

Richmond County Yacht Club

2011 Regatta Guide

Including NOS/R and Sailing Instructions

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Part 1 – Fundamental Rules

1 GOVERNING AUTHORITIES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 The International Sailing Federation, Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the rules of the individual classes when racing under one-design rules, and these sailing instructions will govern these races and regattas.
- 1.2 All participants are strongly encouraged to acquire a copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012, including the US Sailing Prescriptions. It's available for purchase on the US Sailing website (<http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules.htm>) as well as Amazon.com. It's free if you join US Sailing. A version without the US Prescriptions is available for download at <http://www.sailing.org/racingrules.php>.
- 1.3 No yacht may put the status of another yacht under protest through citing the eligibility requirements of United States Sailing (ERUS). The ERUS does not govern this competition nor shall it restrict any sailor's eligibility.

2 RACE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 Race Committees for the Champagne Race, the Home & Home Regatta, the Past Commodores' Race, the Over 50 Sunfish Regatta and the Poco Loco Bay Race are supplied by the Regatta Committee or by the individual event committee.
- 2.2 All yachts that race in the Marshall Series must provide a Race Committee for a Marshall Series Race.
- 2.3 Yachts that race in the Full Moon or O'Connell Series races must provide a Race Committee for either a Full Moon or O'Connell Series race.

3 FAILURE TO FULLFILL RACE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 Any yacht that has not signed up for Race Committee duty as specified in paragraph 2 (above – Race Committee Requirements) **before** the first race it enters in that series will be scored as DNE for all races sailed until the time she signs up to volunteer. All DNEs will be recorded in scoring of that series and will not be thrown out, regardless of the number of races sailed. This modifies RRS Appendix A5.
THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!
- 3.2 If you (or designated members of your crew) do not show up for your race committee commitment for any reason, your races will be scored as DNEs for the season. This modifies RRS Appendix A5. Using the Pro-Start system, you will need at least 2 people to run a proper race committee. Races are conducted, rain or shine unless abandoned by the Regatta Committee Chairperson. In any event, your crew must be on site, on time, ready to go at least 60 minutes before the race. ***NO EXCEPTIONS.***
- 3.3 If no one has volunteered for Race Committee for a particular race 24 hours prior to the start of that race, that race may be abandoned by the Regatta Committee and not be resailed or rescheduled.

4 COMMITTEE BOAT - AVAILABILITY AND BILLING

- 4.1 The Regatta Committee does not guarantee the RCYC Committee Boat will be available for every race. Race Committees must use their own vessel if the RC Boat is not available for any particular race. Race Committees may not cancel or abandon a race because the RC Boat is unavailable. If you (or designated members of your crew) cancel or abandon a race solely because the RC Boat is unavailable, your races will be scored as DNEs for the season. This modifies RRS Appendix A5.
- 4.2 Race Committees will not be charged for using the RC Boat. For races that have food service afterwards, the Regatta Committee will absorb the meal charges for up to 4 crewmembers of the RC Boat. Additional meals will be charged to the skipper of the vessel that is designated as Race Committee for that race.

5 ENTRIES

- 5.1 RCYC members will be billed for their racing activities. No refunds will be given to yachts not competing after registering.
- 5.2 Before the preparatory signal for the first division started, every yacht must register with the Race Committee by either passing close aboard the RC Boat or by communicating with the RC Boat on VHF channel 71.
- 5.3 When registering (Rule 5.2), every yacht must declare the division in which she will sail. If a yacht fails to declare a division before a race, she will be scored in the division she sailed in the first race of the series. Yachts are not permitted to change divisions after a race is scored.
- 5.4 If food service is associated with a particular race, every yacht must report the number of crew aboard that wants to participate in the food service.

6 PHRF-MA CERTIFICATES

- 6.1 Each competing yacht must have a valid 2011 PHRF-MA Rating Certificate prior to the start of all races/series it participates in and must provide a copy of that certificate to the RCYC Regatta Chairperson prior to the first race in which she competes.
- 6.2 Yachts that do not possess a valid PHRF-MA certificate will be scored as DSQ. This modifies RRS Appendix A5.
- 6.3 Applications for a PHRF rating for our area (PHRF Mid-Atlantic) are available through the PHRF-MA website (<http://www.phrfma.org>).

7 J-24s - ONE-DESIGN CLASS and PHRF

- 7.1 All J-24s racing as one-design must be members of the International J-24 Class Association and provide a copy of their class-membership card to the RCYC Regatta Chairperson.
- 7.2 J-24s participating in PHRF scored races must have a valid 2011 PHRF-MA certificate and provide a copy of that certificate to the RCYC Regatta Chairperson prior to the beginning of any series or race in which she sails.

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8 DIVISIONS

- 8.1 PHRF "A" division yachts will race using all sails allowed by their PHRF-MA handicaps. Reference PHRF-MA By-laws at <http://www.phrfma.org/page4/page5/page5.html> for full details.
- 8.2 PHRF "B" division yachts will race without the use of spinnakers or additional headsails on off-wind legs.
- 8.3 Based on the number of entries, and/or the individual ratings of the competing yachts, the Regatta Committee, at its discretion, may subdivide the PHRF "A" and/or "B" divisions.

9 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 9.1 Any notices regarding a race or series will be posted on the bulletin board in the RCYC Clubhouse a minimum of 2 hours prior to the start of the race or series.
- 9.2 Competitors are encouraged to supply their email address to the Regatta Committee chairperson for inclusion on the club email list. The most up to date information will be distributed via the club email list.

