



PRELIMINARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS HUGH FLETCHER MEMORIAL/ NOROTON INVITATIONAL REGATTA

United States 2.4mR Class

Noroton Yacht Club
Darien, CT USA
September 13 - 14, 2008

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Class Rule C 9.1(a) is in effect. A sail damaged beyond repair (or lost) may be replaced with approval of the jury or principle race officer, however no sail changes are permitted on the water between races, except in the case of an approved replacement.
- 1.3 Class Rules B 4.1 and B 4.2 are waived for this regatta.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the west end of the covered terrace at Noroton Yacht Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Noroton Yacht Club flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in RRS AP
- 4.3 When flag T is displayed ashore and on the race committee signal boat prior to the harbor start, all boats shall be towed to the starting area by official race committee boats and remain on their tow until flag T is lowered on the race committee signal boat.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES



5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

DAY	DATE	HARBOR START (a)	WARNING SIGNAL 1 ST RACE	PLANNED # OF RACES
Saturday	September 13	0930 hours	1030 hours	5 or more
Sunday	September 14	0900 hours	1000 hours	3 or more

(a) Boats must be in the water by the time of the planned harbor start whether or not a postponement has been signaled ashore.

5.2 The warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the race committee signal boat will hail competitors on VHF channel 71.

5.3 On the last day of the regatta, no first warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a rectangular white flag with “2.4” in blue.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be Long Island Sound, approximately 1 mile south of Noroton Yacht Club.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The course will be windward-leeward consisting of four (4) legs with an optional offset mark at the windward mark and an optional gate at the end of the first leeward leg. If the leeward gate is not set, boats are to round Mark 2 to port. The finish line may be shorter than the starting line. The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The length of the course will be set to provide race duration of approximately 30 – 40 minutes.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.3 A race shall not be shortened to less than three (2) legs. This changes rule 32.1.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1 (windward mark) and 2p and 2s (the gate) will be orange tetrahedrons.

9.2 Mark SF will be an orange tetrahedron or orange flag on a pole buoy.

9.3 The offset mark (O), if used, will be a small inflatable red or orange round buoy, or small yellow tetrahedron.

9.4 The starting marks will be the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and mark SF at the port end.

9.5 The finishing marks will be the RC Signal Boat at the port end and mark SF at the starboard end.

9.6 The RC Signal Boat may use a “keep off buoy”, in which case that buoy is part of the starting or finishing mark.



10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The starting and finishing lines for other Noroton race courses are designated as obstructions.

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.

11.2 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

11.3 The Race Committee will hail the identification number(s) of the recalled boat(s) on VHF channel 71 and/or by loudhailer. Boats in violation of any of the rules under RRS rule 30 may be notified before the starting signal.

The following, which changes rule 60.1(b), will not be grounds for granting redress:

- a. Failure of a boat to hear the recall hail or broadcast.
- b. A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers.
- c. The amount time to complete the recall hail or broadcast.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark, or leeward gate, or finishing line to a new position.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark at the port end and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit shall be 60 minutes and the Mark 1 time limit shall be 20 minutes.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat that sails the course and finishes will be scored points equal to one half the number of boats failing to finish plus the number of finishers. This changes rules 35 and A4.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms will be available from the Protest Committee Chairman under the covered terrace of the Clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there to a protest committee representative within the protest time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the RC signal boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.

15.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protests will be heard in the upper living room in the approximate order in which they were received, starting as soon as possible after this time.



15.4 Notices of protest by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1b.

15.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

16 SCORING

16.1 The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

16.2 There will be up to 10 races sailed, of which 3 are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 When more than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 All competitors are advised to wear personal flotation devices while racing.

17.2 All boats are required to carry VHF radios for safety purposes. If a competitor needs the assistance of a rescue boat and cannot communicate by VHF radio, the visual signal shall be lowering the mainsail or jib all the way.

17.3 Check-in: Before the warning signal of her first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee by repeating the boat's number.

17.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 71.

17.5 No race will be started if the average sustained wind speed is 25 knots or higher, or the combination of wind and sea conditions are judged unsafe by the Principle Race Officer.

18 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

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

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions, at the discretion and direction of the Race Committee.

19.2 All boats are advised to carry a towline at least 30 feet long that can be secured to the mast, and strong enough to tow at least four boats behind on a five boat tow.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

A rescue boat (normally a red RIB) will be on the race course at all times and will monitor VHF channel 71.



21 SUPPORT BOATS

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

21.2 Support boats shall be marked with a white flag on a staff.

22 BERTHING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall be kept in a designated area in either the 'dry-sail area' or tied up to Noroton Yacht Club floats. There are no hauling restrictions.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

23.1 Radio notification by the Race Committee to competitors regarding racing plans, OCS boats, safety instructions and other items of interest will be on VHF channel 71.

23.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, unless for reasons of safety, nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to all forms of wireless communications.

24 PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the top three finishers



ATTACHMENT A - THE COURSE

