

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - NAWILIWILI YACHT CLUB – HALLOWEEN COSTUME RACE

**\*\*See respective Notice of Race (NOR) for eligibility requirements, scheduled dates and start times\*\***

**RULES:** This series of races will be governed by the *RACING RULES OF SAILING* (RRS) and the prescriptions of US SAILING & HYRA with NYC modifications (except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions).

**CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the NYC bulletin board at the small boat harbor by 0900 hours on the day they will take effect. See NOR for possible Skipper's Meeting time & place.

**SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** The starting officer will display signals from ashore at the Nawiliwili mole (committee end). An orange circle will indicate the inflatable buoy as the start mark. In this case the finish mark (G9, G7 or G5) will also be displayed. If no orange circle is displayed, then the G-buoy displayed will be the start and finish mark.

**RACING AREA:** The Racing Area is all waters east of a line-of-sight between the G11 buoy and the west end of the commercial building on pier #2. No boat shall motor beyond this line after the 4-minute preparatory signal.

**AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS:** The following areas are designated as obstructions: The waters between the mole and imaginary lines drawn parallel to the three faces of the mole at a distance that includes #6 red buoy, all piers, breakwaters, shorelines, fishing gear, moored boats, and the 100 yard security zone surrounding docked or moving cruise ships. When a cruise ship is docked at Pier #2 the line between the fence on the mole to the northwest side of the building on Pier #3 marks the edge of the 100 yard security zone. Racing inside these areas could lead to a protest.

**THE COURSES:** Diagrams of the courses are posted on the NYC bulletin board at the small boat harbor and on the NYC web site's RACING page. Prior to each race, the starting officer will determine the starting line and courses to be sailed as displayed on a board. **All legs of each course must be completed THROUGH the start/finish line BEFORE beginning subsequent course legs.** **MARKS:** Marks are indicated on the course diagrams. The start / finish mark will be displayed on a board by the starting officer at the mole.

**THE START:** The start line for each race will be between the pole flying the RC flag on the jetty wall at the mole and the G5 or G7 buoy or the orange inflated cylinder mark. If the orange cylinder mark is used as the start mark, it is only for the start of the first course leg of each race. The race will be started using RRS Rule 26 modified as follows:

PRE-WARNING SIGNAL	(approx. 30 sec. BEFORE 5 MIN. WARNING):	3 SHORT HORNS
WARNING (class) SIGNAL	(5 MINUTES BEFORE START):	1 SOUND + Class Flag (Red)
PREPARATORY SIGNAL	(4 MINUTES BEFORE START):	1 SOUND + P FLAG (Blue w/white sq.)
ONE-MINUTE WARNING	(1 MINUTE BEFORE START):	1 LONG SOUND; P FLAG REMOVED
START	(0 MINUTES):	1 SOUND; CLASS FLAG REMOVED

**THE FINISH:** The finish line for all classes will be the start line. If the orange cylinder is used as the start mark, the finish will be between the pole flying the RC flag on the jetty and the G5 or G7 mark as indicated on the display board.

**TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for all classes is 30 minutes after sunset. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS Rule 35 and A4.

**PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:** Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Committee and submitted to the Race Committee no later than 2 hours after the last boat finishes the race unless extenuating circumstances exist.

**SCORING:** The Low Point System using HYRA prescriptions will apply. Open Class boats will be scored in both PHRF and CLUB but boats that trophy in PHRF cannot trophy in CLUB class. CLUB ratings are determined by the HYRA Handicapping System with NYC modifications. When averaging a boat's "CLUB Adjustment" rating, the Race Committee may throw out a race it deems grossly inaccurate due to a boat's performance in that race. **DID NOT COMPETE (DNC) = Avg. no. of starters for the series + 1.** As a NYC modification, this changes RRS A4.2. A boat is racing from her preparatory signal until she finishes and clears the finishing line or retires. **Boats shall hold a current HPHRF certificate and be listed on the PHRF Valid List, which is posted on the US Sailing website. Boats without a valid HPHRF certificate will incur a 3 second penalty on the PHRF Ratings that shall be determined using all available information including, but not limited to, ratings established by another fleet, ORR and IRC certificates. Visiting boats sailing only one race will be assigned a rating based on the PHRF Valid List, or ratings established by another fleet.**

**SAFETY REGULATIONS:** The Race Committee ashore will monitor VHF channel 68 throughout the race. All boats shall identify themselves to the starting officer prior to the first warning signal by way of VHF Channel 68. All participating boats shall adhere to all State and U. S. Coast Guard regulations and equipment requirements.

**PRIZES:** Trophies will be awarded at the annual year-end awards party to boats in each class. The number of boats entered in each class will determine the number of trophies awarded. NYC membership is required to receive a trophy.

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate at their own risk (Rule 4, "decision to race"). NYC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** For other information please contact Rear Commodore David MacAfee email:RC@nawiliwiliyachtclub.org phone: 1-510-473-2838.