10 COURSES

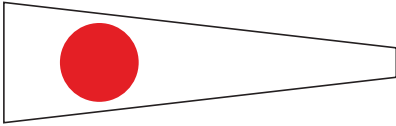
- 10.1 The reference charts for all races are the current editions of NOAA 12327 and NOAA 12331.
- 10.2 Courses will be chosen and displayed, according to RRS rule 27.1, by the Race Committee after establishing the starting line, unless otherwise specified in a special instruction for a race. (See individual race NOS/R for courses.)
- 10.3 Choice of course will be determined by wind direction, strength and prevailing conditions.
- 10.4 NOTE: Course changes prior to the start are possible. If a change is made, the final course will be displayed at the warning signal and throughout the starting sequence for each division affected.

11 THE START

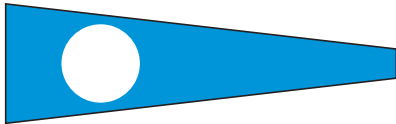
- 11.1 The starting line will be between a flag or shape on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark. The starting mark shall be kept to port unless otherwise indicated by the Race Committee prior to the first warning signal.
- 11.2 Starting times for the first division of each race are listed on the Notice of Series/Race pages. Races will be started in accordance with RRS rule 26.
- 11.3 The start signal for each class shall be the warning signal for the next. For example, the "A" division start is the warning signal for the "B" Division. (Rolling starts.)
- 11.4 Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made **MUST** keep clear of the starting area **AND** of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 11.5 If a division has 3 or more yachts, the Regatta Committee recommends the Race Committee give the division in question its own start.

12 CLASS FLAGS

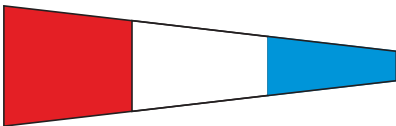
12.1 A Division- Number 1 Flag (Red circle on a white background)



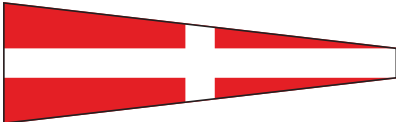
12.2 B1 Division – Number 2 Flag (White circle on a blue background)



12.3 B2 Division – Number 3 Flag (Red, white and blue vertical stripes)



12.4 J24 Division (When racing as One-Design) - Number 4 Flag (White cross on a red background)



12.5 Preparatory- Letter “P” Flag (White rectangle on a blue background)



13 RECALLS: RRS RULE 29

13.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS rule 29.1. The Race Committee shall attempt to notify any yachts that are on the course side (OCS) of the starting line, but it is solely the responsibility of the skipper to ensure that he/she starts properly.

13.2 General Recall will be signaled according to RRS rule 29.2; a new warning signal will be made one minute after the lowering of Code Flag “First Substitute.” When a general recall has been signaled, the start(s) for the succeeding class(es) will be postponed accordingly.

14 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START: RRS RULES 32 & 33

14.1 Races may be shortened, abandoned or changed in accordance with RRS rules 32 and 33. It is the racers’ responsibility to notice the visual signals, flags or shapes displayed, as well as to monitor the transmissions from the Race Committee on VHF Ch. 71.

15 THE FINISH

15.1 The finish will be between a flag or shape on the Race Committee boat and the finish mark.

16 CONFLICTS

- 16.1 If a conflict exists among this Regatta Guide, the instructions for a particular race or series, or The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, the rules of the particular race or series in this Regatta Guide shall prevail.

17 TIME LIMIT: RRS RULE 35

- 17.1 A 3-hour time limit per division applies in accordance with RRS rule 35, unless specifically-stated in the Notice of Race or Series.

18 PROTESTS: RRS RULES 60 & 61

- 18.1 Protests must be filed, in accordance with RRS rules 60 and 61. The time limit for filing a protest shall be within 1 hour of a member of the Race Committee arriving at the RCYC Club House. This modifies RRS 61.3. The Regatta Committee Chairperson will notify the participants of the time and date of the hearing.

19 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES: RRS RULE 44

- 19.1 The penalty rule will be adjusted to a 360-degree turn for all infractions unless otherwise noted in race-specific instructions. This modifies RRS 44.1.

20 SCORING: RRS Appendix A

- 20.1 All individual races will be scored using the low point system, RRS Appendix A.
- 20.2 RRS Appendix A9 shall apply for all series scores.
- 20.3 In the event of a tie at the conclusion of a series, the tie will be broken as per RRS Appendix A8.
- 20.4 Time on Time (TOT) scoring will govern all finishes.
(Search "time on time scoring" on the web for more information and discussions on the subject.) Time on Time isn't a cure-all for the inadequacies of handicap scoring. For RCYC, the biggest benefit is TOT removes the course length from the scoring equation. This has been a problem in the past with Race Committees dropping the pin in the wrong place, sometimes as much as a quarter mile out of position. When working with approximately 2.5-mile courses, that error is around +/-10%.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 The Race Committee shall transmit and monitor marine VHF channel 71. All participants are strongly encouraged to monitor VHF channel 71 throughout the race.
- 21.2 Race Committees may use another channel if conditions warrant. The Regatta Committee will post changes on the club bulletin board and make additional announcements on channel 71.
- 21.3 Unless communicating directly to the committee boat, competing yachts shall neither make marine VHF radio transmissions while racing, nor receive any marine VHF radio communications not available to all yachts.

22 SAFETY: RRS RULE 4

- 22.1 The safety of each yacht and crew is the responsibility of the owner as per RRS Rule 4.
- 22.2 Each yacht must carry all US Coast Guard and New York State required safety equipment.

23 RACE WITHDRAWAL

- 23.1 Any yacht that withdraws from a race, must notify the Race Committee on VHF channel 71 as soon as possible.

