

OLD GREENWICH YACHT CLUB
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Russel K. Payea Round-the-Islands Chase Race
Open to All
Saturday, June 17, 2017

MANAGEMENT: The current Racing Rules of Sailing as adopted by the US Sailing Association will govern except as modified herein. All radio communications between the Race Committee and race participants will be on VHF Channel 65. Skippers shall monitor Channel 65 for announcements from the Race Committee and/or the Event Chairman between 1200 and ten minutes after crossing the finishing line.

INSTRUCTIONS & START TIMES: It is the skipper's responsibility to get their start time and any changes in the instructions from the Committee Boat, not later than 12:40 on the day of the race. Skippers must confirm yacht name and sail number to the Committee by sailing past the stern on starboard tack. Name and number will be acknowledged. Start time for each yacht will be the noted time elapsed from the start gun for each yacht's PHRF. A document listing individual start times will be available on the Race Documents page of the OGYC website (www.ogyc.org).

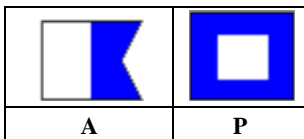
TIME LIMIT: The time limit for each yacht shall be 4 hours from its start time.

RATINGS: YRA of LIS PHRF ratings will be used. A rating will be assigned if a valid 2017 YRA of LIS PHRF certificate is not available. Yachts may race with or without spinnaker. Yacht racing with spinnaker shall have a flag #1 on their backstay and inform the race committee of their intent to race with spinnaker. Yachts with spinnaker will be scored with their non-spinnaker PHRF rating less 6 seconds per mile. Yachts racing without spinnaker will be scored with their PHRF non-spinnaker rating. Yachts competing in this race as non-spinnaker are prohibited from the use of any headsail whose mid-girth (mid-luff to mid-leech) is more than 50% of its foot measurement. This means: no flashers, jib only. Except when changing headsails, participating yachts may not fly more than one headsail at a time.

START AREA: The start area will be approximately 1/4 mile SW of Newfoundland Reef Buoy.

START SEQUENCE:

	SIGNAL	FLAG and SOUND	Minutes before Starting Signal
12:55	Warning	A flag, 1 blast	5
12:56	Preparatory	P flag, 1 blast	4
12:59	One minute	P flag dropped 1 blast	1
13:00	Starting	A flag dropped-one long blast	0



STARTING and FINISHING LINES: The Starting Line and Finishing Line will be established between a Yellow flag on the Committee Boat and a pin with a yellow flag or an adjacent mark.

PHRF HANDICAP SCORING METHOD: Corrected time will be calculated with time on distance corrections based on PHRF ratings.

COURSE: Round the Island Race course will be A, G, L - round all marks to starboard. The Hen & Chickens Can C-1A shall be passed on the North side. The channel between Cormorant Reef and Great Captain Island shall not be used. Red Rock buoy and Newfoundland Reef buoy shall be passed on the South side.

POSTPONEMENT: Any postponement of the start will be signaled by code flag "AP" and 2 sound signals. The warning signal will be made one minute after this signal is lowered with one sound signal.

ABANDONMENT: Code flag "N" and 3 sound signals. For all racers, whether started or not, the race shall be abandoned.

INDIVIDUAL RECALL: Code Flag "X" and one sound signal. The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast sail numbers of premature starters over VHF Ch 72. Failure of the Race Committee to notify any yacht of a premature start does not relieve that yacht of her obligation to start properly.

WITHDRAWALS: Any yacht withdrawing from the race for any reason shall notify the Race Committee by hailing or by VHF Ch 65.

PROTESTS: Protests shall be made in accordance with Rule 61.3

YACHT SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY: It is the sole responsibility of the master of each yacht to see that she is seaworthy in all respects and that she is manned by a competent crew. The master and all the members of the crew of each yacht, by participating in this race, agree to do so at their own risk, and waive any claim against and hold harmless Old Greenwich YC, its officers, directors, committees, members, employees and agents against any claims arising in any way out of the participation in this race of such yacht, her master and crew.

PRIZES and TROPHIES: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be awarded trophies. Trophies will be awarded at the Old Greenwich YC Awards ceremony in the fall.