



THE INTERNATIONAL 12 METRE CLASS

2009

12 Metre

World Championships

&

North American Championships



ITMA
Host

Sailing Instructions

Newport, Rhode Island, USA
September 22 - 27, 2009



NYYC
Organizing Authority

The 12 Metre World and North American Championships will be held concurrently. The Candy Store Cup is a separate race that will be run during the World & North American Championships, but shall not count in the overall results. All competing yachts shall dock at Bannister's Wharf for the duration of the regatta. The race headquarters is located at Bannister's Wharf, Bowen's Wharf and the Seamen's Church Institute

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Both the 12 Metre Class By-Laws & Regulations as of July 2, 2008 and the 12 Metre Class Rules as of July 2, 2008 shall apply.
- 1.3 Only the following US SAILING prescriptions shall apply: 40, 61.4, 68, 76.1, 76.3 and Appendix F.
- 1.4 In order to suit local conditions, the Race Committee has received permission from the ITMA Owners Committee to vary the length of the courses from those specified in ITMA by-law 10.2.2.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors including race results, amendments and protest hearings schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the 1st floor lobby at the Seaman's Church Institute.

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 Bannister's Wharf indicates an amendment has been posted.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at Bannister's Wharf.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal "AP".
- 4.3 When Flag "Y" is displayed ashore, Rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The Race Committee will attempt to run 8 races. No more than three races will be sailed on any one day. Four completed races constitute a series.
- 5.2 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 daily.

6 CLASS FLAGS

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 Bannister's Wharf and announced on VHF Channel 72.
- 7.2 Flag "A" - rendezvous southwest of R"2", Brenton Point
Flag "R" - rendezvous south of Halfway Rock, East Passage, Narragansett Bay

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in SI Appendix 1 – Courses show the drop mark courses to be sailed.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed, the number of legs if course 'W' is used, and the bearing and distance to the first mark will be displayed on a board on the Race Committee signal boat. The distance between the windward mark and the offset mark shall not be counted as a leg.
- 8.3 Rounding marks will be left to port.
- 8.4 The leeward mark will be set approximately 0.1 nm to windward of the starting line.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Rounding marks will be 8' orange tetrahedrons. The offset mark will be an orange sphere.
- 9.2 A new mark as provided for in SI 11.1 will be an 8' yellow tetrahedron.
- 9.3 The starting mark will be a 5' yellow tetrahedron. The finishing mark will be an orange sphere.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new 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 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 the finishing mark as depicted in SI Appendix 1 – Courses.

12.2 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 the anticipated time of the warning signal for subsequent races on VHF Channel 72.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.3 – Scoring Penalty will apply. The penalty will be ONE place worse than her finishing place.

14 TIME LIMITS

The time limit is 3 hours except that any boat failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in her class to sail the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Rules 35 and A4.1.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Admin found on the 2nd Floor in the library of the Seamen’s Church Institute. Protests shall be delivered there within ONE (1) hour after the committee boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.2 Notices will be posted no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the regatta Jury Room found on the 2nd Floor in the library of the Seamen’s Church Institute. 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).

15.3 A list of boats that took a scoring penalty will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the 1st floor lobby of the Seamen’s Church Institute.

15.4 A boat shall report protests and requests for redress to the Race Committee by radio on VHF Channel 72 immediately 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

16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply except that if five or more races are completed, each boat may discard her worst score. This changes rule 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 VHF Channel 16.

18 SUPPORT BOATS

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

19 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 The race committee will utilize VHF Channel 72 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 VHF Channel 72. The order and timing of such hails will not be grounds for redress.
- 19.3 Boats should monitor VHF Channel 72 while racing for race committee communications.

20 PRIZES.

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded on Sunday September 27th at 1330 at New York Yacht Club.

20.2 12 Metre World Championships:

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.

20.3 12 Metre North American Championships:

1st place trophy will be awarded, by Division. If only one yacht competes in a Division, a trophy will not be awarded.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, the 12 Metre Class and any sponsors 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. Attention is also drawn to ISAF Offshore Special Regulation 1.02, Responsibility of the Person in Charge, as well as the "Waiver and Release of Liability".