24 ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

- 24.1 The Regatta Committee reserves the right to correct errors and omissions in this Regatta Guide at any time. Notices of changes or corrections will be posted on the regatta bulletin board in the RCYC Clubhouse and a notice will be sent via the club email list.

25 PRIZES

- 25.1 The Regatta Committee will recognize yachts for performance as well as sportsmanship. The prizes will be awarded in a suitable manner at the Regatta Committee's discretion. Decisions and determinations of the Regatta Committee are final.

Paragraphs 26 through 30 are intentionally left blank for expansion and revisions.

Part 2 – NOTICE OF SERIES/RACE

31 The Marshall Series

- 31.1 Wednesday night racing has always been popular with RCYC Club Members. In 1996, our Wednesday night regattas were renamed the “The Marshall Series” in honor of Benjamin “Bud” Marshall for his years of service to racing and sailing at Richmond County Yacht Club.

32 SCHEDULE

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| 32.1 | Spring Series Dates
Starts 1845 (6:45 pm)
May 25
June 1
June 8
June 15
June 22
June 29 | Summer Series Dates
Starts 1845 (6:45 pm)
July 6
July 13
July 20
July 27
August 3
August 10 | Fall Series Dates
Starts 1830 (6:30 pm)
August 17
August 24
August 31
September 7
September 14
September 21 |
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- 32.2 A Make-Up race will be held on September 28th for yachts that performed Race Committee duty for a Marshall series race. Start time is 1830 (6:30 pm). A yacht’s score in the Make-Up Race will be used as her substitute score for the race in which the yacht performed Race Committee duty, -whether in the spring, summer or fall Marshall series.

NOTE: While other yachts are welcome to participate, only yachts that performed Race Committee duty in the Marshall Series will be scored. *The outcome of the Make-Up Race has no effect on individual race, series or overall trophy scoring unless a yacht performed race committee duty in a Marshall Series race. Yachts that were scheduled to perform race committee duty for a race that was cancelled or abandoned are not eligible to be scored in the Make-Up race.*

33 INDIVIDUAL RACE SCORING

- 33.1 All individual Marshall races will be scored using the low point system defined in RRS Appendix A.
- 33.2 Time on Time (TOT) scoring will govern all finishes.

34 SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL (SEASONAL) SERIES SCORING

- 34.1 The spring, summer and fall series shall be scored using a High Point Percentage Scoring System. This modifies RCYC Regatta Guide 20.2.

(See the document at http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/Long_Series.htm for a complete discussion of scoring systems used for a long series.)

34.2 RACES TO COUNT AND MINIMUM REQUIRED

The spring, summer and fall series will each consist of the 6 races defined in RCYC Regatta Guide 32.1 and the Make-Up race (RCYC RG 32.2).

34.3 In the spring, summer and fall series if 6 races are completed, a competing yacht's 2 worst scores will be dropped. If 5 or 4 races are completed, a competing yacht's single worst score will be dropped. If 3 or fewer races are completed, no scores will be dropped.

34.4 **SEASONAL SERIES SCORING – High Point Percentage**

Define 'N' to be the number of yachts that compete in a particular race. Each yacht finishing that race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored as follows: (Example % are for 4 boat race)

Finishing place	Score	%
First	N	100
Second	N-1	75
Third	N-2	50
Fourth	N-3	25

For each place thereafter subtract 1 additional point.

34.5 All other yachts that compete in that race, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score 0 (zero) points. Yachts that do not compete in that race (DNC) will score 0 (zero) points.

34.6 **SERIES SCORES**

The series score for each yacht will be a percentage calculated as follows: divide the sum of her race scores by the sum of the points she would have scored if she had placed first in every race in which she competed; multiply the result by 100.

The qualified yacht with the highest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.

34.7 **TIES AND OTHER RULES**

Race ties will be broken using RRS A7. Series ties will be broken using rule RRS A8.1. RRS Rules A1, A3, A5, A6, A10 and A11 also apply.

35 **OVERALL SERIES SCORING – High Point Percentage**

The Marshall Trophy will be awarded to the best overall yacht in each division for the entire season. The Marshall Trophy will consist of all races completed in the Marshall spring, summer, fall and make-up races.

There is a good deal of confusion in how the overall Marshall Trophy is calculated. Contrary to popular belief, the outcome of the Spring, Summer and Fall series has no bearing on the overall trophy calculations. The overall trophy is calculated as if all 18 Marshall races are one long, individual series. Individual races thrown out for a seasonal series still count for the overall trophy. There is no guarantee that winning 2 of the 3 seasonal series will guarantee a competitor the overall trophy.

35.1 The Marshall Trophy shall be scored using a High Point Percentage Scoring System. This modifies RCYC Regatta Guide 20.2.

See the document at http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/Long_Series.htm for a complete discussion of scoring systems used for a long series.

35.2 RACES TO COUNT AND MINIMUM REQUIRED

To qualify for inclusion in the overall series results a yacht must compete in (i.e., come to the starting area for) at least 60% (percent) of the races completed rounded to the nearest whole number. (If a number is exactly midway between 2 numbers, it is rounded to the next higher number. For example; 1.499 becomes 1; 1.5 becomes 2; 1.501 becomes 2.)

35.3 Define 'N' to be the number of yachts that compete in a particular race. Each yacht finishing that race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored as follows: (Example % are for 4 boat race)

<u>Finishing place</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>%</u>
First	N	100
Second	N-1	75
Third	N-2	50
Fourth	N-3	25

For each place thereafter subtract 1 additional point.

