RHODES 19 CLASS

2009 East Coast Championship Regatta
Hingham Bay Fleet #46
Hull Yacht Club
Hull, Massachusetts
June 26-28, 2008

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, and the Bylaws and Class Rules of the Rhodes 19 Class Association, except where modified by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 In the event of a conflict between the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Rhodes 19 Class Rules, the Class Rules shall take precedence. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

1.3 This regatta is classified as a Category A Event in accordance with Regulation 20 – ISAF Advertising Code.

1.4 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing to the Jury through the Regatta Desk will be posted on the official notice board.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 The Regatta is open to all Rhodes 19 Class sailboats with Keels as defined by the rules of the Rhodes 19 Class Association. All boats must meet all ownership, class membership, yacht measurement requirements, and class eligibility rules, and must have paid all event fees before becoming official competitors.

2.2 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located on the exterior south facing wall of the Hull Yacht Club.

4. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore shall be displayed by the Race Committee on the main dock. If races are postponed by the display of the AP signal made ashore, the Warning Signal for the first race will not be made less than 45 minutes after the AP flag is lowered.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Date	Warning Signal	
6/26/09	13:00	Up to three races
6/27/09	13:00	Up to three races
6/28/09	11:00	Up to two races

6.2 No races will start after 1:00PM, Sunday, June 28, 2009

6.3 The Race Committee shall display the R flag at the finish of a race to signal that another race is to follow.

6.4 A skippers' meeting will be held in the main function room of the Hull Yacht Club on Friday, June 26th at 1100

7. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will show the Rhodes 19 Class Emblem.

8. RACING AREA

8.1 Racing shall take place in Hingham Bay. NOAA chart # 13270 will apply.

8.2 Attachment B: RACING AREA, which is not suitable for navigation, shows the approximate location of the racing area. The distance from the harbor to the racing area is approximately 1.0 miles.

8.3 The racing area will be within Hingham and Hull Bay, generally (but not exclusively) in the area described on the chart bounded by Sheep Island on the West, Bumkin Island on the South, Hull on the East and the North, and Peddocks Island on the North West.

8.4 Boats must observe the "OTHER MARKS" listed in Attachment B.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A: COURSE DIAGRAMS show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The courses, which are designated 3, 4 and 5, are windward-leeward courses with 3, 4 or 5 legs respectively.

9.2 No later than the Warning Signal of each race the Race Committee signal boat will display a signal board showing the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing to the first mark.

9.3 A leeward gate will be used. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the last mark, and may round either gate mark.

9.2 An offset mark will be used.

10. MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 3a, & 3b will be orange tetrahedrons.

10.2 The starting mark will be an orange flag.

10.3 New marks will be orange tetrahedrons with black bands.

10.4 Mark O (the offset mark) will be an orange ball.

10.5 The starting line will be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a orange flag at the port end.

10.6 The finishing line for courses 3 and 5 will be a race committee boat displaying a blue on station flag on the starboard end and an orange flag at the port end.

10.7 The finishing line for course 4 will be the race committee signal boat at the port end and an orange flag at the starboard end.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.2 A boat which does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.

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 an orange flag or shape on a Race Committee boat and the nearby finishing mark.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 If no boat has passed mark 1 within 45 minutes after the start, or if no boat has finished the race within 2 hours, then the race shall be abandoned.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats registered for the series. This changes Rule 35.

15. ARBITRATION

15.1 An arbitration meeting will be scheduled for each protest involving a rule of Part 2 unless the arbitrator deems the protest inappropriate for arbitration. One representative of each party, who was on board at the time of the incident, will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be permitted. After taking testimony from each representative, the arbitrator will render his opinion:

a) The protest is invalid or no boat broke a rule. If the protestor agrees, the arbitrator will allow the protest to be withdrawn. If the protestor disagrees, the protest committee will schedule a protest hearing.

b) One or both boats broke a rule. The boat(s) breaking a rule may accept a 40% Scoring Penalty and the protest may be withdrawn. If not, the protest committee will schedule a protest hearing.

c) The arbitrator decides a protest hearing is required. The protest committee will schedule a protest hearing.

