

# J/105 10<sup>th</sup> North American Championship

Beverly Yacht Club ("BYC"), Marion, MA

September 15-19, 2004

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS").
- 1.2 Competitors shall wear properly fastened USCG-approved personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing clothes.
- 1.3 Participating boats shall not interfere with commercial shipping, and shall comply with the Navigation Rules of the Road. They are not "privileged" or "stand-on" because of their participation in this event. In reduced visibility, participating boats must comply with the sound signal requirements of the COLREGS and have the ability to communicate with other vessels on VHF channel 13. Breaches of this sailing instruction will result in protests by the race committee.

### **2 ENTRIES**

- 2.1 Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and paying the entry fee by September 1. Entrants shall complete declarations, measurement and registration before 1800 on Wednesday, September 15.
- 2.2 Crew weighing is required, and shall be completed by 0900 on Thursday, September 16. See Class Rule 7.1.
- 2.3 At its sole discretion, the Organizing Authority may accept entries after the entry deadline, and may permit registration, measurement and crew weighing after the deadlines for each stated in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the BYC porch.
- 3.2 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day it is to take effect, except that any change in the schedule of racing will be posted by 1900 on the day before it is to take effect.
- 3.3 The race committee will communicate with competitors, including the hailing of the bow numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal, on VHF channel 72. The failure or timeliness of such hails, or the order of hails, shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). Receiving such communications does not break RRS 41.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the BYC flagpole.
- 4.2 If a postponement is signaled ashore, the first warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes *Race Signals*.

### **5 SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 A competitors' meeting will be held at 1800 on Wednesday, September 15 at BYC.
- 5.2 The warning signal for the practice race will be at 1300 on Wednesday, September 15.

5.3 Nine races are scheduled. The warning signal for the first race will be at 1100 each day, Thursday through Saturday, and at 1000 on Sunday. Subsequent races each day will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race. Flag R displayed at the finish means that another race is planned.

5.4 No first warning signal will be made after 1300 on Sunday.

## **6 BOW NUMBERS**

6.1 Boats will be assigned two-digit bow numbers at registration. The numbers will be assigned and provided by the organizing authority.

6.2 Bow numbers shall be affixed to both sides of the hull, with the top of the sticker six (6) inches below and parallel to the sheer line, and the forwardmost part of the sticker ten (10) inches aft of the stem.

6.3 **A boat that starts or finishes without her bow numbers properly displayed may receive, without a hearing, a 20% scoring penalty as described in RRS 44.3(c).** This changes RRS 63.2, A4.2 and A5.

6.4 Boats are prohibited from protesting under Sailing Instruction 6.2. This changes RRS 60.1.

## **7 CLASS FLAG**

The Class Flag will be the J/105 class insignia on a white field.

## **8 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in Sippican Outer Harbor and Buzzards Bay, in the vicinity of Centerboard Shoal. See Attachment 1.

## **9 COURSES**

9.1 The courses will be windward/leeward with an offset mark and a leeward gate.

9.2 The course designation (number of full legs) and the approximate distance and bearing from the starting line to mark 1 will be posted using black numbers on white boards.

9.3 Attachment 2 shows the courses, course designations, the marks in order and the rounding direction of each mark.

## **10 MARKS**

10.1 Original marks 1 and 2G will be 5-foot yellow tetrahedrons.

10.2 The starting and finishing marks will be 4-foot yellow cylinders.

10.3 Mark 1A, the offset mark, will be a small orange or red sphere.

10.4 New marks 1 and 2G will be 4-foot orange cylinders.

## **11 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES**

11.1 The starting line will consist of two line segments, one between the staffs from which orange flags are displayed on the race committee signal boat and the mid-line boat, and the other between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the mid-line boat and the course side of the nearby mark.

11.2 For purposes of complying with RRS 30.1 ("Round-an-End Rule"), the mid-line boat is **NOT** an end of the starting line.

11.3 The finishing line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby mark.

## **12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

## **13 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit will be 150 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish. Boats finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.2 and A5.

## **14 PROTEST ARBITRATION**

14.1 For protests involving only two boats, an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2 and no damage, an arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest, but may be permitted to observe the testimony given to the jury, and offer testimony. This changes RRS 63.3(a).

14.2 After a written protest is delivered, one representative from each boat will meet with an arbitrator. No witnesses are allowed. After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will recommend that:

- (a) the protest be withdrawn, because no rule was broken; or
- (b) one or both boats take a 40% scoring penalty [see RRS 44.3(c)], because some rule(s) was(were) broken (this changes RRS 44); or
- (c) the jury hear the protest.

14.3 Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to the jury.

14.4 If the protest is withdrawn, or if any alternative penalty is accepted, there shall be no protest hearing, reopening, redress or appeal based on that decision. This changes RRS 62.1, 66 and 70.

## **15 PROTESTS**

15.1 Protests shall be delivered to a jury representative at BYC within 60 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks.

15.2 The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2.

15.3 Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day at BYC.

15.4 On Sunday, a request for redress or to reopen a hearing shall be delivered to the jury representative within the protest time limit, or within 30 minutes of being informed of the decision, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62 and 66.

## **16 SCORING**

16.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply, as changed below.

16.2 No score will be excluded from a boat's series score. This changes the Notice of Race.

16.3 Nine races are scheduled. One race constitutes a series.

## **17 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in the regatta, and for first place in each race. Additional prizes may be awarded.

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**TIDES AT SIPPICAN HARBOR, September 14-19, 2004**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>
Tues.	0205 (0.2)	0826 (4.5)	1411 (0.1)	2040 (4.6)
Wed.	0236 (0.1)	0904 (4.8)	1452 (0.0)	2120 (4.6)
Thur.	0307 (0.0)	0945 (4.9)	1533 (0.0)	2202 (4.5)
Fri.	0340 (-0.1)	1028 (4.9)	1614 (0.1)	2248 (4.3)
Sat.	0415 (0.0)	1115 (4.9)	1658 (0.3)	2338 (4.1)
Sun.	0454 (0.1)	1207 (4.8)	1747 (0.5)	