



# 2019 Robie Pierce Women's Invitational Regatta



Thursday, May 30, 2019

Organizing Authorities (OA):  
Larchmont Yacht Club & American Yacht Club  
Hosted by American Yacht Club

## Sailing Instructions

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Ideal 18 Class Rules, modified so to allow the seating or other adaptations, except as they are altered by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T will apply as changed below:  
At the end of T4, Arbitration Meeting Outcomes, add: (c) If a protest is not withdrawn after arbitration, the arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears that protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony presented and offer evidence. This changes rule 63.3(a).

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the bulletin board in the event tent.

### 3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0945.
- 3.2 Amendments may be made on the water by hailing on VHF 71 and receiving acknowledgement from each boat before the warning signal.

### 4 BOATS

- 4.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them in any way except as follows:
  - a) A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars.
  - b) Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat.
  - c) Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.
  - d) The race committee will consider requests to further modify the boats and equipment that are adaptive aids specific to a competitor. Requests are to be submitted in advance and in writing.
  - e) Jib leads on the clew may be adjusted.
- 4.2 All equipment provided with the boats for sailing purposes shall be carried while afloat.
- 4.3 Neither the able-bodied sailor (AB) nor the crew may sit forward of the mast during a race.
- 4.4 All competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the race committee immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for a breach of this instruction, unless the jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

### 5 BOATS, CREW AND AB ASSIGNMENTS

- 5.1 Boat assignments for the regatta will be made by the organizing authority at or before the Competitors' Meeting on Thursday, May 30. Teams will sail the same boat throughout the regatta unless there is a breakdown and written approval to substitute another boat is received from the race committee.
- 5.2 Each team will be made up of two disabled sailors and one AB. The organizing authority (OA) will endeavor to pair sailors who register for the regatta without a crewmate. If the OA is unable to do so, it may substitute an able bodied sailor for the second disabled sailor. This will not be grounds for redress.

- 5.3 All AB assignments for boats not providing their own AB will be made by the organizing committee.
- 5.4 It is the sole responsibility of the skipper of each boat to ensure that the AB assigned to her boat by the OA is the AB that actually sails with the boat. Any boat that sails with an AB other than the one assigned or pre- registered shall be disqualified from those races sailed with the unassigned AB. Appendix A contains additional instructions and restrictions that apply to ABs and other crew members.
- 5.5 The penalty for a breach of sailing instruction 5.1 or 5.4 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of the instruction.

**6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Junior American Yacht Club.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in race signal AP.

**7 SCHEDULE**

All regatta events will be held at the American YC, Rye, NY

Thursday, May 30

- 0800 – 0900 Registration and continental breakfast in the tent.
- 0915 Competitors’ meeting in the tent
- 1100 First Warning
- 1630 Awards ceremony – Carlsberg keg, snacks and cash bar in the tent.

**8 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in the waters off Milton Harbor.

**9 COURSES**



Course 3

(schematic-not to scale)



Course 4

- 9.1 The course will be a windward-leeward course for a specified number of legs.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal the signal vessel will display the course number and approximate compass bearing to the windward mark.
- 9.3 Course 3 – Start-windward-offset-leeward gate -finish.  
Course 4 – Start –windward-offset-leeward-windward-offset-finish.
- 9.4 The windward mark shall be rounded to port.
- 9.5 In course 4, yachts may sail through the gate on the final leg of the course.
- 9.6 No race will be shortened to less than two (2) legs. This changes RRS 32.1.
- 9.7 Course lengths are at the discretion of the race committee.

**10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks will be orange inflatables, with the exception of the start/finish marks, which will be yellow.
- 10.2 The offset mark will be an orange hippity hop.
- 10.3 New marks as provided in instruction 12, Change of the Next Leg of the Course, will be yellow inflatables.

**11 THE START**

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and a yellow

inflatable on the port end.

- 11.2 The race committee will attempt to call OCS boats by sail number using VHF 71. Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification and the order and timing of such hail shall not be grounds for redress.

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new yellow mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original orange mark. Subsequent changes will follow this same color sequence.

## **13 THE FINISH**

Course 3 – the finish will be between a yellow flag on the signal vessel and a yellow inflatable on the port end.

Course 4 – the finish will be between an orange flag on the signal vessel and a yellow inflatable on the starboard end.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.