35.4 All other yachts that compete in that race, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score 0 (zero) points. Yachts that do not compete in that race (DNC) will score 0 (zero) points.

35.5 OVERALL SERIES SCORES

The series score for each yacht will be a percentage calculated as follows: divide the sum of her race scores by the sum of the points she would have scored if she had placed first in every race in which she competed; multiply the result by 100.

The qualified yacht with the highest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.

35.6 TIES AND OTHER RULES

Race ties will be broken using RRS A7. Series ties will be broken using RRS rule A8.1. RRS Rules A1, A3, A5, A6, A10 and A11 also apply.

36 TIME LIMIT

36.1 Any yacht not finishing by 2145 (9:45 pm) shall be scored DNF. This modifies RCYC Regatta Guide 17.1.

37 COURSES

37.1 Courses will be at the discretion of the Race Committee and chosen from the selections in this guide. Marshall courses are listed in Part 4, (beginning on page 22) in this Regatta Guide.

38 STARTING AREA

38.1 The starting area will be approximately 0.5 nm on a bearing of 236°M from the Great Kills Bug Light. The Race Committee may move from this area if required by prevailing conditions.

39 FEE

39.1 Each yacht will be charged \$16.00 to race. In addition, each yacht will be charged \$6.00 per head to feed each person aboard.

40 DIVISIONS

- 40.1 A1 – All yachts sailing with a spinnaker.
- 40.2 B1 – All non-spinnaker yachts with a PHRF-MA rating equal to or less than 156.
- 40.3 B2 – All non-spinnaker yachts with a PHRF-MA rating equal to or greater than 157.
- 40.4 J-24 – When competing as One-Design.
- 40.5 All yachts must declare the division in which she will sail before the beginning of every race. Note paragraphs 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 in this Regatta Guide.

Paragraphs 41 through 50 are intentionally left blank for expansion and revisions.

51 NOTICE OF SERIES - The Full Moon Series

51.1 The Full Moon Series races are scheduled on Friday nights that fall on or closest to the date of the full moon in the months of June, July, August and September. The series is intended as a beginner and family fun series but welcomes all levels of racers.

52 SCHEDULE

Race No.	Day, Date	Time
1)	Friday, June 17	1900 (7:00 pm)
2)	Friday, July 15	1900 (7:00 pm)
3)	Friday, August 12	1900 (7:00 pm)
4)	Friday, September 9	1900 (7:00 pm)

53 INDIVIDUAL RACE SCORING

53.1 Individual Full Moon races shall be scored using the low point system in accordance with RRS Appendix A.

53.2 Time on Time (TOT) scoring will govern all finishes.

54 OVERALL SERIES SCORING – High Point Percentage

54.1 The overall series shall be scored using a High Point Percentage Scoring System. This modifies RCYC Regatta Guide 20.2.

(See the document at http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/Long_Series.htm for a complete discussion of scoring systems used for a long series.)

54.2 RACES TO COUNT AND MINIMUM REQUIRED

The overall series will consist of the Full Moon races defined in RCYC Regatta Guide 52.1.

54.3 If 4 races are completed, a competing yacht's single worst score will be dropped. If 3 or fewer races are completed, no scores will be dropped.

54.4 Define 'N' to be the number of yachts that compete in a particular race. Each yacht finishing that race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored as follows: (Example % are for 4 boat race)

Finishing place	Score	%
First	N	100
Second	N-1	75
Third	N-2	50
Fourth	N-3	25

For each place thereafter subtract 1 additional point.

54.5 All other yachts that compete in that race, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score 0 (zero) points. Yachts that do not compete in that race (DNC) will score 0 (zero) points.

54.6 SERIES SCORES

The series score for each yacht will be a percentage calculated as follows: divide the sum of her race scores by the sum of the points she would have scored if she had placed first in every race in which she competed; multiply the result by 100.

The qualified yacht with the highest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.

54.7 TIES AND OTHER RULES

Race ties will be broken using RRS A7. Series ties will be broken using RRS rule A8.1. RRS Rules A1, A3, A5, A6, A10 and A11 also apply.

55 TIME LIMIT

55.1 Any yacht not finishing by 2200 hrs (10:00 pm) for races started at 1900 hrs (7:00 pm), and 1900 hrs (7:00 pm) for races started at 1600 hrs (4:00 pm), shall be scored DNF.

56 COURSES

56.1 Courses will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

57 STARTING AREA

57.1 The starting area will be approximately 0.5 nm on a bearing of 236°M from the Great Kills Bug Light. The Race Committee may move from this area if required by prevailing conditions.

58 FEE

58.1 Each yacht will be charged \$16.00 to race. The per person food charge will vary and be established before each race so everyone is aware of the costs involved. It will also allow some flexibility as to the types of meals served.

59 DIVISIONS

59.1 All yachts will sail as B2 - non-spinnaker yachts. The use of additional sails or spinnakers on off-wind legs is prohibited.

60 PHRF CERTIFICATES

60.1 Because the Full Moon races are intended as an introduction to yacht racing and to encourage friendly competition between club yachts, provisional PHRF ratings will be available for the Full Moon series. This modifies RCYC Regatta Guide rules 6.1 and 6.2.

60.2 The Regatta Committee reserves the right to adjust any provisional rating during the season as it sees fit.

60.3 A yacht that has a current PHRF-MA rating may request a review of another yacht's provisional rating with the RCYC Regatta Committee. After review, the Regatta Committee's decisions are final.

60.4 A yacht with a provisional rating will not have the right to protest its rating or the rating of another yacht.

60.5 Yachts competing in the Full Moon series that have current PHRF-MA ratings will sail using those ratings. All rating reviews for yachts with PHRF-MA ratings must be conducted through PHRF-MA as specified in their By-Laws.