22 ADDITIONAL CREW

22.1 17th Crew

With the concurrence of the skipper, the 17th crew position may be assigned by the Organizing Authority or the Regatta Co-Chairs on any given day to yachts in DIVISIONS B, C and D only. This position has been established to satisfy sponsorship fulfillment. The 17th crew shall not participate as a racing crew in any manner.

22.2 Camera Crew

The skipper may be asked at any time to allow a camera person on board while racing. The camera person shall not count toward the crew limit.

23 NOTES.

23.1 Newport Tides

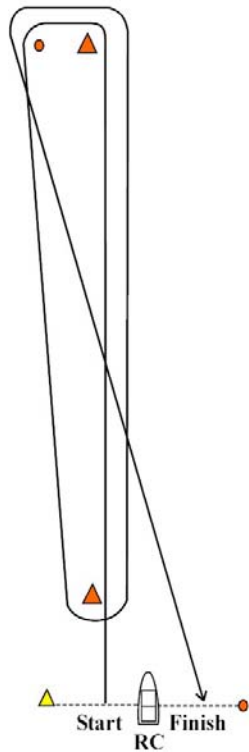
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Wed.	Sept. 23	1149	1718
Thurs.	Sept. 24	1241	1806
Fri.	Sept. 25	1335	1910
Sat.	Sept. 26	1433	0650

23.2 All times herein are Eastern Daylight times. Distances used herein are expressed in nautical miles (when not otherwise defined) and are approximate.

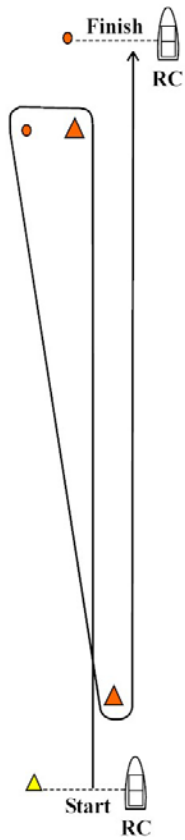
23.3 For further information please contact:

Connie Bischoff, 31 Coddington Wharf, Unit 29, Newport, RI 02840, cell: 305 812-1073;
Connie12Metre@aol.com

