

**Poco Loco Bay Race**  
**Richmond County Yacht Club**  
**September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of PHRF-MA for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions, the rules of NEMA for Multihull Division, the Class Rules of yachts competing as one-designs, the Notice of Regatta (except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions), and these Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee will have final authority on all matters.
- 1.2 The Regatta is classified as a Category "A" Event as per RRS Appendix 1.
- 1.3 Any questions in regard to these Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing. The question and any answer will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.

**2. ENTRY**

All boats must have completed registration and paid all fees with the regatta organizing authority before becoming official competitors. All competitors must be members of PHRF-MA for the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions and members of NEMA for the Multihull Division.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located on the on the first floor of the yacht club.

**4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the sailing instructions after the skippers meeting will be approved by the Race Committee and posted before 1100 hours that day. Changes to the sailing instructions and any Notices posted will be announced on VHF Channel 71 at the Harbor Start and prior to the first warning signal of the race.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the designated official flagstaff located on the yacht club property.
- 5.2 The Answering Pennant, "AP", may be displayed. When "AP" is displayed ashore the time of the warning signal will be posted on the Notice Board before the lowering of the "AP".

6. **SCHEDULE:**

SATURDAY September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Registration 0900  
Skippers Meeting 1000  
Harbor Start 1100  
First Gun 1200  
Post Race Party 1800 or immediately following the race

7. **THE COURSES**

Division A (Spinnaker Division) and Division M (Multihull Division):

	Lat	Lon
Start:	See Section 10	40° 30' 44" N 74° 05' 55" W
First Mark:	West Bank Lighthouse (To Port)	40° 32' 16" N 74° 02' 34" W
Second Mark:	R"2"QR (To Port)	40° 37' 20" N 74° 02' 48" W
Third Mark:	West Bank Lighthouse (To Starboard)	40° 32' 16" N 74° 02' 34" W
Finish:	See Section 12	40° 30' 44" N 74° 05' 55" W
Approximate Length:	16.04 nm	

Division B (Working Sails Only):

	Lat	Lon
Start:	See Section 10	40° 30' 44" N 74° 05' 55" W
First Mark:	West Bank Lighthouse (To Port)	40° 32' 16" N 74° 02' 34" W
Second Mark:	RB"10" Norton Point (To Port)	40° 34' 13" N 74° 00' 43" W
Third Mark:	G "21" Ambrose Channel (to Port)	40° 33' 57" N 74° 04' 05" W
Fourth Mark:	West Bank Lighthouse (To Starboard)	40° 32' 16" N 74° 02' 34" W
Finish:	See Section 12	40° 30' 44" N 74° 05' 55" W
Approximate Length:	11.12 nm	

**Note:** LAT/LON are provided to give an approximate location of marks. The use of these positions shall not be grounds for redress.

8. **MARKS**

8.1 Marks of the course shall be government buoys as depicted in Section 7. Courses. The start/finish line will be a large Yellow Sphere.

9. **CHECKING IN**

Before the first warning signal each boat shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. A boat failing to do so will receive a 20% scoring penalty calculated in accordance with described in RRS 44.3(c).

10. **THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started utilizing RRS 26. Division M will utilize the International Code Flag “4” as its Class Flag. Division A will utilize the International Code Flag “1” as its Class Flag. Division B will utilize the International Code Flag “2” as its Class Flag.

Description:	Signal:	Time to Class Start:		
		M Division:	A Division:	B Division:
Warning Signal Div M:	Flag “4” Up	5:00 Min	10:00 Min	15:00 Min
Preparatory Signal Div M:	Flag “P” Up	4:00 Min	9:00 Min	14:00 Min
One-Minute Signal Div M:	Flag “P” Down	1:00 Min	6:00 Min	11:00 Min
Starting Signal Div M & Warning Signal Div A:	Flag “4” Down Flag “1” Up	Start Div M	5:00 Min	10:00 Min
Preparatory Signal Div A:	Flag “P” Up	N/A	4:00 Min	9:00 Min
One-Minute Signal Div A:	Flag “P” Down	N/A	1:00 Min	6:00 Min
Starting Signal Div A & Warning Signal Div B:	Flag “1” Down Flag “2” Up	N/A	Start A	5:00 Min
Preparatory Signal Div B:	Flag “P” Up	N/A	N/A	4:00 Min
One-Minute Signal Div B:	Flag “P” Down	N/A	N/A	1:00 Min
Starting Signal Div B:	Flag “2” Down	N/A	N/A	Start B

- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark (described in SI 8.1). The Starting Line will be in the vicinity of Old Orchard Shoal Light.

- 10.3 A boat shall start no later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

## 11. Recalls

- 11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. In addition, the Race Committee will attempt to promptly broadcast the sail number of each recalled boat on VHF channel 71. If RRS 30.1 is in effect, boats which cross the starting line in the minute prior to the start may be notified before the starting signal. The following shall not be grounds for redress:

- A) Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.
- B) Failure of the Race Committee to broadcast recall numbers
- C) A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.

## 12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a large Yellow Sphere. The finish Line will be in the vicinity of Old Orchard Shoal Light unless the course is shortened to another mark of the course.

## 13. TIME LIMIT

There shall be a 6 hour time limit for the race.

14. **SAFETY**

A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore.

15. **SCORING**

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, as modified herein, will be used.

16. **ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

16.1 The 720 Penalty, RRS 44.1 and 44.2, will apply.

16.2 A yacht taking a 720 degree turns penalty shall notify the race committee of such upon completion of the race.

17. **PROTESTS**

17.1 The protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag, in accordance with RRS 61.1.

17.2 Protests shall be written on US SAILING forms available from the race committee and lodged with the Race Committee's representative there within the Protest Time which will begin at the time of the docking of the Race Committee signal boat and end one hour later. Docking time will be posted on the Notice Board.

17.3 Protest notices will be posted within one hour of the Protest Time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are interested parties or witnesses.

17.4 The Race Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt.

18. **RADIO EQUIPMENT**

All yachts shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving radio transmissions. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive a special radio communication not available to all boats.

19. **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to yachts placing first through third in each sub division. Subdivision breakdown will be determined by the number of entries in the division.