

WHITEBREAD XVI SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

October 10, 2009

1) RULES

This race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, the US Sailing Prescriptions thereto and these Sailing Instructions.

2) CHANGES

Written amendments to these sailing instructions will be posted on the official Race Committee Bulletin Board located adjacent to Race Headquarters at Cutchogue Harbor Marina. In addition a broadcast of all amendments will be made on VHF Channel 72 immediately following the Race Attention signal.

3) DIVISION FLAGS

Division Flags will be assigned as follows:

Orange	Division 1 - Spinnaker
Purple	Division 2 - Spinnaker
Green	Division 3 - Cruising
Blue	Division 4 - Cruising
Yellow	Division 5 - Multihull

Race packets for each entered yacht containing these Sailing Instructions, appropriate division flag and scratch sheet will be available at the Pre-Race Party to be held at the Cutchogue Harbor Marina October 9, 1900 hours. It is the responsibility of the yacht owner/skipper to obtain their individual race packet at that time. At the discretion of the Regatta Committee, packets **may be** available Saturday morning at Race Headquarters.

All classes within a division will fly the same Division Flag. Division flags must be flown from the backstay (preferably) or stern of competing yachts. It is permissible to supply your own correct color division flag. Failure to display a division flag does not constitute grounds for disqualification.

4) THE COURSE

The course to be sailed will be either Course "A", Course "B" or Course "C" as described below. Each mark of the course is to be observed as indicated: P means leave that mark to port; S means leave that mark to starboard. Government marks or other aids to navigation not listed as marks of the course may be passed on either side.

All divisions may not sail the same course. The course to be sailed by each division will be signaled by hoisting the code flag corresponding to the course's letter designation together with the appropriate division flag five (5) minutes prior to the Warning Signal for that division. These course signals

will be raised on a separate staff from that used for the actual starting sequence. Course signals will be lowered four (4) minutes after each division start. The Race Committee will supplement these course signals with broadcast announcements on VHF channel 72.

COURSE "A"

Start
R20 P (Nassau Pt)
R18 P (Hog Neck Bay)
G17 S (Jessup Neck)
G15 S (Tyndal Pt)
"A" P (Mashomack Pt)
N6 P (Mashomack)
N4 P (Nicoll Pt)
RW"N" P (Mo A)
G7 P (Hay Beach Pt)
R10 S (Fanning Pt)
G11 P (Jennings Pt)
R12 S (Paradise Pt)
R18 S (Hog Neck Bay)
R20 S (Nassau Pt)
Finish

COURSE "B"

Start
R20 P (Nassau Pt)
R18 P (Hog Neck Bay)
R 12 P (Paradise Pt)
G11 S (Jennings Pt)
R10 P (Fanning Pt)
G7 S (Hay Beach Pt)
RW"N" S (Mo A)
N4 S (Nicoll Pt)
N6 S (Mashomack)
"A" S (Mashomack Pt)
G15 P (Tyndal Pt)
G17 P (Jessup Neck)
R18 S (Hog Neck Bay)
R20 S (Nassau Pt)
Finish

COURSE "C"

Start
"B" P
R18 P (Hog Neck Bay)
G17S (Jessup Neck)
R16 P (Noyack Bay)
N14 P (West Neck))
R18 S (Hog Neck Bay)
R20 S (Nassau Pt)
Finish

Mark "A" will be an inflatable mark set approx. 0.2 nm southwest of Mashomack Pt.

Mark "B" will be an inflatable mark set approx 1.0 nm south of Nassau Pt.

CAUTION TO SKIPPERS: Both Course A and Course B circumnavigate Shelter Island. When rounding Shelter Island you will encounter commercial ferries at North Haven and Greenport. The North and South ferries are classified as encumbered vessels under the *International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea* and vessels under sail, even while racing, **must** give way.

All competitors are reminded of the requirements of RRS 28, "Sailing the Course" which states in part that, "A boat shall *start*, leave each *mark* on the required side in the correct order, and *finish*, so that a string representing her track after *starting* and until *finishing* would when drawn taut pass each *mark*, and touch each rounding *mark*...". Please remember that the limitations of RRS 60, "Right to Protest" severely restrict the ability of both the Race and Protest Committees to initiate actions against competing yachts for alleged violations of RRS 28. If you witness a yacht not sailing the proscribed course, it is your obligation to formally notify the Race Committee.

5) RACE ATTENTION

The Race Committee will signal Race Attention at 0730 by making a single sound signal and announcing same over VHF channel 72. All changes and/or amendments to these Sailing Instructions will also be broadcast at that time.

