



USS America Regatta

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PHRF Sailing Instructions

MANAGEMENT

The current Racing Rules of Sailing as adopted by the US Sailing Association will govern except as modified herein. Yachts 18 ft and over may compete if properly completed Entry Form and Fee are delivered to the Regatta Chairman prior to the deadline by registering [here](#). Click on Race followed by Regatta Registrations. Boats will race in divisions. Each entrant should have on board their yacht a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving **Channel 65**.

INSTRUCTIONS & SCRATCH SHEET

It is the skipper's responsibility to get a scratch sheet and any changes in the instructions from Yachtscoring.com. Skippers must confirm yacht name, sail number and their intent to sail to the Committee by sailing past the stern. Name and number will be acknowledged.

TIME LIMIT

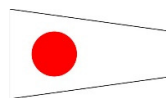
The time limit for each race will be 3 hours and 30 minutes for the first boat to finish in each division. Boats finishing more than 60 minutes after the first boat in its division may need to take her own finish time and report it the Race Committee.

RULES and RATINGS

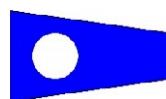
YRA of LIS PHRF ratings will be used. A rating will be assigned equal to the base PHRF rating of a yacht's make and model if a valid 2023 YRA of LIS PHRF certificate is not available. Yachts in division I may race with or without spinnaker. Yachts in Division I will be scored with their distance spinnaker PHRF rating. Yachts racing in Division II will be scored with their PHRF distance non-spinnaker rating. Yachts competing in Division II 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.

DIVISIONS and START AREA

Div. I Spinnaker



Div. II Non-spinnaker



The PHRF start will be ½-1 mi. South of Green Bell #1 at the entrance to Captain Harbor. Starting order of divisions is at the discretion of the race committee.

START SEQUENCE

A series of short blasts will signal approximately 1 minute before the starting sequence begins. Unless postponed, the first Warning signal is scheduled at 12:25 pm.

SIGNAL	FLAG and SOUND	Minutes before Starting Signal
Warning	Division number flag; 1 blast	5
Preparatory	P (blue with white center square); 1 blast	4
One minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 blast	1
Starting	Division number flag removed; 1 blast	0

STARTING and FINISHING LINES

The Starting Line and Finishing Line will be established between a yellow flag on the Committee Boat and an adjacent buoy approximately ½-1 mi. South of Green Bell #1.

PHRF HANDICAP SCORING METHOD

Corrected time will be calculated using time on time corrections based on PHRF ratings. The USS America trophy will be awarded to the boat with highest average corrected score.

MARKS

Marks are to be passed in the order signaled. The marks of the course will be signaled by code letters in order of rounding. When the course to the next mark is other than a reciprocal course, the mark shall be left so that the rhumb line course to the next mark will not cross the rhumb line course from the previous mark; when the course to the next mark is a reciprocal course, the mark shall be left to port.

MARKS OF THE COURSE

A - G "1" Fl. G 2.5s Gong -
Captain Harbor

B - RN "2" - Flat Neck Point

C - RN "34" – Greenwich Point

D - R "32A" Fl. R 2.5s - Mid Sound

E - RN "2" - Great Captain Island,
west reef

F - R "36" Bell - Bluefish Shoal

H - R "38A" Fl. R 4s Bell - Transport
Rock

N - G "21" Fl. G 4s Gong -
Matinecock Point

O - C "19" - Oak Neck Point

P - G "17" Bell - Rocky Point

Q - G "1" Gong - Lloyd Neck NW
Bluff

R - G "15" Fl. G 4s Gong - Lloyd Point

U - R "32" Fl. R 6s Bell - The Cows

V - R "30" Fl. R - Smith Reef

W - RN "28" off Greens Ledge

X - R "28C" – Mid Sound off Norwalk

Y - Inflated orange tetrahedron reaching mark on
line with the start line, approx. ¾ mile on the pin
side of the R/C Signal Boat.

Z - Windward inflatable mark, approx. range
& bearing provided in aft 2 columns of course
board

SHORTENED COURSE

The course may be shortened by establishing the finish line at any turning mark of the course originally signaled. The Race Committee will display Code Flag "S" with 2 sound signals upon establishing the new finish line. Course may be shortened for any division.

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 sound signals. Divisions already started are unaffected.

ABANDONMENT

Code flag "N" and 3 sound signals. For all divisions, 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 65. Failure of the Race Committee to notify any yacht of a premature start does not relieve that yacht of her obligation to start properly.

GENERAL RECALL

Code Flag "First Substitute" and 2 sound signals. A new Warning signal will be made approximately one minute after this signal is lowered.

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. Protests must be written and in the hands of the Race Committee no later than 2000 the day of the event. Protests must be emailed to protest@ogyc.org. Protest for a rule of part 2 will initially be arbitrated; the arbitrator will contact the parties. The Protest Arbitration Penalty shall be the 20% Scoring Penalty as described in RRS 44.3(c). The hearing for a protest not resolved by arbitration will take place via Zoom as soon as possible.

