

RHODE ISLAND CUP

1. RULES

- 1.1 The **2008 RHODE ISLAND CUP** will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (*RRS*) except for changes noted in these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The International Etchells Class Rules are amended in that all competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communication only on Ch. 73.
- 1.3 A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions (except from the Race Committee on VHF 73) (including cellular telephone) while racing. RRS 41.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Admirals Dock Tent, Sail Newport.

3. CHANGES

- 3.1 Any changes will be posted by 0900 on the day they will take effect, except that any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted prior to 1900 hours on the day before.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at Sail Newport.
- 4.2 Code Flag "L", displayed ashore signifies that amendments to the sailing instructions or other notices to competitors have been posted on the Official Bulletin Board.
- 4.3 Code flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the lowering of this signal.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 AUGUST 16 & 17, 2008 6-9 races are scheduled
- 5.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race will be 1230 hr. on Sat. and 1200 on Sunday.
- 5.3 If a subsequent race is to be sailed that day, the Race Committee finish boat will display Code Flag "R" at the finish of a race. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.
- 5.4 On Sunday, no races will be started after 1630hr. .

6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The class flag will be the Etchells Insignia on a white flag.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Conditions permitting, racing will be on Narragansett Bay.. Starting area will be between Rose and Goat Islands conditions permitting. Alternate starting area will be north of the Newport Bridge and south of Gould Island.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 Courses will be as described below, and in **ADDENDUM #1 COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS**. **Government marks may be used. The South Bay racing chart should be used as a reference for govt. or permanent racing marks.**

8.2 **Course Designations:**

COURSE W2 - Windward, Leeward (Finish).

COURSE W3 - Windward, Leeward, Windward (Finish).

COURSE W4 - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward (Finish).

COURSE W5 - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward, Windward (Finish).

- 8.3 Courses will be posted on a R/C Signal Boat course board prior to the warning signal of each race. The number of the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing, and distance from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed . (This changes RRS 27.1).
- 8.4 All marks shall be left to port unless designated otherwise.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 **Course Marks:** Will be inflatable marks, govt. marks or marks from South Bay Racing Chart.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with *RRS* 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the nearby starting mark.
- 10.3 The Race Committee may set a "Limit Mark" near the Signal Boat. If a boat touches either the Limit Mark or the R/C Signal Boat, it will be considered to have touched a Starting Mark.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). (This changes *RRS* A4.1)

11. RECALLS

- 11.1 The Race Committee may announce the sail number(s) of any boat(s) that are OCS on Channel 73. (This changes *RRS* 29.1)

12. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 12.1 When changing the course after the start, a new mark will be placed in position although it may not yet be in position before the leading boat begins that leg of the course. The old mark may not have been removed. Any marks to be rounded after rounding the changed mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

13. FINISH

- 13.1 The Finish line for **Windward finishes** (Courses W3 & W5) will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a R/C vessel and a nearby mark.
- 13.2 The Finish line for **Leeward finishes** (Courses W2 & W4) will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a R/C vessel and a nearby mark.

14. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2

- 14.1 The Penalty for Breaking a Rule of *RRS* Part 2 is changed in that if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 her penalty will be a One-Turn Penalty including one tack and one jibe, unless she breaks a rule of Part 2 within the 2 boat length zone. Then her penalty will be a Two-Turns Penalty. (This changes *RRS* 44)

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Any race in which no boat rounds the first windward mark within 45 minutes, or finishes within two (2.0) hours of the start will be abandoned. All boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the finish time of the first boat to finish a race will be scored "DNF". A "DNF" score for all boats not finishing within the time limit shall be one more point than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. (This changes *RRS* 35, A 4.1 & A 4.2)

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms will be available at the Jury desk under the Sail Newport Tent. Protests shall be delivered to the Jury Desk within the protest time limit. The time limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, as provided in Appendix "A" of the *RRS* will apply. A minimum of 3 races with no worst race discard must be completed to constitute a series.

20. HAUL OUT RESTRICTION

- 20.1 All boats shall be afloat prior to the warning signal for the first race of each regatta and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the written terms and permission of the Jury or the Principal Race Officer.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 Regatta trophies will be awarded to the First through Third place skipper and crew in an awards ceremony at the Sail Newport Tent at approximately 1700 hr

*The Naval Facilities at Coddington Cove have a 500 yard Exclusionary Zone marked by white navigational aids. Keep to seaward of these white bouys.

ADDENDUM #1 **COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS**

EXAMPLE: COURSE BOARD DISPLAYED ON R/C SIGNAL BOAT

Sail Course #W4 - windward, leeward, windward, leeward (Finish)

W4
1.8 nm. 120°

The Weather mark is **1.8 miles** from start at **120°** magnetic.

COURSE # W 2



Leg 1 – Windward
Leg 2 – Leeward (finish)

Start/ ----- R/C
Finish

COURSE # W3



Finish ----- R/C

Leg 1 – Windward
Leg 2 – Leeward
Leg 3 – Windward (Finish)

Start ----- R/C

COURSE # W 4



Leg 1 – Windward
Leg 2 – Leeward
Leg 3 – Windward
Leg 4 – Leeward (Finish)

Start/ ----- R/C
Finish

COURSE # W5



Finish ----- R/C

Leg 1 – Windward
Leg 2 – Leeward
Leg 3 – Windward
Leg 4 – Leeward
Leg 5 – Windward (Finish)

Start ----- R/C

*A Reminder to Competitors that Narragansett Bay is a Restricted Channel and sailing vessels do not have right of way over a vessel under power which may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.