS 4.0 Decision to Race
  - 1.1.1. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A BOATS' DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RACE OR TO CONTINUE RACING IS HERS ALONE
- 1.2. FHYC PHRF Racing is governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the current rules of PHRF-LO. All boats will be scored using the PHRF-LO handicapping system and the PHRF-LO Time on Time scoring method. Each Participating boat is required to have obtained a current PHRF-LO Measurement Certificate

## 2. NOTICES

2.1. Notices to competitors will be sent via email

## 3. RACE CANCELLATION

3.1. A race will be cancelled if sustained winds over the Series limit of 25 knots are measured by the Racing Chairman and/or PRO one-hour prior to the scheduled starting sequence. The Racing Chairman and/or PRO may also cancel a race if conditions, in their opinion, are not safe. This information will be sent via Email.

#### 4. THE COURSE AND MARKS

- 4.1. Specifics of the day's race course shall be determined by the Race Committee and will be displayed on the RC boat.
- 4.2. The diagrams in Appendix 1 show the possible courses and the order in which the marks are to be rounded.

#### 5. RACING AREA

- 5.1. Spring and Fall Series races will be held on Little Sodus Bay
- 5.2. Summer Series races will be held on Lake Ontario. Race Committee reserves the right to hold summer series races in the bay based on weather conditions

## 6. THE START

- 6.1. The Starting Line will be between an orange flag displayed aboard the committee boat and an orange mark of the course as shown in Appendix 1.
- 6.2. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 6.3. The Race Committee will make an "Alert" signal of 4-5 repetitive sound signals roughly one minute prior to the warning signal for division 1 (white sail division).
- 6.4. Each division shall be given its own start whereas;
  - 6.4.1. White sail division will be first start Class Flag shall be numeral pennant one (1)
  - 6.4.2. Spinnaker division will be second start Class Flag shall be numeral pennant two (2)
  - 6.4.3. Starting sequence will be a rolling five (5) minute sequence as described in RRS 26.
- 6.5. For the Spring and Summer Series the first warning signal shall be made no sooner than 1800, but not after 1900. For the Fall Series the first warning signal shall be made no sooner than 1745, but not after 1845.

## 7. RECALLS

7.1. An individual Recall will be in accordance with RRS 29.1 except, the Race Committee will attempt to hail the boat names or boat sail numbers of OCS boats using the committee boat VHF radio on channel 71. The failure of Race Committee to hail a boat OCS, or a boats failure to hear a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and Race Signals.

## 8. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

8.1. To change a leg of the course, or change the leg length, the Race Committee may move marks as necessary, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that is being changed. When changing a leg of the course the race committee will make a VHF announcement on Channel 71 describing the change before a boat begins the changed leg. This changes RRS 33 and Race Signals.

## 9. THE FINISH

**9.1.** The finish line will be between an orange flag displayed aboard the Race Committee Boat and a mark of the course. See Appendix 1. When the course is shortened the finish line shall be between an orange flag aboard the Race committee boat and the nearest mark of the course. This modifies RRS 32.2.

#### 10. TIME LIMIT

10.1. The time limit for any evening race shall be 2 hours from the start time. If a boat does not finish within the time limit it will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

10.2. If no boat rounds the first mark of the course within 60 minutes of the first start signal, the race will be abandoned. This alters RRS 35, and 89.3(a),

# 11. PROTESTS

- 11.1. The Race Committee shall be notified, while on station at the finish line, of a yacht's intention to file a protest except, when the yacht intending to protest is unable to complete the race she shall notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible.
- 11.2. Protests shall be filed in writing with the Racing Chairman within 60 minutes of the last yacht in the Fleet to finish. This changes RRS 61.3.

## 12. COMMUNICATION

- 12.1. All Race committee "hails" and announcements will be made on VHF channel 71. Failure of a boat to hear hails shall not be grounds for redress.
- 12.2. All "official notice board" announcements will be made via Email