15.2 Rule 63.1 is changed by adding “The arbitrator may allow a protest to be withdrawn without the approval of the protest committee.”

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 A protesting boat shall display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity. This modifies RRS rule 61.1(a) by eliminating the exception for boats under 6 meters.

16.2 After finishing, but before leaving the finishing area, protesting boats will notify the Race Committee of their protest by hailing both their own sail number and the sail number of the boat being protested, and receiving an acknowledgment from the Race Committee. If a protesting boat has retired and is unable to notify the Race Committee on the water, then she may notify the Race Committee as the Race Committee arrives at the dock.

16.3 Protest forms will be available from the Regatta Desk and shall be delivered there.

16.4 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. This modifies RRS rules 61.3 and 62.2 by setting a different time limit. The Race Committee will post the deadline for filing protests on the official notice board.

16.5 In addition to posting the time limit, the Race Committee will raise the “B” flag on the flag pole signifying the start of the protest filing time of 60 minutes, lower it to half mast at 30 minutes, and take it down when time is up.

16.6 The Jury will post a schedule showing the order of the protest hearings.

16.7 Breaches of instructions 18.2, 18.3, 19.2, 22, 23 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.

17. SCORING

17.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, as modified herein, will apply.

17.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled. A minimum of three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a championship.

17.3 A boat's series score will be the sum of all her scores if less than five (5) races have been completed.

18. SAFETY PROCEDURES

18.1 Before the first Warning Signal each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

18.2 A boat which fails to check in may be assessed a 20% scoring penalty, calculated as in RRS 44.3(c), without a hearing. This modifies RRS 63.1, and Appendix A.

18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors who are not listed on the entry form will not be allowed without prior written approval of the jury.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the jury. Requests for substitution shall be made to the jury at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 The Event Measurer may inspect a boat at any time for compliance with the Rhodes 19 Class Rules.

20.2 Boats may not be disqualified for not complying with Interpretation #6 of the Class Rules.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

Each Race Committee boat shall either display a Race Committee flag ,blue or yellow.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

Spectators and support personnel shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the Warning Signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals an abandonment.

23. HAULOUT RESTRICTIONS

In accordance with paragraph B 11.07 of the Class Bylaws, no boat entered in the regatta may be hauled out after the start of the first race, except in the case of accident or needed repairs. Any such hauling requires written consent of the Jury.

24. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keel boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

25.1 The Race Committee shall monitor VHF channel 68. Boats may notify the Race Committee of their withdrawal or need for assistance on this channel. A boat shall make no other radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications on any other channel. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

25.2 As a courtesy, the Race Committee may use Channel 68 to broadcast information to racers, such as the approximate time of the Warning Signal for the next race. Failure to make courtesy broadcasts shall not constitute grounds for redress.

26. PRIZES

Regatta Trophies shall be awarded to the first through fifth place boats. In addition, other prizes may be awarded during the regatta including daily race winner glasses, First Senior Skipper (65 yrs and older).

Daily prizes will be given to the first place boat in each race.

The O'day Trophy is awarded to the top finisher.

A perpetual trophy will be given to the 'Fleet Champion'

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

Attachment A: COURSE DIAGRAMS

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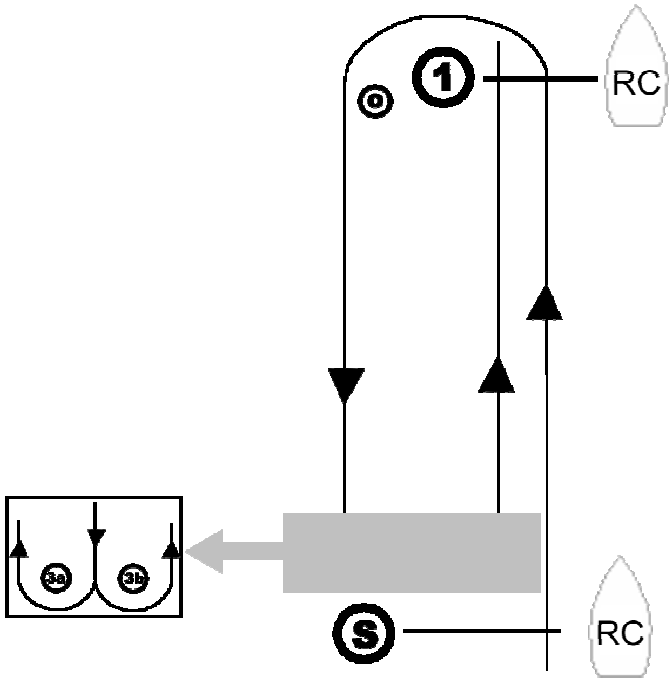