6) THE START

The starting line will be located just south of Cutchogue Harbor in the vicinity of C"1" and will be drawn between the orange flag on the Race Committee boat to starboard and an inflatable mark. An auxiliary Race Committee boat may be stationed abeam of and approximately 50 yards beyond the inflatable mark to assist in determining premature starters.

The Warning Signal for the first division to start will be made at 0830. The starting sequence for all divisions will be as follows:

Signal	Shape and Sound	Minutes Before Start
Warning	Division Flag, 1 sound	5
Preparatory	Code Flag P, 1 sound	4
1 minute	Code Flag P lowered 1 long sound	1
Start	Red Flag, 1 sound	0

This sequence changes Rule 26

Yachts whose Warning Signal has not yet been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts who have either started or whose starting sequence has commenced. The Race Committee may take action to protest any yacht infringing this rule.

7) STARTING SEQUENCE

The course signals for Division 4, the first division to start, will be made at 0825. The starting sequences will commence with the Division 4 Warning Signal and proceed as follows:

Time	Signal	Division
0825	Course Signals	Division 4
0830	Warning	Division 4
0835	Start	Division 4
0855	Course Signals	Division 3
0900	Warning	Division 3
0905	Start	Division 3
0910	Course Signals	Division 2
0915	Warning	Division 2
0920	Start	Division 2
0940	Course Signals	Division 1
0945	Warning	Division 1
0950	Start	Division 1
0955	Course Signals	Division 5
01000	Warning	Division 5
01005	Start	Division 5

Please note that there is a thirty minute break in the sequence between the Division 4 and Division 3 starts as well as the Division 2 and Division 1 starts. There is a fifteen minute break in the sequence between the Division 3 and Division 2 starts and between the Division 1 and Division 5 starts.

All classes within a given division will start together with their division start.

8) POSTPONEMENTS

Postponements will be signaled by the hoisting of code flag "Answering Pennant" (AP) accompanied by two (2) sound signals. The "AP" flag will be lowered accompanied by one (1) sound signal one minute before the warning signal for the next division to start. When a postponement has been made for one division start, starts for all succeeding divisions shall be delayed accordingly. The Race Committee will supplement these signals with broadcast statements over VHF channel 72.

9) MOVING THE START LINE

If there is not enough wind in the starting area at the time of the first scheduled start, the Race Committee may move the starting area down the course by signaling code flag "L" along with the "AP" flag. The fleet will then follow the committee boat to R18 in Hog Neck Bay. The new starting line will be set between the orange flag on the committee boat to starboard and R18 to port. Once the starting sequence begins, code flag "S" will accompany the course flags displayed to signify the course has been shortened. All remaining marks on the course to be sailed must be honored.

10) INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

In accordance with RRS 29, the Race Committee will signal premature starters by the display of code flag "X" and one sound signal. The flag will be displayed until all premature starters have returned and are on the pre-start side of the line but no longer than four minutes after the starting signal. The Race Committee will also attempt to hail offending yachts on VHF channel 72. Failure of a yacht to see or hear her recall signal shall not relieve her of her obligation to start correctly.

11) GENERAL RECALL

When, at the starting signal for any division, the Race Committee is unable to identify all yachts on the course side of the starting line or if there has been an error in the starting procedure, a general recall may be signaled by the display of code flag "First Substitute" together with two (2) sound signals. The Warning Signal for the class recalled will be made one (1) minute after the First Substitute is lowered. The starts for all succeeding classes will follow in order after the new Warning Signal. The Race Committee will supplement these signals with an announcement broadcast over VHF channel 72.

12) ABANDONMENT

Should the Race Committee elect to abandon racing for all divisions prior to any starts, it will so signal by the display of code flags "N" over "A" accompanied by three (3) sound signals. If the race is to be abandoned only for certain divisions, the code flag "N" will be flown over the division flags of those divisions for which racing has been abandoned. A supplemental announcement will be broadcast over VHF channel 72.

After divisions have started, the Race Committee may elect to abandon racing if concerns arise over the safety of competitors. In such event the Race Committee shall display code flags "N" over "H" accompanied by three sound signals, indicating racing is abandoned and competitors should make for the nearest port. An announcement will be made simultaneously over VHF channel 72.

13) THE FINISH

The finish line will be located just south of Cutchogue Harbor in the vicinity of C"1". The finish line will be between the orange flag on the committee boat to starboard and an inflatable mark to port.

