



RHODES 19 CLASS FISHERMEN'S SERIES

LARRY RICHMOND CUP

Great Provincetown Schooner Regatta
Hosted by Fleet 50 and the Provincetown Yacht Club
September 28 to 30, 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1) RULES

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.

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.

2) NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located on the North wall of the Flyer's Boat Yard Shed located directly before the gangway leading to the boat yard docks.

3) CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted two hours before the day's first scheduled start.

4) SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore shall be displayed by the Race Committee on the flagstaff facing the waterfront of Flyer's Boat Yard. If races are postponed by signals made ashore, the Warning Signal for the first race will not be made less than 45 minutes after the AP flag is lowered.

One sound made by the Race Committee signal boat as she leaves for the racing area indicates that the Race Committee intends to start the racing as scheduled.

5) SCHEDULE OF RACES

DATE	DESCRIPTION	WARNING SIGNAL
Wed September , 201	FIRST DAY SERIES (UP TO 3 RACES)	01:00PM
Thu, September , 201	SECOND DAY SERIES (UP TO 3 RACES)	1:00PM

A maximum of six races shall be held during the course of this regatta. Two races shall be held each day if weather permits. A third race may be held only if weather forecasts indicate that racing may not be possible on the following day.

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

6) CLASS FLAG

No class flag will be flown on Wednesday, as no other classes will be racing.

7) RACING AREA

Racing shall take place within Provincetown Harbor, as shown in the Chart in Appendix A for all races. Permanent marks, which shall be referred to in course instructions below, are shown and described in Appendix A and will be referred to permanent mark A, B or C.

8) MARKS

The starting line mark will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron or a ball and flag. Rounding marks will be either/or an orange inflatable tetrahedrons or a permanent mark (A, B, C) as shown on the chart of Provincetown Harbor in Appendix A, unless there is a change of course. If a new mark is laid in accordance with Section 12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START, all racers will be notified by radio contact on channel 74, or one-on-one by a chase boat.

Marks as shown in Appendix A may be one of the following:

Mark	Description
A	The white Coast Guard Cone with one blue stripe just off the end of the Coast Guard pier shown as “CG” on the chart
B	The white can in the cove of Long Point

	shown as "C" on the chart
C	The Green Bell Buoy to the east of Long Point referred to as G "3" O G BELL on the chart.
O	Orange inflatable tetrahedron drop mark

The offset mark will be an orange ball. The finish line mark will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron. In the event of a CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START, and a permanent mark is eliminated or added, an orange mark will be added alongside the new permanent mark.

9) THE COURSES

The courses will be either a simple windward-leeward (WL) course (1,2 or 3 times around), triangular (T) with one windward leg, one broad reach and one leeward leg (1, 2 or 3 times around), or a square (S) with one windward leg, two broad reaches, and one leeward leg (1, 2 or 3 times around). An offset mark may be used at any windward rounding. If an offset mark is in place it must be rounded. A leeward gate may be used. If a gate is in place, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the last mark, and may round either gate mark. All marks will be kept to Port unless otherwise designated with the letters "SB" after the racecourse description.

No later than the Warning Signal of each race the Race Committee signal boat will display a board showing the course to be sailed (WL, T, S), the number of times around, whether marks are to be left to starboard (SB), the approximate compass bearing, and the approximate distance to the first mark. For instance "WL 2" would mean Windward Leeward course, twice around. If "SB" were added, it would mean leave marks to starboard. If the first mark (or second or third mark) is a permanent mark, the Race Committee shall display (under the course to be sailed and the compass bearing to the first mark), the corresponding sequence of the permanent mark. For instance, if the first mark is a tetrahedron and the second mark is a permanent mark, then the Race Committee will display:

O, (A, B, or C)

Or, if the first mark is a permanent mark and the second is a tetrahedron, the display would be:

(A, B, or C), O and so on.

10) CHECKING IN / STARTING AREA

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. A boat which fails to check in may be assessed a 20% scoring penalty, calculated as in RRS 44.3(c).

11) THE START

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The Race Committee will also display the F flag as a "prewarning" signal. The F flag will be displayed with one sound 5 minutes before the Warning Signal, and will be removed with one sound 1 minute before the Warning Signal. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a ball with a staff and PYC burgee located to port of the Race Committee boat. A boat, which does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal, will be scored DNS.

12) CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. In accordance with RRS 33, a change of course will be signaled by a Race Committee boat displaying the C flag, accompanied by repetitive sounds, and displaying the approximate bearing to the new mark. The signal will be displayed before the leading boat has begun the changed leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position.