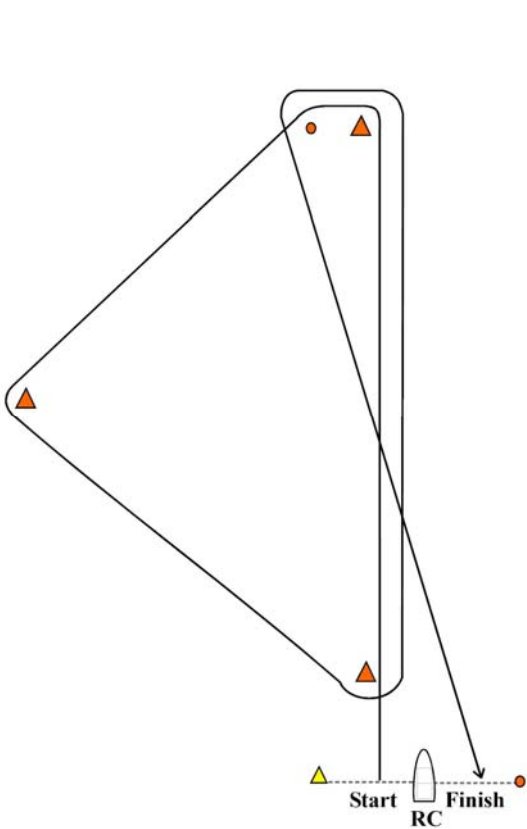
APPENDIX 1 - COURSES



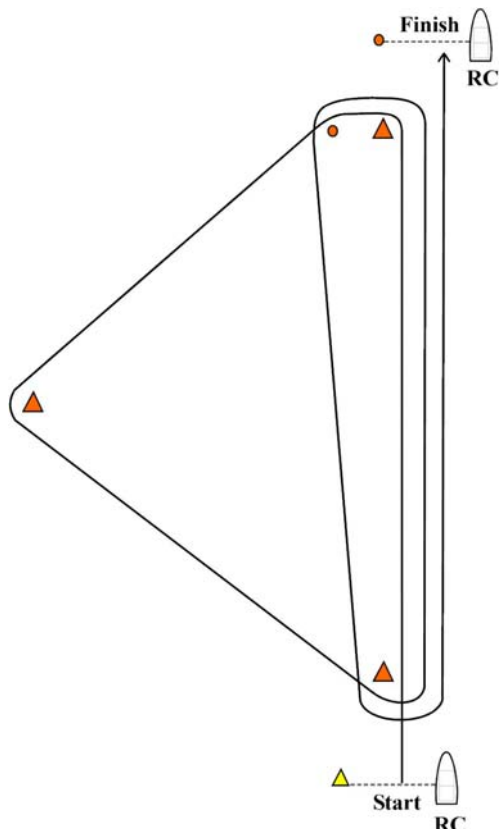
Course 'W' with even number of legs



Course 'W' with odd number of legs



Course 'K'



Course 'O'

APPENDIX 2 – CANDY STORE CUP

1 SCHEDULE & FORMAT

- 1.1 The Candy Store Cup will be sailed under the sailing instructions for the 2009 12 Metre World Championships except as changed in this Appendix.
- 1.2 Racing for the Candy Store Cup will be held during the World Championships as an additional race on Thursday or Friday as chosen by the Race Committee and the Regatta Co-Chairs, and their intention will be announced at 0900 on VHF Channel 72 on the morning the Candy Store Cup may be run.
- 1.3 At the end of any race during the World Championships, if flag “L” is displayed at the finish, boats shall remain in the vicinity of the committee boat and monitor VHF Channel 72 for Candy Store Cup race information.
- 1.4 The Candy Store Cup will consist of one race which is open to all 12 Metre yachts. NOR 1.2 and SI 1.2 do not apply.

2 THE START

- 2.1 The start will be in the vicinity of the finish of the Worlds Championships race that day.
- 2.2 The class flag will be the 12 Metre Class Burgee.
- 2.3 All 12 Metre yachts will start in one class.

3 COURSE

- 3.1 The course will run from the start area into Newport Harbor and finish at Bannister’s Wharf.
- 3.2 Special Mark “V”
 - a) The Race Committee may set a special windward mark “V” by displaying flag “V” above a Green or Red flag on a separate pole.
 - b) Mark “V” is to be rounded either to STARBOARD (Green flag below “V”), or to PORT (Red flag below “V”).
 - c) The bearing and distance to mark “V” will be displayed on a board on the race committee boat.
 - d) Mark “V” will be an orange inflatable mark.
- 3.3 If marks from the South Bay Race Chart supplied at registration are used, the order of marks to be rounded will be displayed on a white board on the race committee signal boat and will designate on which side the marks are to be left.
- 3.4 The following marks shall be rounded AFTER the last mark displayed from the race committee signal boat:
 - Mark “Y” (from the South Bay Race Chart) – to port
 - G “3” Fl G 2.5 sec Bell at the south end of Goat Island – to port
 - Special race mark (5’ orange tetrahedron) at the south-east edge of the mooring field – to port
- 3.3 All government marks shall be left on their correct side.

4 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the orange flag on a pole at Bannister’s Wharf and the nearby 5’ inflatable orange tetrahedron.

5 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for all yachts is three hours or 1700 on the day of the race, whichever is earlier.

6 SCORING

This race does not count toward the 12 Metre World Championships, the North American Championships or the Ted Hood trophy.

7 PRIZES

- 7.1 The first boat to sail the course and finish will receive a magnum of champagne.
- 7.2 A prize will also be awarded to the winner of each division.