

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## **Riverton Yacht Club 2020 Governor's Cup**

**Riverton Yacht Club is supporting recreational sailing activities in compliance with New Jersey Executive Orders.**

**The Governor's Cup for 2020 has adopted a novel format for 2020 in order to accommodate participant and staff safety in line with current NJ executive orders and recommendations related to COVID19.**

**While on RYC premises and property, sailors and guests should follow applicable national, state, and local regulations. Per RYC policy, social distancing should be adhered to and face coverings are required if social distancing recommendations are not feasible. Failure to comply with RYC policy may result in disqualification from the regatta at the discretion of the Board of Directors.**

### **RULES:**

All Riverton Yacht Club racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, current edition, prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, rules of individual National Class Associations, and by these sailing instructions. These Sailing Instructions apply to the Governor's Cup Regatta for 2020. Changes to Sailing Instructions and notices to competitors will be posted on the Bulletin Board located in the club breezeway.

### **ENTRIES:**

Eligible skippers are encouraged to be members of US Sailing. Class Associations rules will apply regarding membership requirements to race.

Boats racing in the PHRF A and PHRF B fleets shall have a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake Rating Certificate to be scored in a Club series.

### **SCHEDULE:**

Events and race times shall be in accordance with the posted RYC Governor Cup schedule and specific Notices of Race.

### **AREAS/COURSES:**

There will be one designated area and courses may vary between fleets as specified by the race committee. Rule 28.2 shall not limit race committee designation of order or required side each mark is to be passed.

All races will be started in the vicinity of the club. The courses will be posted on the club signboard on the second level of the RYC clubhouse. Fleet courses will use government

marks and RYC marks as noted on the course sheet. Race committee official communication will be by VHF radio channel 72. At the discretion of race committee communication may be supplemented by the club's PA system. **The anchorage at Quaker City Yacht Club in Philadelphia is closed to navigation until further notice. Any boat observed inside the mooring field during a race will be disqualified without a hearing.**

### **THE START:**

Starting will be under RRS 26 sequenced as follows:

On 5 Minute Warning Signal / Class Signal – 1 Sound & Yellow Light

On 4 Minute Preparatory Signal – 1 Sound & Green Light

On 1 Minute – Remove Preparatory Signal-1 Sound & Both Yellow and Green Lights Off

On 0 Minute -1 Sound & Red Light On, (Warning Signal Yellow Light on for rolling starts).

The visual signals shall be traffic lights mounted on the roof of the Riverton Yacht Club. The start of the proceeding class will be the warning signal (5 minute) for the next class in the sequence. The starting class's course may be altered immediately after the 5 minute warning signal but not later than the preparatory signal. The starting line will be on a line between the RYC flagpole and an orange or red mark in the vicinity of the RYC pier. The starting order for the first race will be as follows or as modified at the discretion of the race committee:

Saturday:

- PHRF A and B
- J22
- Flying Scot

Sunday:

- PHRF A and B
- Lightning
- Mariner

The race committee may utilize separate start times and different courses for fleets. Subsequent races may be started by the race committee as each fleet finishes. Upon completing a race each fleet shall be prepared to start another race as soon as the last boat has finished. Course changes after the start will be signaled by the race committee before the leading boat has begun the next leg.

**SHORTENED COURSE:** Races will be shortened in accordance with rule 32.2

**INDIVIDUAL RECALL:** The committee will attempt to hail individual boats over the line early, failure of the boats to hear the recall is not grounds for redress.

**GENERAL RECALL:** The recalled class will be started 5 minutes after the last class in the starting order. If more than one class has been recalled, they will start in the order they were recalled. Recalled classes will restart in 5 minute intervals.

**FINISH:** Unless the race is shortened to finish at a rounding mark boats will finish on a line between the orange or red mark and the RYC flagpole unless otherwise announced at the Skippers' Meeting on that day.

