HUDSON RIVER YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

HRYRA Cruising Fleets

2017 COMMON SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. Class rules are the current *Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Regulations* published by the YRA of LIS, modified to admit rating certificates issued by HRYRA.

1.2 Additional instructions and modifications to these instructions, issued by the race committee for a specific regatta, will apply.

1.3 All boats must satisfy the *HRYRA Boat Standards* published on the HRYRA web site.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted as described in the instructions of 1.2 above.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions shall be in writing and posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed as described in the instruction of 1.2 above.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The schedule of races, including the times of the first warning signal each day and the number of races to be sailed each day are described in the instructions of 1.2 above.

5.2 For the first race of any day, starts for classes 1, 2, 3, … shall occur in that order, except that adjacent classes may be started together and there may be no start for a missing class.

5.3 If a race has been postponed for more than two hours (one hour if the class has more than one race scheduled for the same day), the race committee shall either *postpone* ashore (display flag AP over H or AP over A, with two sounds) or *abandon* the race (display flag N, N over H, or N over A, with three sounds.) The race committee shall announce the action taken on the designated VHF channel.

5.4 Postponed or abandoned races may be re-started or re-sailed on the same or following day.

5.5 The race committee may, but is not required to honor the US Sailing prescription in Appendix L, **5.**6, regarding the display of flag A to indicate "no more racing today."

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 There are three HRYRA PHRF classes. The class definitions and class flags are given in the table below. Class flags will not be used to indicate hours of a postponement from the scheduled starting time. This modifies Race Signals.

Class	PHRF values	Class Flag	Streamer Color
1	Less than 130, with spinnakers	Code Flag #1	Blue
2	Greater than 130, with spinnakers	Code Flag #2	Orange
3	All without spinnakers	Code Flag #3	White
For other classes, the instructions in 1.2 will define the classes, flags, and streamers			

6.2 Each yacht shall clearly display a colored streamer, as described in the table, to indicate the class in which she is racing. Boats having a backstay shall affix the streamer to the backstay approximately 6 feet above the deck.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing areas are described in the instructions in 1.2, above.

8 THE COURSES

Courses are described in the instructions in 1.2, above.

9 MARKS

Marks are described in the instructions in 1.2, above.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Obstructions are described in the instructions in 1.2, above.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be as described in the instructions in 1.2, above.

11.2 Boats not racing and whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid interfering with boats maneuvering in the starting area during the starting sequence for their race.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position, or lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

12.2 Racing rule 33 is changed by adding the following subsection (aa) immediately before the existing subsection (a):
"(aa) If the leg of the course will be changed to be directly to a finishing line located as close as practicable to the location of the original finishing line, the signal shall be the display of flag F with repetitive sounds (but without direction or length indication). Boats sailing the changed leg shall *finish* at that line. Otherwise, "

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be as described in the instructions of 1.2

13.2 If a race committee boat is not stationed at the finish line, a yacht shall note her finish time and report it in accordance with the US Sailing prescription to rule 34.

13.3 If the race committee intends to start another unscheduled race on the same day, it will so indicate by displaying the Second Substitute (with no sound) during the finish and/or making an announcement on the designated VHF channel.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The scoring penalty, rule 44.3, will apply for a violation of a rule of Part 2. The penalty will be the number of places as described in rule 44.3(c).

14.2 Rule 44.1 will apply for a violation of rule 31.

14.3 If a yellow flag is not displayed as required in rule 44.3(a), or for a violation of rule 31, a boat may accept a Scoring Penalty as described in Rule T1 (see Appendix T of the RRS.)

15 TIME LIMITS FOR FINISHING A RACE

15.1 If no boat sails the course and *finishes* within two hours of her start signal, the race shall be *abandoned*.

15.2 Boats failing to *finish* within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and *finishes* will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available from the race committee or as described in the instructions in 1.2. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race committee within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 1 hour after the race committee has returned to the dock at the end of the day's racing.

16.3 Breaches of instructions 11.2, 18 and 19.2 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

16.4 ARBITRATION: Appendix T will apply unless the instructions in 1.2 explicitly exclude this instruction.

17 SCORING

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the Racing Rules will apply. A minimum of 1 race must be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 Yachts will be handicapped using PHRF numbers to compute <u>time-on-time</u> correction factors: TCF=650/(550+PHRF). Each yacht shall have a current PHRF certificate issued by HRYRA or, absent that, by the Yacht Racing Association of the Long Island Sound (YRALIS).

17.3 For **Regatta** scoring, the "number of boats entered in the series" as used in Rule A4.2 means the number registered in that class for the regatta. All completed races are counted. This changes rule A2.

17.4 For **Season** scoring, the "number of boats entered in the series" as used in Rule A4.2 means the number that have registered in that class for at least one of the seven HRYRA scheduled regattas, including Nyack's distance race. The number of excludable race scores to be excluded is shown in the following table. This modifies rule A2.

Season Races Completed for the Class	Excludable scores to be excluded
1-4	0
5-7	1
8-10	2
11-13	3
14 or more	4

17.5 In addition to the **season** prizes for the top 3 boats in each class, a single **season** overall winner will be computed among all boats that competed in at least 65% of completed races for the class, including Nyack's distance race, using a Cox-Sprague scoring computation.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Before the first warning signal, each boat shall report her sail number to the race committee by oral hail. Hails on VHF do not satisfy this requirement.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on the designated VHF channel or by oral hail.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 VHF channel(s) for communication between the race committee and competitors shall be designated in the instructions of 1.2.

19.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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 the regatta.