Paragraphs 61 through 70 are intentionally left blank for expansion and revisions.

71 The O'Connell Series

71.1 The O'Connell Series is named for the late William O'Connell, who for years was an avid and competitive racing sailor. Families are encouraged to participate and join in the fun.

72 SCHEDULE

Race No.	Day, Date	Time
1)	Sunday, June 12	1400 (2:00 pm)
2)	Sunday, June 26	1400 (2:00 pm)
3)	Sunday, July 17	1400 (2:00 pm)
4)	Sunday, August 14	1400 (2:00 pm)
5)	Sunday, August 28	1400 (2:00 pm)
6)	Sunday, September 25	1400 (2:00 pm)

73 INDIVIDUAL RACE SCORING

73.1 Individual O'Connell races shall be scored using the low point system in accordance with RRS Appendix A.

73.2 Time on Time (TOT) scoring will govern all finishes.

74 OVERALL SERIES SCORING – High Point Percentage

74.1 The overall series shall be scored using a High Point Percentage Scoring System. This modifies RCYC Regatta Guide 20.2.

(See the document at http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/Long_Series.htm for a complete discussion of scoring systems used for a long series.)

74.2 RACES TO COUNT AND MINIMUM REQUIRED

The overall series will consist of the O'Connell races defined in RCYC Regatta Guide 72.1.

74.3 If 6 races are completed, a competing yacht's 2 worst scores will be dropped. If 5 or 4 races are completed, a competing yacht's single worst score will be dropped. If 3 or fewer races are completed, no scores will be dropped.

74.4 Define 'N' to be the number of yachts that compete in a particular race. Each yacht finishing that race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored as follows: (Example % are for 4 boat race)

Finishing place	Score	%
First	N	100
Second	N-1	75
Third	N-2	50
Fourth	N-3	25

For each place thereafter subtract 1 additional point.

74.5 All other yachts that compete in that race, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score 0 (zero) points. Yachts that do not compete in that race (DNC) will score 0 (zero) points.

74.6 SERIES SCORES

The series score for each yacht will be a percentage calculated as follows: divide the sum of her race scores by the sum of the points she would have scored if she had placed first in every race in which she competed; multiply the result by 100.

The qualified yacht with the highest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.

74.7 TIES AND OTHER RULES

Race ties will be broken using RRS A7. Series ties will be broken using RRS rule A8.1. RRS Rules A1, A3, A5, A6, A10 and A11 also apply.

75 TIME LIMIT

75.1 Any yacht not finishing by 1700 (5:00 pm) shall be scored DNF.

76 COURSES

76.1 Courses will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

77 STARTING AREA

77.1 The starting area will be approximately 0.5 nm on a bearing of 236°M from the Great Kills Bug Light. The Race Committee may move from this area if required by prevailing conditions.

78 FEE

78.1 Each yacht will be charged \$16.00 to race. There is no food service after each race.

79 DIVISIONS

79.1 All yachts will sail as B2 - non-spinnaker yachts. The use of additional sails or spinnakers on off-wind legs is prohibited.

80 PHRF CERTIFICATES

80.1 Because the O'Connell races are intended as an introduction to yacht racing and to encourage friendly competition between club yachts, provisional PHRF ratings will be available for the O'Connell series. This modifies RCYC Regatta Guide rules 6.1 and 6.2.

80.2 The Regatta Committee reserves the right to adjust any provisional rating during the season as it sees fit.

80.3 A yacht that has a current PHRF-MA rating may request a review of another yacht's provisional rating with the RCYC Regatta Committee. After review, the Regatta Committee's decisions are final.

80.4 A yacht with a provisional rating will not have the right to protest its rating or the rating of another yacht.

80.5 Yachts competing in the O'Connell series that have current PHRF-MA ratings will sail using those ratings. All rating reviews for yachts with PHRF-MA ratings must be conducted through PHRF-MA as specified in their By-Laws.

Paragraphs 81 through 90 are intentionally left blank for expansion and revisions.

91 The Champagne Race

91.1 This RCYC tradition returned in 2008 with a vengeance. It's the most non-race race on the calendar. Look for more details later in the season.

92 SCHEDULE

92.1 DATE: Sunday, August 7
START: 1400 hours

93 RACE SCORING

93.1 The Champagne race shall be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A.
93.2 Sundial on Chronometer (SOC) scoring will govern all finishes. It's exactly the same as Time on Time (TOT), only different.

94 TIME LIMIT

94.1 Any yacht not finishing by 1700 (5:00 pm) shall be scored DNF.

95 COURSE

95.1 Course will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

96 STARTING AREA

96.1 The starting area will be approximately 0.5 nm on a bearing of 236°M from the Great Kills Bug Light. The Race Committee may move from this area if required by prevailing conditions.

97 FEE

97.1 Each yacht will be charged to race. There will be a per person fee to participate in the after race party and feast. The fees will be established before the race.

98 DIVISIONS

98.1 All yachts will sail as B2 - all non-spinnaker yachts. The use of additional sails or spinnakers on off-wind legs is prohibited.

99 PHRF CERTIFICATES

99.1 PHRF ratings for this race will be (wildly) adjusted by the event chairs based on a number of criteria and whatever else they feel like at the moment. Sunspot activity, humidity, barometric pressure, UV index, cohesive coefficient and vapor pressure are calculated and factored in. Provisional ratings will be available and encouraged and secret. We won't tell you before you race, so it really is futile.

99.2 Yachts competing in the Champagne Race that have current PHRF-MA ratings really shouldn't count on sailing using those ratings.