**POSTPONEMENT:** The race committee may postpone a race. The AP (red and white flag) will be lowered and a sound signal made One (1) minute prior to the Warning (5Min) signal.

#### **11 TIME LIMITS:**

J22, Flying Scot, Lightning, and Mariner fleets will have a **90 minute time limit** to complete each race. Boats not finishing within **20 minutes** of the first boat in their class and having continued to race will be scored TLE. **PHRF fleets will have a 2 hour race time limit.**

The race committee reserves the right to award a finish to a competitor that has not completed the course in order to expedite the completion of races.

**PENALTY SYSTEM:** For all races rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty including one tack and one jibe.

**PROTESTS:** Contestants who wish to file a protest should notify the RC immediately after finishing the race in which the incident occurred. A written protest must be submitted to the RC within one (1) hour after the final race for the day. Contestants should also follow protest guidelines as specified in the Racing Rules of Sailing. Protests should be delivered to the second floor of the RYC clubhouse. Rule 66 is changed by this sentence: For regattas on the last day of the racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 15 minutes after being informed of the decision.

#### **SCORING:**

The low point system RRS Appendix A4 will apply for all races.

A minimum of three (3) boats in a class are required for a race to count.

One (1) race will constitute a regatta.

Four races total are scheduled. There shall be No throw Outs

Up to four (4) races are scheduled for each fleet Saturday and Sunday as specified in the NoR.

- J22 and Flying Scot Fleets sail Saturday
- Lightning and Mariner Fleets sail Sunday
- PHRF fleets will sail up both Saturday and Sunday (Up to 3 races Saturday and/or up to 2 races Sunday at RC discretion).

Please see RYC Governors Cup Award Criterium Addendum on following page

## 15 SAFETY:

Rule 40 is replaced by: It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant.

All safety equipment required by Class rules must be carried on board.

A boat must not exercise right of way, crossing in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial freighters, tugs or tows or other commercial vessels that are unable to respond readily. If a boat is without way in a shipping channel the skipper shall take whatever action is necessary to clear them self from harm's way, including motoring or paddling. If a boat advances her position in the race she shall retire, however if they did not go closer to the next mark of the course they may continue racing.

### Governor's Cup Award Criterion

#### Eligibility:

For a fleet to be eligible to compete for the Governor's cup the following is required.

- The fleet must have competed with at least three boats the previous sailing season
- For 2020 only, the minimum fleet size shall be three boats when competing for the cup. No first year fleets shall be eligible to compete for the Governor's Cup.
- To defend the Governor's Cup the Cup holder's fleet must have increased year to year by at least one boat. If the Cruising fleet won the Cup in a Fleet of 10 boats, the cruising fleet must have 11 competing in order to be eligible to compete this year. The number of boats competing shall be considered the largest number of registered competitors to start a race.

#### Scoring:

The scoring will be a low point system where the finish position will be divided by the number of competitors in each race. If the number of competitors varies during the regatta the computation shall consider the number of racers in each individual race. To adjust the score for fleets sailing different numbers of races, the sum shall be divided by the number of races. There are no throw outs.

#### Sample:

	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Sum	Sum/Races
Finishes	1	2	1	3	5		
Competitors	12	12	12	9	9		
	0.083333	0.166667	0.083333	0.333333	0.555556	1.222222	0.244444
Finishes	1	3	2	5			
Competitors	12	12	12	9			
	0.083333	0.250000	0.166667	0.555556		1.055556	0.263889

Finishes	1	2	2	1	1		
Competitors	6	6	6	5	5		
	0.166667	0.333333	0.333333	0.200000	0.200000	1.233333	0.246667

The formula is designed to reward performance for doing well in larger fleets and encourage individual fleets to promote participation.

**Tie Break Criterion shall be as follows:**

In the event of a tie, the competitor with the most first place finishes will be awarded the Governor's Cup. If both competitors are still equal the second and third place finishes will be used to determine the ultimate winner. In the event there remains a tie, the fleet which has the largest growth from last year shall be awarded the cup.