

# 2017 Rhodes 19 National Championship

August 17 - 20, 2017

Organizing Authority - Eastern Yacht Club

Hosted by Rhodes 19 Fleet 5

Marblehead, MA, USA

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 Racing rules will be changed as follows:

1.2.1 The following is added to Rule 62.1: the failure of the race committee to make a hail, the timeliness of the hail, and failure of a sound signal will not constitute grounds for redress.

1.2.2 Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted.

### 2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the EYC Sailing Center.

### 3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Changes will also be posted on the official website for the regatta.

### 4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Casey Flagpole, located across the street from the clubhouse.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than one hour' in the race signal AP.

### 5. Schedule of Races

5.1	Thursday, August 17	Practice Race - 1200
	Friday, August 18	Racing - First Warning 1200
	Saturday, August 19	Racing - First Warning 1200
	Sunday, August 20	Racing - First Warning 1100 - no warning signal after 1430

5.2 Maximum number of races scheduled is 11. Up to 4 races may be raced each day.

## **6. Class Flags**

Class flags will be the Rhodes 19 class flag.

## **7. Racing Areas**

The racing area will be in Mass Bay, outside of Marblehead Harbor.

## **8. The Courses**

Courses will be windward/leeward; course patterns are listed in Addendum A.

## **9. Marks**

9.1 The starting mark may be a green tetrahedron or an anchored pin boat.

9.2 The finishing mark will be a green tetrahedron.

9.2 The rounding marks will be orange tetrahedrons.

9.3 New marks, as provided in SI 12, will be pink. A subsequent change will be orange.

## **10. Checking In**

10.1 Before the warning signal of her first race each day, a boat shall sail past the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee. A boat failing to do so may receive, without a hearing, a 20% scoring penalty for the first race in which it competes on that day, as described in Rule 44.3(c). This changes Rules A4 and A5.

## **11. The Start**

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark, unless 11.2 applies.

11.2 If an anchored pin boat is in place, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat, and an orange flag on the pin boat.

11.3 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rule A4 and A5.

11.4 The race committee will attempt to hail boats that are identified as on the course side on VHF channel 72.

## **12. Change of the Next Leg of the Course**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **13. The Finish**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

## **14. Penalty System**

14.1 Appendix V will be in effect.

14.2 Appendix T will be in effect.

## **15. Time Limits**

15.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes, or the first boat to sail the course does not finish within 120 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4, and A5.

## **16. Protests and Requests for Redress**

16.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat has docked.

16.2 Protest forms are available at the Eastern Yacht Club Sailing Center.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the Eastern Yacht Club.

16.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.

## **17. Scoring**

17.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

17.2 A boat's score will be the sum of all her races, unless 17.3 apply.

17.3 When five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

## **18. Safety Regulations**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

## **19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the protest committee.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

## **20. Equipment and Measurement Checks**

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured by the technical committee at times specified in the Notice of Race.

## **21. Official Boats**

Mark boats may display a yellow race committee flag.

## **22. Support Boats**

Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished racing or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. [DP]

## **23. Haul-Out Restrictions**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the technical committee. [DP]

## **24. Radio Communication**

24.1 All boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of monitoring VHF channel 72.

24.2 Race committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, and any other communications are a courtesy only. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast or failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under Rule 62.1(a).

24.3 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmission and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

## **25. Prizes**

25.1 Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crew for the first three places in the regatta.

25.2 Daily prizes will be awarded for the first boat in each race.

## **26. Disclaimer of Liability**

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.

Addendume A  
Course Diagrams