99.3 A yacht with a provisional rating will not have the right to protest it's rating. As a matter of fact, nobody has any right to protest anything in this race.

99.4 This sure as hell modifies RCYC Regatta Guide rules 6.1, 6.2 and probably a lot more stuff I didn't bother to look up.

Paragraphs 100 through 110 are intentionally left blank for expansion and revisions.

111 SAVE THE DATE – Home and Home Regatta

111.1 Miramar Yacht Club in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn contacted us last year to find out if RCYC was interested in reviving this event from past years. We'll try it this year to gauge interest. Miramar will have moorings available for yachts that want to overnight on Friday evening. The start will be in the vicinity of the Sheepshead Bay entrance channel early Saturday afternoon. We will race to RCYC with the finish in the vicinity of our Wednesday night RC Boat position. There will be a party and awards ceremony at RCYC Saturday evening. All clubs in the bay will be invited.

112 SCHEDULE

112.1 Friday, August 19, 2011

Skipper's Meeting – Miramar Yacht Club, Brooklyn – Time: 1900 (approx.)

112.2 Saturday, August 20, 2011

Race Start - In the vicinity of Sheepshead Bay channel – Time – 1300 (approx.)

113 A separate, formal Notice of Race and fees will be announced and posted later in the season.

Paragraphs 114 through 120 are intentionally left blank for expansion and revisions.

121 The Past Commodores' Cup Race

121.1 Added to the RCYC racing schedule in 1996, the Past Commodores' Cup Race has become a favorite. The purpose of this race is to get the "old salt" PCs out on the race course again. Yachts skippered by a PC are eligible for awards, but any and all yachts are encouraged to compete for "The Kathleen Cup" as "Mere Mortals." Best of all, we'll see who wins this year's Fugawi Award! (The Fugawi is awarded to the last place yacht in the Past Commodores' Division.)

122 SCHEDULE

122.1 Saturday, September 17th, 2011 - Rain or Shine
Yacht Check-In Begins: 1000 • Skipper's Meeting: 1100 • Harbor Start: 1200
First Gun: 1300 • Post Race Steak and Brew Dinner: 1830

123 RACE SCORING

123.1 The Past Commodore's Cup race shall be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A.

123.2 Time on Time (TOT) scoring will govern all finishes.

124 TIME LIMIT

124.1 Any yacht not finishing by 1700 (5:00 pm) shall be scored DNF.

125 COURSE

125.1 In the vicinity of Old Orchard, Romer Shoal and West Bank lighthouses with direction and actual course to be determined by the Race Committee depending upon wind, sea and weather conditions.

126 STARTING AREA

126.1 In the vicinity of Old Orchard Light. The Race Committee may move from this area if required by prevailing conditions.

127 FEE

127.1 Each yacht will be charged to participate in the race. The race fee includes four (4) tickets to the Post-Race Awards Dinner Party. Additional dinner tickets will be available from the Regatta Committee. The Regatta Committee will post all fees before the race.

128 DIVISIONS

128.1 All yachts will sail as B2 - non-spinnaker yachts. The use of additional sails or spinnakers on off-wind legs is prohibited.

128.2 Past Commodores Division – All yachts skippered by a Past Commodore of the Richmond County Yacht Club.

128.3 Mere Mortals Division – All other yachts.

129 PHRF CERTIFICATES

129.1 Because the Past Commodore race is intended to encourage friendly competition between club yachts, provisional PHRF ratings are available. This modifies RCYC Regatta Guide rules 6.1 and 6.2.

129.2 The Regatta Committee reserves the right to adjust any provisional rating during the season as it sees fit.

- 129.3 A yacht may request a review of another yacht's provisional rating with the RCYC Regatta Committee. After review, the Regatta Committee's decisions are final.
- 129.4 A yacht with a provisional rating will not have the right to protest its rating or the rating of another yacht.
- 129.5 Yachts competing in the Past Commodore race that have current PHRF-MA ratings will sail using those ratings. All rating reviews for yachts with PHRF-MA ratings must be conducted through PHRF-MA as specified in their By-Laws.

Paragraphs 130 through 140 are intentionally left blank for expansion and revisions.

141 SAVE THE DATE – Over 50 Sunfish Regatta

- 141.1 You must be 50 years old as of this date. If you look younger than that - you'd better bring photo ID. The Regatta will be sailed in Sunfish. Beg, borrow or steal one ahead of time! If we have more skippers than boats, we may have to rotate in and out. Bring food to throw on the grill after the races.

For more info contact Betsy Mahoney - 718-984-5131.

142 DATE

- 142.1 Sunday, September 18, 2011
SKIPPER'S MEETING: 1200 (Noon)
START: 1300

- 143 A separate, formal Notice of Race and fees will be announced and posted later in the season.**

144 SAVE THE DATE - Poco Loco Bay Race

- 144.1 In memory of Past Member Richie O'Connell. The race proceeds benefit "JDRF" (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).

145 DATE

- 145.1 Saturday, September 24, 2011
START: 1200 (Noon)

- 146 A separate, formal Notice of Race and fees will be announced and posted later in the season.**

Paragraphs 147 through 150 are intentionally left blank for expansion and revisions.

Part 3 – RACE COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

151 STARTING AREA

- 151.1 The starting area will be approximately 0.5 nm on a bearing of 236°M from the Great Kills Bug Light. In other words go to the Bug Light, turn to 236°M and proceed .5 nm and drop the pin. The GPS coordinates for the position are N40°30.934', W074°08.345'. Setting the pin in the proper position aids yachts in locating the finish line after dark. The Race Committee may move from this area if required by prevailing conditions.