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 place if three, 2nd place if four, 3rd place if five starters in a division. The USS America Sailing Trophy will be awarded to the PHRF winner with highest corrected score. The Commodore Cox Trophy will be awarded to the OGYC member in a PHRF Division with the best overall finish. The Birdsey Cup Trophy will be awarded to the top finisher for the day in Ideal 18s. See the USS America One-Design Sailing Instructions for starting time and location, and other information. There will be an awards ceremony at OGYC after the race.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Old Greenwich Yacht Club
Tod's Driftway,
Old Greenwich CT
race@ogyc.org (*preferred method of communications*)

PROTEST

Contact Karen Varbaro, protest@ogyc.org.

NOTES

2023 USS America One Design Regatta

August 12, 2023

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of US Sailing except where modified or amended by the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions, and the class rules of the Laser, 29er or Ideal 18 fleets (as applicable).

2. Entries

Competitors may enter by going [here](#).

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted online at Yachtscoring.com.

4. Special Requirements and Amendments

Laser and 29er competitors must wear Coast Guard approved PFDs at all times.

The class rules of the Ideal 18 are modified to allow a minimum of two persons to race a boat.

5. Schedule

The warning signal for the first race of the 29er class will be at 1230 on September 10th. The first warning signal for the Laser class will follow the start of the 29er class. The first warning signal for the Ideal 18 class will follow the start of the Laser class. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. No race will be started after 1630.

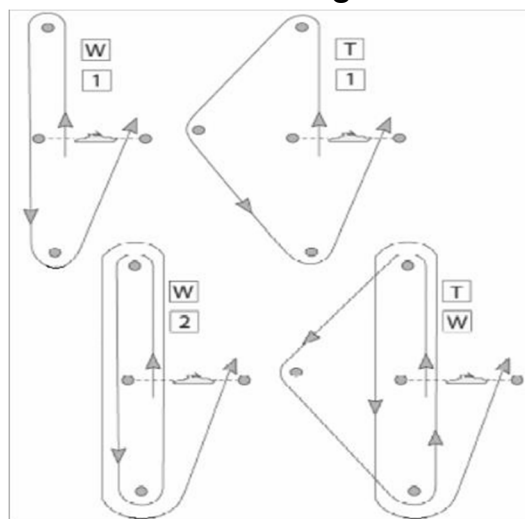
6. Racing Area

The racing area will be ¼ NM south of Newfoundland Reef in Captain Harbor, Greenwich.

7. Courses and Marks

The courses are displayed in the *Course Diagram*, below:

Course Diagram



The *Course Diagram* shows the courses, course designations, the marks in order and the rounding direction of each mark. Course designations will be announced verbally and may also be displayed on the RC signal boat. Marks will be inflatable buoys. Windward offsets and leeward gates may be used. The lines are closed. Sailing through the start or finish line(s) other than while starting or finishing a race will result in a score of DSQ without a hearing. The Race Committee may employ a “keep away” mark from the signal boat. The “keep away” mark shall be considered part of the signal boat.

8. Starting and Finishing Lines

The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the RC boat and the start pin. The finish line shall be between a blue flag on the RC boat and an adjacent mark on the *opposite side* of the RC boat from the starting mark, unless otherwise announced or the course is shortened.

9. Starting Procedures

1. The Sound Signal Starting System in Appendix U of the RRS will be used.
2. The RC will attempt to hail boats that are OCS, but not hearing a hail will not be grounds for redress.
3. A general recall will be signaled by repeated short signals from the RC boat. A new warning will follow as soon as possible.

10. Time Limit

The time limit for each race will be 40 minutes for the first boat to finish. Any boat finishing more than 15 minutes after the first finisher will be scored DNF. Any boat starting more than three minutes after the start signal will be scored DNS.

11. Protests

Protests must be announced to the RC at the end of each race. A protest or request for redress must be submitted in writing and shall be emailed to protest@ogyc.org within 1 hour of when RC returns to the dock on the day of the event. Arbitration will be conducted via email and if a protest hearing is required it will be held via Zoom.

12. Penalties

Rules 44.1 & 44.2 are modified to require a 1-turn penalty including one tack followed by one gybe in the same direction.

13. Scoring

1. A low point scoring system shall be used according to RRS A4, except as specified below.
2. As many races as possible will be sailed within the time limit. A minimum of one race will be sailed for scoring the Regatta. If five races or more are sailed, each boat's score shall exclude her single worst score.

14. Prizes

1. If five or more boats are registered in a division prizes will be given to the first three finishers in the Laser Standard and Ideal 18 divisions. If only four are registered, prizes will be awarded to the top two finishers. If less than four boats are registered in a division a prize will be awarded to the top finisher in the division. The Birdsey Cup will be awarded to the top Ideal 18 finisher.
2. There will be an awards ceremony at OGYC after the race to award prizes.