14) SHORTENING THE COURSE

In the event the Race Committee decides to shorten the course for one or more divisions, it shall position a committee boat on the appropriate side of the rounding mark at which the race is to be finished, sound two (2) signals and display code flag "S" and the division flags for the classes for which it is shortening the course. If no flags accompany code flag "S", then the race is shortened at that mark for all divisions. These signals will be supplemented with an announcement broadcast over VHF channel 72. The finish line for the shortened course will be between the rounding mark and the orange flag on the committee boat.

Conditions may require that the race be shortened at different marks for different divisions. In this case, the Race Committee will shorten the course at one mark for Divisions 1, 2, and 5 and a different mark for Divisions 3 and 4. The same signaling procedure will apply although an auxiliary committee boat displaying the RC flag and all appropriate signals will be stationed at one finish line.

15) TIME LIMIT

Yachts failing to finish by 1730 hours will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). If no boat in a division finished by 1730 hours, the race shall be abandoned for that division. This changes RRS 35.

16) PROTESTS

Protests must be initiated strictly in accordance with RRS 61. A yacht intending to protest for an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or witnessed shall inform the protested yacht(s) at the first reasonable opportunity. The protesting yacht shall hail, "Protest" and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity. The red flag must remain displayed until she is no longer racing. Upon finishing the protesting yacht must inform the Race Committee of its intention to file a written protest. When leaving station after the race, the Race Committee will broadcast the protest log over VHF channel 72.

Written protests must be submitted to the Race Committee at Cutchogue Harbor Marina no later than one (1) hour after the RC boat docks. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after submission on the day of the race. The Protest Committee will post a schedule of hearing times and locations on the Official Bulletin Board at Race Headquarters. It is the responsibility of all parties to a protest to inform themselves as to the time and location of the hearing. Please remember that RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are in effect as written allowing a 720 degree turn as a penalty for the infraction of a rule in Part 2 of the RRS.

17) SCORING

Scoring for each division will be PHRF time on time using PHRF of ELI ratings, either from a current certificate or as assigned by the Handicap Committee. The Time Correction Factor will be determined in accordance with the following formula: $TCF = 650 / (550 + PHRF)$.

Most divisions will be broken into multiple classes as indicated on the scratch sheet. These classes are for scoring purposes only; all classes within a division will maintain the same division flag, start, sail the same course and effectively race together.

Scoring for the team trophy will utilize the low point system based upon the combined individual class finishes of each team member. Each team will represent a specific yacht club or other sailing organization and will consist of three entries, each one sailing in a different class. Teams

must be registered with the Race Committee by the conclusion of the Pre-Race Party on October 9.

18) WITHDRAWALS

Any yacht withdrawing from the race **MUST** notify the Race Committee either by radio on VHF channel 72 or by hail from close by a committee boat.

19) RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will utilize VHF channel 72 for all announcements to the fleet. It is suggested that all yachts monitor channel 72 throughout the race. Competitors are advised that the Race Committee will not respond to questions which it feels are fully answered or explained by these Sailing Instructions or the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

20) CHECK IN

All competitors are required to check in with the Race Committee prior to starting. This shall be done either via VHF channel **71** or verbally by sailing past the auxiliary Race Committee boat with mainsail up so as to clearly display her sail numbers. **Please note this is a different channel than used for regular communications from the Race Committee.** If checking in by radio, it is suggested you wait for acknowledgment from a committee member before signing off. It is also requested that you refrain from checking in during a five minute starting sequence. You are reminded not to interfere with any yacht whose warning signal has been made.

21) SAIL NUMBERS

All competitors must have numbers or identifying letters on their mainsails and these numbers must match those listed for that yacht on the scratch sheet. Sails other than mainsails need not have numbers but, if they do, they must match those on the mainsail. Notify the Race Committee during your pre-race check in if there is an error on the scratch sheet regarding your sail number.

22) EQUIPMENT

All sailing vessels not equipped with lifelines are **required** to have all crew members wear personal floatation devices at all times while racing. Furthermore, in compliance with RRS 40.1, when code flag Y is displayed by the Race Committee boat prior to a division warning signal, all competitors in that division **shall** wear personal buoyancy devices for the duration of the race.

Competitors are reminded that the government as well as the Racing Rules of Sailing requires certain minimum equipment be carried aboard each yacht. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any yacht for compliance with these requirements.

Yachts competing in a one-design class shall carry the equipment mandated by their class rules. Maximum crew weight limits, if incorporated into the class rules, shall apply although the enforcement of such weight limits will be left to each individual one-design class.

23) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 of the RRS 2009-2012, *Decision to Race*. The organizing authority, the Race Committee and the individuals serving in any capacity to organize, administer and conduct this race will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the race.