## **15 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be sixty minutes. Boats failing to finish within twenty minutes after the first boat has finished will be assigned a score equal to the number of boats finishing plus 2, but not worse than DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **16 PROTESTS**

- 16.1 As soon as possible after finishing, boats shall attempt to notify the race committee boat of their intent to protest or request redress, including the sail number of the protested boat. This adds to RRS 61.1 a.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the jury desk in the American Yacht clubhouse. Protests shall be filed at the jury desk in the clubhouse outside of the Trustees room within the protest time limit, which will be one hour after the race committee comes ashore. The protest time limit and a list of all protests filed at the jury desk will be posted.
- 16.3 Hearings will be held in the Trustees Room (or at another location identified at the jury desk) in the main clubhouse as soon as possible after the expiration of the protest time limit. If a party to a hearing does not appear when called, the protest committee may proceed as provided in rule 63.3(b). Witnesses must be available when called. If witnesses are not available when called, they may not be heard. This changes RRS 63.6

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 One completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 17.2 When fewer than 5 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **18 BREAKDOWNS/INJURIES**

- 18.1 A boat disabled by a breakdown that is no fault of its team may seek redress from the jury. Every effort must be made to finish the race, provided that continuing to race will not cause further damage to the boat or danger to its crew.
- 18.2 Any team requesting redress because of a breakdown shall notify the signal boat on VHF Channel 71 at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.3 Redress will not be granted if, in the opinion of the jury, the breakdown resulted from carelessness, poor seamanship or incompetence.
- 18.4 Breakdowns and/or injuries should be reported to the race committee as soon as possible on VHF Channel 71.

## **19 SAIL CONFIGURATIONS**

- 19.1 Racing will be conducted using one of two sail configurations as indicated from the signal boat as follows prior to the warning signal:
- 19.2 No signal: full main and full jib
- 19.3 Signal flag Romeo: reefed mainsail and full jib

**20 EMERGENCY PROVISIONS**

In the event of an emergency that prevents a helmsman or crew member from sailing in a race, an alternate may be approved or provided by the OA.

**21 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION**

Each team shall provide and carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF Channel 71. Except in an emergency, physical need, or to report a protest or withdrawal, 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 and data communication.

**21 LAUNCHING AND HAUL-OUT**

All Ideal 18s will be in the water at American Yacht Club prior to the start of the event.

**22 ADVERTISING**

- a. No competitor advertising will be permitted.
- b. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

**23 PRIZES**

- a. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of racing on Thursday, May 30.
- b. Prizes will be awarded for first through third place.
- c. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

**24 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.

**25 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the American Yacht Club, 499 Stuyvesant Ave., Rye, NY 10580  
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## Sailing Instructions - Appendix A

- 1 All sailors with disabilities must use adaptive seats while racing except boats helmed by a blind person, where only the disabled forward crew will be required to sit in a seat while racing.
- 2 Use of Personal Flotation. All competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Competitors from outside the U.S. may wear a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty.
- 3 An able-bodied crew (AB) will be on board each boat during all racing.
  - a. All ABs will be assigned to boats in accordance with sailing instruction 5.1. The primary duty of the AB is the safety of the other team members and of the boat.
4. It is the intent of the Robie Pierce One-Design Regatta Committee that:
  - a. The disabled team members on boats with sighted skippers shall perform all possible activities on board the boat, with only the most limited assistance possible from the AB while racing. In general, the AB is permitted to do for a contestant only that which the contestant would be capable of doing for him/herself were it not for the disability that qualified him/her for this regatta. The AB may not call tactics.
  - b. On boats helmed by a blind sailor, the helmsman or AB can sit on the rail, but not at the same time. At no time shall there be more than two sailors on the same side at once. ABs may call tactics.
5. The AB on sighted boats may perform the following activities while racing.
  - a. Steer the Ideal 18 for brief periods of time, but only to regain control of an out-of-control boat, or to avoid an imminent collision where injury or damage is likely to occur.
  - b. Cleat or uncleat any Ideal 18 running rigging at any time, but only at the direct request and under the direct supervision of one of the disabled team members.
  - c. Trim either the main sheet or the jib sheet, but not both, as the Ideal 18 rounds the leeward mark, or during the pre-start as a boat assumes her proper course to start, but only at the direct request and under the direct supervision of one of the disabled team members.
  - d. Release the main sheet as the Ideal 18 prepares to round the windward mark, but only at the direct request and under the direct supervision of one of the disabled team members.
  - e. The AB may help the helmsperson with concentration as it applies to sailing too high or too low.
  - f. Hold out the jib wing-on-wing on downwind legs only on the side opposite from the forward crewperson unless that person's disability prevents winging the jib on that side.
  - g. The AB may sit on the windward rail of the boat at any time and may hike out.
6. It is the Ideal 18 skipper's responsibility to ensure that the crew and AB are acting in accordance with all provisions of the notice of race and sailing instructions, and any other rules governing the regatta.
7. The number of partners in the mainsheet of the Ideal 18s may be reduced from three to two if sailing under full main and jib at the discretion of the helmsperson.



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