152 TO SELECT A COURSE AND START A RACE

- 152.1 Anchor the Pin at N40°30.934', W074°08.345'. Determine wind direction with a compass. If in doubt, ask an experienced competitor for assistance with wind direction and placing the pin end of the line.
- 152.2 Anchor the Race Committee boat so the course starting line is perpendicular to the wind direction or next mark, if not directly upwind. Make sure the starting line is long enough. Short lines are hazardous to competing yachts!

NOTE: When in doubt, drop the pin as close as possible to the aforementioned position, and then anchor the Committee Boat. After the Committee Boat has settled in position, ask an experienced competitor to drag the pin to its proper position. There is no shame in asking for help!

- 152.3 Select a course closest to the prevailing, determined wind direction. Course length and number of laps should be based on wind and weather conditions.
- 152.4 Inform the competitors of the course chosen and order of start via VHF Ch. 71 and on the white board aboard the RC Boat.

152.5 THE "L" FLAG



When the Race Committee is prepared to accept check-ins, raise the "L" flag. Officially, the meaning of the "L" flag is "follow me" or "come within hail". The spirit we will use the "L" flag is "come within hail".

- 152.6 When you're ready to start the race, drop the "L" flag as you press the "Start Sequence" button on the Pro-Start. The Pro-Start will sound 4 warning horns. You are 1 minute to the beginning of the first sequence. The Pro Start sounds 5-4-3-2-1 beeps before each horn and flag move. No other key presses are needed until all boats are away. The Pro-Start will cycle through 5 minute rolling sequences as long as there is power in the battery.

We encourage RCs to key the mike and transmit the pre-horn beeps for competitors.

Complete instructions and information about the Pro-Start can be found on the instruction cards in the Pro-Start bag. Additional information is available at <http://www.phcsystems.com/index.shtml>

See page 21 for the start sequence chart. The timing of the sequence is critical. The Pro-Start system eliminates timing errors by race committees that only go out once a year. Timing errors are the #1 complaint the Regatta Committee hears from racers.

152.7 The Regatta Committee encourages Race Committees not to move the Pin or Race Committee Boat during the race. If the pin and boat are moved, the RC must notify the racers. Refer to paragraph 14 in this Regatta Guide.

152.8 Record all times as clock time. **DO NOT** attempt to compute elapsed times.

153 INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPETITORS




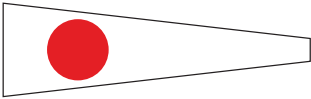

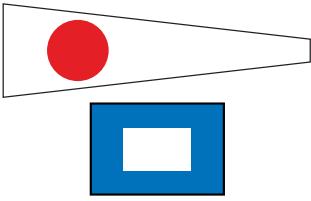

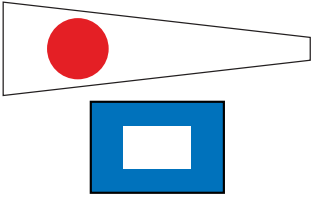


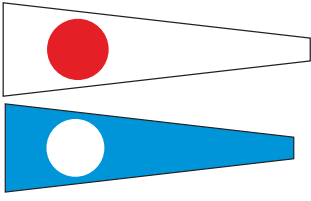

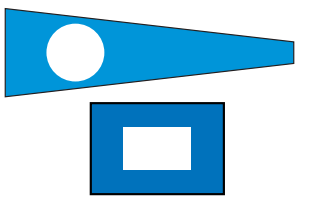

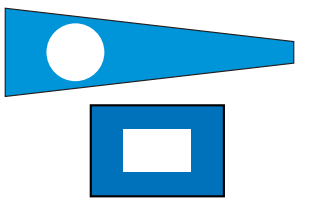
153.1 *PLEASE DO NOT COMMUNICATE WITH THE RACE COMMITTEE UNTIL THEY HAVE RAISED THE "L" FLAG.*



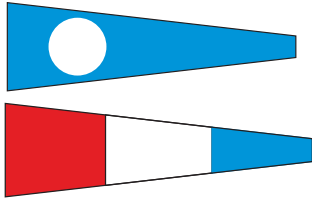

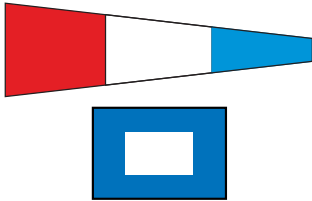

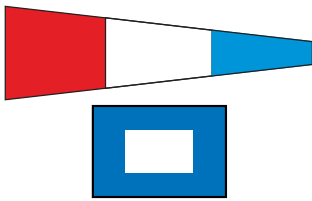


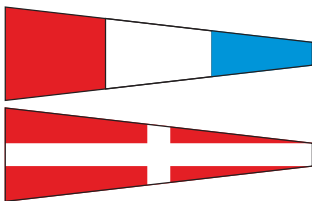

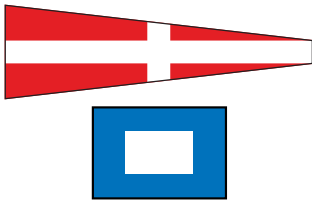

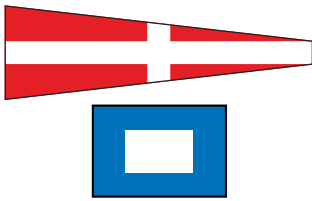

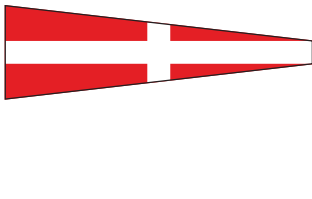
153.2 Before keying your microphone, LISTEN! The Race Committee will repeat crucial information multiple times. Excess and unnecessary chatter on the radio is confusing.

