Sailing Instructions
Richmond County Yacht Club / Miramar Yacht Club
Home and Home Regatta Pursuit Race
Saturday August 13th, 2016

1.0 **RULES**
1.1 The Richmond County YC / Miramar YC Home and Home Regatta Pursuit Race will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, these Sailing Instructions, the Notice of Race and any amendments. This is a "club" event with other yacht clubs' members invited to participate.

1.2 Each yacht, in addition to all federal and state required equipment, shall have a VHF radio aboard and shall keep the radio energized on the Race Committee working channel, VHF channel 72, from her warning signal until her finish. Except in an emergency or when communicating directly to a committee boat, 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.

1.3 Note: The Race Course requires yachts to cross the Ambrose Channel, the Chapel Hill Channel and, perhaps, the Swash Channel. Sailors must comply with the International COLREGS when in proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic.

2.0 **NOTICES**
2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at the Skippers' Meeting at the Miramar Yacht Club.

3.0 **AMENDMENTS**
3.1 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted at the Skippers' Meeting at the Miramar Yacht Club. The Race Committee shall endeavor to announce posted amendments on VHF channel 72 at 1130 hours on Saturday, August 13th. It is recommended that yachts monitor channel 72 throughout the race day.

4.0 **SIGNALS**
4.1 All signals shall be made aboard the designated Race Committee Boat on station at "GC1" Sheepshead Bay Channel (location approx. 40°34.07'N, 73°56. 22'W)

5.0 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**
5.1 In accordance with the dates and times listed in Notice of Race.

6.0 **RACING AREA**
6.1 Yachts will rendezvous in the starting line area at "GC1" Sheepshead Bay Channel (location approx. 40°34.07'N, 73°56. 22'W)

7.0 **COURSE**

7.1 Except for the finish, the Race will use government marks. The starting line will be between the Miramar YC burgee on the Miramar YC Committee Boat (boat's name is "Dana") and "GC1" Sheepshead Bay Channel (location approx. 40°34.07'N, 73°56.22'W). The course continues in an westerly direction leaving the West Bank Light, the island upon which the Old Orchard Light once stood, and the Great Kills Light to starboard, to the to the finish line between the mast of the Richmond YC Committee Boat which will fly an orange flag and an orange pin (location approx. 40°30.93'N, 74°08.35'W): this is approx. ¼ NM west of Great Kills Light. The RC boat also will fly a blue flag to indicate that it is on station. The course is approximately 10 NM.

7.2 Skippers are cautioned to be aware of two shoal areas east of the finish. One is south of Coney Island Buoy 3 (approx, 40°33.88'N, 73°58.42'W) and Coney Island Channel Buoy 5 (approx. 40°33.83'N, 73°58.98'W). The second is within a triangular area whose corner points are Buoy 4 (approx. 40°32.90'N, 73°57.48'W), Rockaway Inlet Buoy 5 (approx. 40°32.47'N, 73°56.73'W) and Rockaway Inlet Buoy 7 (approx. 40°33.27'N, 73°56.79'W). Skippers should consult their charts. We will discuss these areas in more detail at the Skippers' Meeting.

8.0 **THE START**

8.1 The boat with the highest numerical PHRF rating will start first and the boat with the lowest numerical PHRF rating will start last. The time differentials, which will be rounded to the nearest minute, between the start for the first boat and all pursuing boats will be provided at the Skippers' Meeting. Boats will be scored in the order of finish.

8.2 The starting line will be between the Miramar YC burgee on the Miramar YC Committee Boat and "GC1" Sheepshead Bay Channel (location approx. 40°34.07'N, 73°56.22'W).

8.3 An on the water check in prior to 1245 hours is required. Yachts may check in with the Race Committee by either passing close aboard the MYC RC Boat or by communicating with the Race Committee on VHF channel 72. Yachts that have not checked in by 1245 hours, but still wish to race, must call the RCYC RC at 718-646-9436 prior to their starts.

8.4 Competitors may operate propulsion engines up until four minutes before their scheduled start. This modifies RRS 42.1.

8.5 The Class Flag shall be numerical Flag 1. The preparatory signal shall be the Flag P. Boats over early shall be signaled on VHF channel 72 and with one long sound signal. Your starting position and time differential shall be provided at the Skippers' Meeting. The start sheet also will be available via email. Competitors are encouraged to provide an email address on their entry forms. Each competitor is responsible for determining his/her start time.

The starting signals are the sequence for the first boat to start and begin the countdown for all pursuing boats.

8.6 Time shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded and shall not be grounds for a protest.

8.7 Saturday, August 13, 2013 – 1254 hours: Warning horns (Multiple short blasts).

Time	Flag	Sound Signal
1254 (6 minutes)	none	multiple short horn blasts
1255 (5 minutes)	#1 Flag up	1 horn
1256 (4 minutes)	P Flag up	1 horn
1259 (1 minute)	P Flag down	1 horn
1300 (0 minutes)	#1 Flag down	1 long horn – First start. All time differentials are from this time.

8.8 The Race Committee is permitted to postpone the start in 10 minute increments. If the race is postponed, the time of postponement in minutes is added to each yacht's starting time. The postponement signal is the AP Flag.

8.9 Yachts shall keep clear of the starting area until 5 minutes before their respective starting signals.

8.10 Time of Signals: The general warning signal and each successive signal shall be based on GPS time.

8.11 Each competitor is responsible for determining his/her start time.

9.0 **RECALLS**
9.1 Individual recalls will be made via channel 72 and with one long blast.

10.1 **THE FINISH**
10.1 The finish line is between the mast of the Richmond YC Committee Boat which will fly an orange flag and an orange pin (location approx. 40°30.93'N, 74°08.35'W). The RC boat also will fly a blue flag to indicate that it is on station. The course is approximately 10 NM.

11.1 **TIME LIMIT**
11.1 The first boat to finish must do so by 1700 (or 1700 plus any postponement period). The Committee Boat will leave station at 1800 hours. Any yacht finishing after the RC Boat leaves station must record its own time.

11.2 Any yacht retiring from the race must notify the RCYC Race Committee on channel 72 or by cell phone on 718-646-9436.

12.0 **PROTESTS**
12.1 In addition to the requirements of RRS rule 61.0, protesting yachts must notify the finish side Race Committee (RCYC) on the RC Boat of their intentions to protest immediately after finishing the race.

12.2 Protests shall be written and submitted to the Regatta Chairman at Richmond County Yacht Club within 2 hours of the 1st boat finishing for the day.

12.3 Notice of protests will be posted on the RCYC Bulletin Board.

12.4 Protest hearings will be convened as soon as reasonable.

13.0 **PRIZES**
13.1 Prizes shall be awarded at Richmond County Yacht Club during the dinner following the race.

13.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each division if there are 7 or more racers starting in the division. If there are 4 to 6 starters, 1st and 2nd place prizes will be awarded. If there are only 3 starters, the 1st place prize will be awarded

13.3 Awards are at the discretion of the Regatta Committee.

14.0 **DISPOSAL OF TRASH**
14.1 Yachts discharging trash overboard shall be disqualified from the race.

15.0 **LIABILITY WAVER**
15.1 Each eligible yacht must file the attached liability waver with the organizing authority of this regatta before the start of the race to qualify for the finish of this race.