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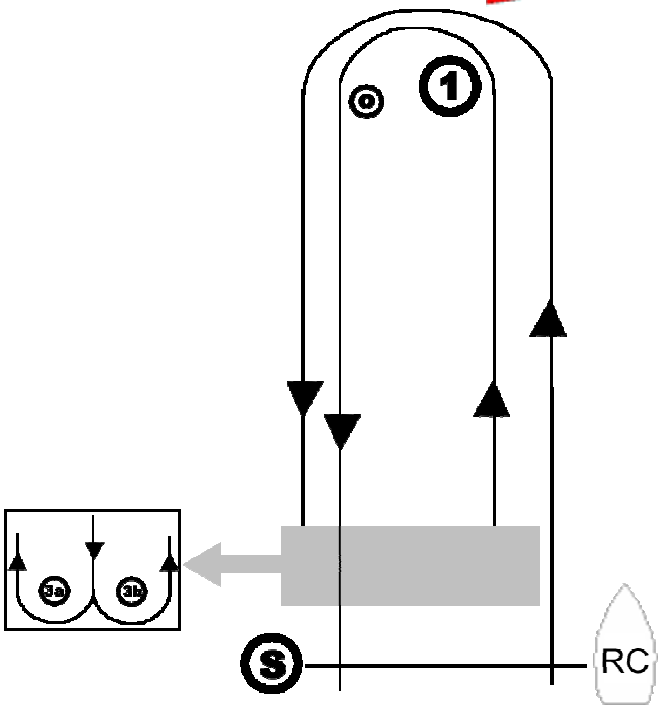

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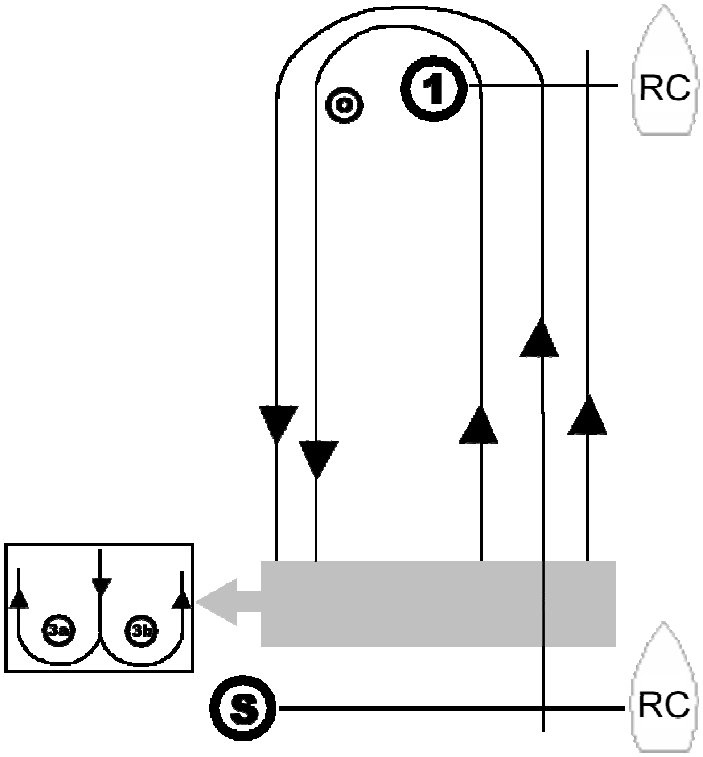

Attachment B: SAILING AREA