

HYC WOMEN'S SPRING REGATTA

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Organized by Hampton Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 ENTRIES

2.1 The regatta will be open to all HYC women members or women participating in the HYC Women's Sailing Program.

2.2 Boat and crew assignments will be done at the Saturday morning Skippers Meeting.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the HYC Lounge.

3.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 10:30 Saturday morning.

4 SCHEDULE

10:00 am Check-In (Lounge)

10:30 am Skippers Meeting & Boat Assignments (Patio)

12:00 pm Warning Signal

3:30 pm Post-Race Awards Party (Lounge)

5 Racing Program

5.1 Racing will be conducted off Strawberry Banks at the mouth of the Hampton River.

5.2 Courses will be windward/leeward – twice around. (See Appendix A)

5.3 Three races will be attempted, wind and weather permitting. Flag "A" displayed at the end of a race means, "Racing is concluded".

5.4 The Class Flag will be the Sonar Flag.

6 RADIO

6.1 Each boat is encouraged to have a working hand-held VHF radio aboard.

6.2 The RC will make courtesy announcements on **VHF-72** regarding such things as starting information, postponements, and hails to boats OCS who are OCS at the start. These announcements in no way relieve competitors of the responsibility to monitor and respond to RC flags and signals.

7 THE START

7.1 Rule 26 will be used. In addition, an Attention Signal consisting of a series of short sounds will be made approx. one (1) minute prior to the Warning Signal for each race. This is not a timed signal.

7.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an Orange Flag on the RC boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of an inflatable mark at the port end.

7.3 The RC will attempt to hail boats that started prematurely on **VHF-72**.

8 COURSE CHANGE

8.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a yellow change mark and remove the original orange mark as soon as practicable.

- Flag "C" plus a red flag means the new mark is moved to the left
- Flag "C" plus a green flag means the new mark is moved to the right.

8.2 A course change may be signaled either from the RC Signal Boat in its original position on the starting line or from a mark boat near the leeward mark. This changes RRS 33.

9 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag at one end of the line and the course side of an inflatable mark at the other.

10 TIME LIMITS

10.1 The "target time" for each race will be approx. 30 minutes. The time limit for the finish of the first boat is 75 minutes.

10.2 Boats still racing but not finished within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). The TLE score will be one point more than the number of boats that sailed the course and finished within the time limit.

11 PROTESTS

11.1 Written protests must be submitted to the RC within thirty (30) minutes of the Signal Boat docking.

11.2 Protests will be heard as soon as possible following racing.

12 SCORING

There will be no throw-outs. One race will constitute a regatta.

13 SAFETY

13.1 Prior to her first race of the day, each boat shall check-in with the Race Committee by passing the stern of the RC Signal Boat and hailing her name and/or sail number until acknowledged by the RC.

13.2 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area before the conclusion of racing shall inform the RC as soon as possible.

14 AWARDS

Appropriate awards will be presented at the Post Race Awards Party.

15 DISCLAIMER

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. The Hampton Yacht Club and their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury that may occur to person(s) or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.