

RHODES 19 CLASS
2011 National Championship
August 9 – 12, 2011
Chicago, IL USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

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

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located on the north wall of the main assembly room of Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club.

3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted two hours before the first warning signal on the day that the change takes effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flagstaff on the south side of the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of Racing

Date	Warning Signal	
8/9/11	12:30	Practice Race
8/10/11	10:30	Up to three races
8/11/11	10:30	Up to three races
8/12/11	10:30	Up to two races

5.2 The race committee will display the Second Substitute at the finish of a race to signal that another race is to follow.

5.3 A maximum of eight races will be held during the course of this regatta.

5.4 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1:30.

6 CLASS FLAG

The warning signal will be a flag bearing the Rhodes 19 class insignia.

7 RACING AREA

Racing shall take place in the open waters of Lake Michigan approximately one mile east of the Montrose Harbor entrance.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A of these sailing instructions show the courses, the approximate angles between legs, and the order in which marks are to be passed. Marks will be left to port.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display on a board the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark.

8.3 A numerical pennant may be flown to indicate the number of legs for all fleets.

8.4 Flag G will be flown to indicate that gates will be used on the course. If a gate is signaled but one of the gate marks is absent, then the existing gate mark shall be rounded to port.

8.5 Flag O will be flown to indicate that an offset mark will be used.

9 MARKS

9.1 Original turning marks will be orange shapes.

9.2 New marks, as provided in SI 12, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks.

9.3 The starting mark will be yellow. The leeward finishing mark will be white. The windward finishing mark will be the active windward mark.

10 CHECK-IN

10.1 Each boat shall check in by sailing past the race committee signal boat, hailing her sail number and receiving an oral acknowledgement from the race committee prior to the warning signal of her first race on each day of racing.

10.2 A boat found to have broken SI 10.1 may receive a scoring penalty for her first race that day equal to 20% of the number of boats entered. This changes RRS 63.1.

11 THE START

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

11.2 A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

12.1 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.

12.2 Offset marks will not be set on a changed leg of the course.

12.3 The race committee may not signal a course change of 5 degrees or less. The course change will continue to use the active mark. This changes RRS 33(a).

14 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark. The leeward finishing mark is left to starboard. The windward finishing mark is left to port. This instruction shall not apply when RRS 32.2 applies.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The race time limit shall be two (2) hours. The Mark 1 time limit shall be 45 minutes.

15.2 If no boat has finished within the race time limit the race will be abandoned. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

15.3 Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes will, without a hearing, be scored 'Time Limit Expired' (TLE) and scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that did finish the race. This changes RRS 35, A4.2, A5, and A11.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 A boat intending to protest, when her protest concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees, shall display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall display the flag until she is no longer racing. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

16.2 Protest forms will be available near the official notice board.

16.3 Protests shall be delivered to the jury secretary within the protest time limit. The protest time limit is 1 hour after the race committee signal boat returns to her mooring. The race committee will post the deadline for filing protests on the official notice board.

16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 61.1(b).

17 SCORING

When five or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

18 SAFETY

A boat that withdraws from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

23.1 VHF channel 78 is the designated hailing channel for courtesy broadcasts. The race committee may change the hailing channel by posting a signboard on the signal boat prior to the first warning signal for each race or by posting on the official notice board.

23.2 The race committee may broadcast information on the hailing channel, such as the approximate time of the warning signal for the next race, as a courtesy to competitors. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress.

23.3 A boat may notify the race committee on the hailing channel in the event she withdraws from a race or requires assistance. A boat shall make no other radio transmission while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

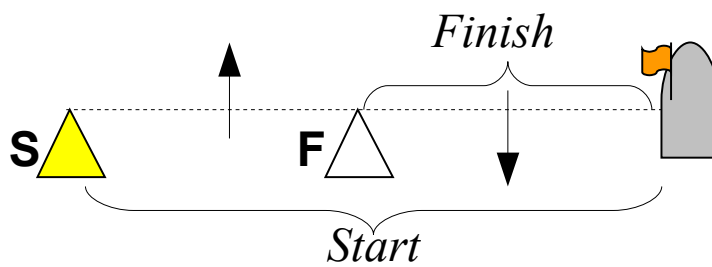
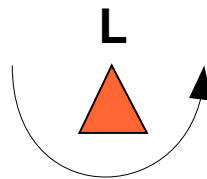
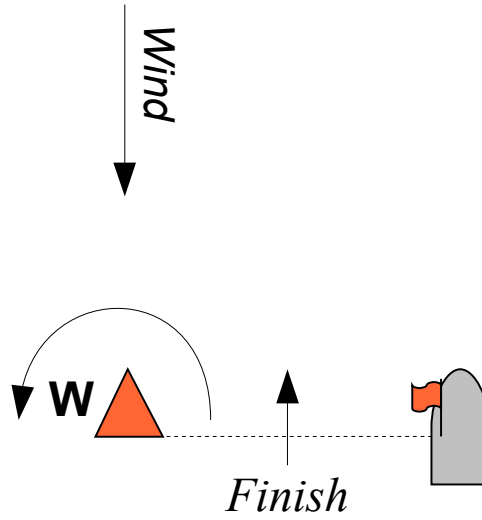
24 PRIZES

Regatta Trophies shall be awarded to the first, second and third place boats. The following Class Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to regatta contestants: The Cressy Trophy, the Don Quixote Trophy, the Novice Trophy and the Travel Trophy. Other prizes may be awarded during the regatta.

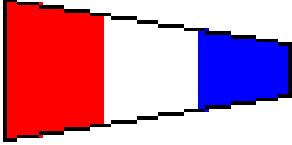
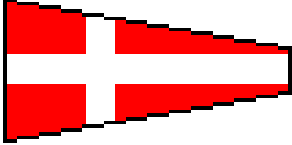
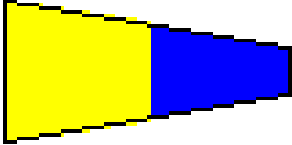
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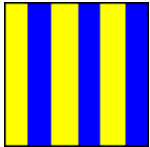
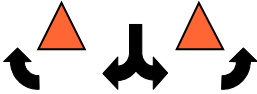

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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Signal	Course
	<p align="center">Three legs (Start-W-L-Upwind Finish)</p>
	<p align="center">Four legs (Start-W-L-W-Downwind Finish)</p>
	<p align="center">Five legs (Start-W-L-W-L-Upwind Finish)</p>

Other Signals	Meaning
	<p align="center">Gates will be used</p> 
	<p align="center">An offset will be used</p> 