153.3 *NOTE: RCYC REGATTA GUIDE RULES 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4.* Every yacht must register with the Race Committee prior to racing.

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<p>Approximately 1 minute before the sequence begins, drop the "L" flag and push the "Start Sequence" button on the Pro-Start system.</p> <p>The system will sound 4 warning horns.</p>		
		
<p>The system warns the RC of each flag move with 5-4-3-2-1 beeps.</p>	<p>Flag move UP or DOWN</p>	<p>The system sounds 1 long horn each time a flag move is required.</p> <p>Flag(s) changed with each horn.</p>
<p>20 mins. A Seq. Begins</p>		
<p>19 mins. Prep Up</p>		
<p>16 mins. Prep Down</p>		
<p>15 mins. A Division Start B1 Seq. Begins</p>	 	
<p>14 mins. Prep Up</p>		
<p>11 mins. Prep Down</p>		

<p>Sequence timing is critical.</p> <p>We strongly encourage every RC to use the Pro-Start system.</p> <p>It completely automates the sequence and eliminates timing errors.</p>		
<p>10 mins. B1 Division Start B2 Seq. Begins</p>	 	
<p>9 mins. Prep Up</p>		
<p>6 mins. Prep Down</p>		
<p>5 mins. B2 Division Start J24 Seq. Begins</p>	 	
<p>4 mins. Prep Up</p>		
<p>1 mins. Prep Down</p>		
<p>0 mins. J24 Division Start</p>		

Part 4 – MARSHALL SERIES COURSES

WINDWARD/LEEWARD - WINDWARD STARTING COURSES:

ALL MARKS SHALL BE LEFT TO PORT.

WIND HEADINGS AND COMPASS BEARINGS ARE IN DEGREES MAGNETIC.

COURSE LENGTHS ARE FOR 1 LAP.

COURSE NUMBER	WIND RANGE (M°)	MARK (NAME)	BEARING (M°)	LENGTH (nm)
1.	095-125	OLD ORCHARD	110	3.70
2.	125-150	RN "8" R.E.R.	141	5.54
3.	135-155	RB "10" R.E.R.	147	4.34
4.	150-170	RN "12" R.E.R.	159	3.20
5.	170-195	RB "14" R.E.R.	179	2.34
6.	195-215	RN "16" R.W.R.	207	2.04
7.	225-245	RB "18" R.W.R.	237	2.30
8.	235-255	Rockpile "20"	247	2.40
9.	245-265	RN "20A"	254	1.36
10.	255-275	RB "26" R.W.R.	266	3.66
11.	260-280	RN "28" S.P.B.	272	4.38
12.	265-285	RB "30" S.P.B.	275	4.88

WINDWARD/LEEWARD - LEEWARD STARTING COURSES:

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WIND HEADINGS AND COMPASS BEARINGS ARE IN DEGREES MAGNETIC.

COURSE LENGTHS ARE FOR 1 LAP.

COURSE NUMBER	WIND RANGE (M°)	MARK (NAME)	BEARING (M°)	LENGTH (nm)
13.	275-305	OLD ORCHARD	110	3.70
14.	305-330	RN "8" R.E.R.	141	5.54
15.	315-335	RB "10" R.E.R.	147	4.34
16.	330-350	RN "12" R.E.R.	159	3.20
17.	350-015	RB "14" R.E.R.	179	2.34
18.	015-035	RN "16" R.W.R.	207	2.04
19.	045-065	RB "18" R.W.R.	237	2.30
20.	055-075	Rockpile "20"	247	2.40
21.	065-085	RN "20A"	254	1.36
22.	075-095	RB "26" R.W.R.	266	3.66
23.	080-100	RN "28" S.P.B.	272	4.38
24.	085-105	RB "30" S.P.B.	275	4.88

Part 4 – MARSHALL SERIES COURSES (cont'd)

MARSHALL SERIES TRIANGLE COURSES:

NOTE: "0.0" is Old Orchard Light.
 "P" is Pin.

All marks are red buoys in the Raritan Reach

ALL MARKS SHALL BE LEFT TO STARBOARD.

WIND HEADINGS AND COMPASS BEARINGS ARE IN DEGREES MAGNETIC.
 COURSE LENGTHS ARE FOR 1 LAP.

COURSE NUMBER	WIND RANGE (DEGREES)	MARK (NAME)	BEARING 1 st Mark (M°)	LENGTH (nm)
25.	095-125	0.0 - R "16" - P	110	6.94
26.	095-125	0.0 - R "14" - P	110	6.67
27.	135-155	R "10" - R "16" - P	147	5.06
28.	150-170	R "12" - R "18" - P	159	4.52
29.	170-195	R "14" - R "20A" - P	179	3.04
30.	195-215	R "16" - R "20A" - P	207	2.44

ALL MARKS SHALL BE LEFT TO PORT.

WIND HEADINGS AND COMPASS BEARINGS ARE IN DEGREES MAGNETIC.
 COURSE LENGTHS ARE FOR 1 LAP.

COURSE NUMBER	WIND RANGE (DEGREES)	MARK (NAME)	BEARING 1 st Mark (M°)	LENGTH (nm)
31.	225-245	R "18" - R "14" - P	237	3.45
32.	195-215	R "16" - 0.0 - P	207	6.94
33.	170-195	R "14" - 0.0 - P	179	6.67
34.	150-170	R "12" - 0.0 - P	159	6.74
35.	135-155	R "10" - 0.0 - P	147	7.18