

2019 WBYC / Varnum Continentals Benefit Regatta

Saturday, August 17, 2019 Varnum Armory Museum
6 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The WBYC / Varnum Continentals Benefit Regatta will be governed by the 2017-2020 The Racing Rules of Sailing, The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, these Sailing Instructions, the Notice of Race and any amendments. **All yachts, in addition to all federally required equipment, shall have a VHF radio aboard and shall keep radio energized on the Race Committee working channel VHF channel 69 from the General Warning Signal until her “finish”.** The Narragansett Bay race area, with its East and West passages and approaches to Providence and Fall River, are considered a “restricted channel” for commercial traffic. Yachts who obstruct the safe passage of commercial traffic are subject to protest under The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. NOTICES

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the website at www.westbayyachtclub.org

3. AMENDMENTS

3.1 The Race Committee will announce any amendments on VHF Channel 69 on the day of the race.

4. SIGNALS

4.1 All signals shall be made aboard the Race Committee Boat anchored in the Starting Area.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 As stated in the Notice of Race

5.2 The scheduled time of the 1st warning signal for the race is 1300hrs

5.3 To alert boats a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound five minutes before the 1st General Warning Signal is made.

6. CLASS FLAGS



Family Cruising Class Flag Non-Spinnaker Class Flag

7. COURSES

7.1 Race Committee will announce over the VHF Radio the Course to be sailed.

7.2 Race Committee will post a “whiteboard” on the RC boat for the course to be sailed

7.3 The starting time for each yacht will be based on the yacht’s PHRF rating.

7.4 Non-Spinnaker Class

7.4(a) From the start to G’7’ Quonset Pt to Port, R’2’ North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G’1’ Despair Island to Port, GC’3’ to Port, then to FINISH at Sally Rock C’5’. Course Distance: 12:35 nm

7.5 Family Cruising Class

7.5(a) From the start to G’7’ Quonset Pt to Port, R’2’ North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G’1’ Despair Island to Port, GC’3’ to Port, then to FINISH at Sally Rock C’5’. Course Distance: 12:35 nm

8. THE START

8.1 The Starting line shall be between the Orange Flag on the RC Boat and a designated Gov’t Mark.

8.2 The race shall be started using successive start signals. Class Flag and HORN at one minute intervals per assigned time. Each signal will be lowered 30 seconds before the next signal. Note: All Starts will be on the Class Flag. This changes RRS 26.

General Warning Signal 1300hrs – Class Flag UP and HORN

General Prep Signal UP 1301hrs – ‘P’ Flag UP and HORN

General Prep Signal DOWN 1304hrs – ‘P’ Flag DOWN and HORN

First Start 1305hrs – Class Flag and HORN

8.3 The RC is allowed to postpone the start by a period of either 5 to 60 minutes. If the race is postponed, the time of postponement in minutes is added to each yacht’s starting time.

8.4 Five (5) minutes before each yacht’s starting time will be considered that yacht’s Preparatory Signal. She shall not use her engine after her Preparatory signal. Yachts shall keep clear of the starting area 5 minutes before their respective starting signal.

8.5 TIME OF SIGNALS: General warning signal and each successive signal will be based on or about GPS time on VHF CHANNEL 69.

8.6 The Race Committee will notify yachts of their starting time.

9.0 RECALLS

Individual recalls will be in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing

10.0 THE FINISH

The Finish Line shall be between the orange flag on the Committee boat and C’5’ Sally Rock. Yachts must finish between the mark and the boat in the direction from the last turning mark.

11.0 TIME LIMIT

11.1 The first boat to finish must do so by 1700, (or plus added time due to postponement). RC boat will leave station by 1800hrs. Yachts finishing after the RC leaves station must record their own time.

11.2 Yacht retiring prior to 1800hrs must notify the Race Committee on VHF channel 69.

12.0 PROTESTS

12.1 Protesting yachts must notify the RC of their intention to protest immediately after the race.

12.2 Protests shall be written and submitted to the Race Committee Chair within one hour of the Race Committee signal boat docking.

12.3 Protests shall be heard and scheduled at a time and date designated by the Race Committee Chair.

13.0 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the WBYC Annual Awards Banquet on November 16, 2019

14.0 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

Yachts discharging trash overboard shall be disqualified from the race.

15.0 LIABILITY WAIVER

In accordance with Section 7-6-22 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, entitled EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY TO PARTICIPANTS IN SPONSORED ATHLETIC OR SPORTS EVENTS, I hereby release West Bay Yacht Club, its officers, directors trustees, agents, servants and property while I am participating in or practicing for any contest or exhibition of an athletic or sports nature sponsored by the West Bay Yacht Club; and I hereby acknowledge and assume the risk of any bodily injury and or property damage to myself or my property incurred while participating in or practicing for any contest or exhibition of any athletic or sports nature sponsored by the West Bay Yacht Club. I have read and understood the conditions for the WBYC/Varnum Continentals Benefit Regatta and events and agree to comply with the conditions while participating in the 2019 WBYC/Varnum Continentals Benefit Regatta.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Owner or Owner’s Representative)