13) SHORTENED COURSE

In accordance with RRS 32, the Race Committee will signal a shortened course by displaying the S flag accompanied by two sounds. The finish line for a shortened course will be between an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby rounding or finishing mark. The Race Committee boat will fly a blue flag while in position at the finish.

14) THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and an orange mark located on the port side of the Race Committee boat, unless the course has been shortened. The Race Committee boat will fly a blue flag while in position at the finish.

15) TIME LIMITS

If no boat has reached the first mark within 45 minutes after the start, or if no boat has finished the race within 3 hours, then the race shall be abandoned. Boats that are racing 30 minutes after the first boat has finished may be finished in place. A boat, which is finished in place, will be given the score corresponding to her position at the time the race was stopped. This modifies RRS rule 35 and Appendix A.

16) PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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.

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.

Protest forms will be available near the official notice board and shall be delivered to the Jury Secretary.

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.

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

17) SCORING

In accordance with paragraph B 10.00 of the Class Bylaws, the regatta will be scored using the Low Point Scoring System as provided in Appendix A of the RRS. As specified in paragraphs B 12.04-12.07 of the Class Bylaws, three races are required to complete a regatta. If fewer than five races are completed a boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores. If five or more races are completed her series score will be the sum of her race scores, excluding her worst score that is not designated DNE.

18) SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

19) HAULOUT RESTRICTIONS

In accordance with paragraph B 12.07 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.

20) EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT

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

21) OFFICIAL BOATS

Each Race Committee boat shall either display a Race Committee flag or be clearly marked with the words "RACE COMMITTEE."

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 abandonment.

23) RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee shall monitor VHF channel 74. 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.

As a courtesy, the Race Committee may use Channel 72 to broadcast information to racers, such as the approximate time of the Warning Signal for the next race, a change of course, a shortened course or other sailing instructions. Failure to make courtesy broadcasts shall not constitute grounds for redress.

24) PRIZES

Regatta Trophies shall be awarded to the first, second and third place boats for the Series. The Larry Richmond Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the first place finisher for the One-Design Series. Other prizes may be awarded during the regatta.

25) 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.

Appendix A (cont'd)

**Legend for Provincetown Harbor Chart
Permanent Marks**






Mark **A** refers to the white Coast Guard Cone with one blue stripe just off the end of the Coast Guard pier shown as "**CG**" on the chart.

Mark **B** refers to the white can in the cove of Long Point shown as "**C**" on the chart.

Mark **C** refers to the Green Bell Buoy to the east of Long Point referred to as **G "3" O G BELL** on the chart.

**Appendix B
Code Flags for the Rhodes 19 Fishermen's Series**

	<p>AP signal. That's a red and white pennant, which is also called the Answering Pennant. This flag is used to signal a postponement of the start. AP comes down, it signifies one minute until the first warning signal for the start.</p>		<p>S: White with blue square. This flag means, "The course has been shortened. The finish is between this flag and the nearby rounding mark,"</p>
	<p>P (Preparatory) flag goes up at four (4) minutes before the start. The P flag is blue with a white, square center. It is accompanied by a sound signal. This flag will remain up for three minutes. When the P flag comes down at one minute before the start. It is accompanied by a sound signal.</p>		<p>C: Red, white and blue horizontal stripes. This flag means, "The course has been changed." Look for compass heading to new mark and/or + or - sign indicating leg will be longer or shorter.</p>
	<p>X: Blue cross on a white background. It means that one or more boats have started prematurely. The race committee may, but is not obligated to, inform the guilty boat(s). This flag will be lowered when all premature boats have returned or after 4 minutes, whichever comes first.</p>		<p>N: Blue and white checkers. This flag means, "The race has been abandoned." It should be accompanied by 3 sound signals.</p>
	<p>FIRST SUBSTITUTE: This is a triangular flag with blue edges top and bottom and a yellow center. This flag indicates a General Recall. Everybody starts over. New start sequence, etc</p>		<p>N over A: This combination means, "Races have been abandoned. Further signals will be made ashore."</p>

	<p>Y: Diagonal red and yellow stripes. This flag means that all competitors are required to wear personal buoyancy.</p>		<p>F: Pre-warning. This flag may (or may not) be used as a pre-warning to the starting sequence.</p>
	<p>L: Diagonal yellow and black squares, two each. Ashore, it means that a notice to competitors has been posted. Afloat, it means come within hail or follow me.</p>		<p>R: Repeat. It is often used to signal to racers that another race will be held.</p>
	<p>M: Blue Flag with white X. This flag means, "The mark is missing. Round me instead of the missing mark."</p>		