



ITMA/12 Metre Class Americas Fleet

2009

Newport Trophy Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Newport, Rhode Island, USA
July 25 - 26, 2009



ITMA

Host



Ida Lewis Yacht Club

Organizing Authority

1. RULES

- 1.1 The 2009-2012 RRS.
- 1.2 The International Twelve Metre Association (ITMA) By-laws and Regulations as of July 2, 2008 and the International Twelve Metre Class Rule as of July 2, 2008 and any subsequent amendments.
- 1.3 In order to suit local conditions, the Race Committee has received permission from the ITMA Executive Committee to vary the length of the courses from those specified in the ITMA By-law 10.2.2

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors including race results, amendments and protest hearings schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at Ida Lewis Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Flag "L" flown from the flagpole at Ida Lewis Yacht Club indicates an amendment has been posted.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at Ida Lewis Yacht Club
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal "AP".

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The Race Committee will attempt to run FIVE races. Not more than three races will be sailed on any one day. Three completed races constitute a series.
- 5.2 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 daily.
- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday July 26th 2009.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Division A ~ Grand Prix ----- Numeral Pennant 1
- Division B ~ Modern ----- Numeral Pennant 2
- Division C ~ Traditional ----- Numeral Pennant 3
- Division D ~ Vintage ----- Numeral Pennant 4

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Rendezvous areas will be signaled at 0900 from the yardarm at Ida Lewis YC and announced on Ch 72 VHF
- 7.2 Flag "A" - rendezvous southwest of R"2", Brenton Point
- Flag "B" - rendezvous near Halfway Rock, East Passage, Narragansett Bay

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix 1 – show the courses to be sailed. Rounding marks may be ignored when finishing.
The course to be sailed, the number of legs, the bearing and distance to the first mark will be displayed on a board on the committee boat.
- 8.2 Rounding marks will be left to port.
- 8.3 The distance between the windward mark and the offset mark shall not be counted as a leg.
- 8.4 The leeward/gate mark will be set approximately 0.1 nm to windward of the starting line.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Rounding marks will be orange tetrahedrons except that the offset mark will be an orange spherical mark.
- 9.2 A new mark as provided for in SI 11.1, will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- 9.3 The starting mark will be a yellow tetrahedron.
The finish mark will be an orange sphere.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the yellow tetrahedron at the port end of the line.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A 4.1

11. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When, in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and an orange sphere positioned as depicted on the Appendix 1 course card.
The finish line committee boat will display Flag "Second Repeater" if a subsequent race is to be sailed. The Race Committee will attempt to announce on Ch. 72 VHF, the anticipated time of the warning signal for subsequent races.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 As described in rule 44.1, Rule 44.3 – Scoring Penalty will apply and the penalty will be ONE place.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit is 3 hours except that any boat failing to finish within ½ hour after the first boat in her class sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35 and A4.1

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available at the Ida Lewis Yacht Club dock office. Protests shall be delivered there within ONE and ONE HALF(1 1/2) hour after the committee boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted.
- 15.2 Notices will be posted within 10 minutes of the end of protest time expiring to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at Pier 49. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest room. Failure of a boat to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Protest Committee as grounds for proceeding under rule 63.3(b). Protest will be heard at the Ida Lewis Yacht Club.
- 15.3 A list of boats that, under SI 13.1 flew a yellow flag will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.4 Competitors shall report protests and requests for redress to the Race Committee by radio on Ch 72 after finishing the race.
- 15.5 Rule 63.5 is changed by adding – “A protest involving contact may be heard by the Protest Committee even though the requirements of rule 61.1(a) and 61.3 have not been fulfilled.”
- 15.6 Penalties, if any, for breaches of rules other than rules of Part 2 may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. This changes rule 64.1(a).
- 16. SCORING. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply except that if four races are completed, each boat shall discard her worst score. This alters RRS A2.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.2 Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have right of way over a vessel under power which may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.
- 17.3 Navy Base Security Zone: Competitors shall not sail inside a line connecting any of the white marks which indicate a Navy Base security zone extending from the Navy breakwater to the Naval War College.
- 17.4 In the event that life saving equipment is lost overboard, it should be retrieved. If recovery is impossible, loss of any equipment that floats shall be reported immediately to the Race Committee and to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard station on Channel 16 VHF.

18. SUPPORT BOATS

- 18.1 Support boats shall stay outside of a 100 yard radius of any boat that is racing.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, 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 any other wireless device.

- 19.1 The race committee will utilize Ch 72 VHF for communications with competing boats for race information, recalls, change of course etc. Failure to do so shall not be grounds for seeking redress. The race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats over Ch 72 VHF. The order and timing of such hails will not be grounds for redress.
- 19.2 Boats should monitor Ch 72 while racing for Race Committee communications.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday July 26th 2009, at Ida Lewis Yacht Club

1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies will be awarded, by Division, if more than 3 yachts compete in that Division. 1st and 2nd place trophies will be awarded, by Division, if only 3 yachts compete in that Division. A 1st place trophy will be awarded, by Division, if only 2 yachts compete in that Division. If only one yacht competes in a Division, a trophy will not be awarded.

This regatta counts towards the five-regatta Golden Year Tour Trophy and season long Ted Hood Trophy.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 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.