



HAMILTON BURR REGATTA
HOSTED BY HUDSON RIVER COMMUNITY SAILING
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2016
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
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RACING AREA

The racing area will be between Pier 76 and Pier 62 unless otherwise stated.

BOATS

Races will be on J24s docked at Pier 66.

RULES

All races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association. Alterations to these rules may be made by these Sailing Instructions. It should be noted that where protests and collisions are concerned HRCS policies and procedures take precedence. **Race Captains shall make every effort to avoid ever touching another boat.**

COURSE AND MARKS

Courses will be windward-leeward. All marks will be rounded to port. Whether the course is once or twice around will be announced by the Race Committee. No marks shall be set landward of the red line superimposed on the aerial photo below. Racers and Race Committee shall take note to avoid setting races near Chelsea Piers, Pier 76 and Lincoln Harbor which are high traffic areas.

COMMUNICATIONS

HRCS Race Committee and base always are standing by on VHF channels 16 and 78. All radio communication with race vessels will be over channel 78. HRCS's office phone is (212) 924-1920. Don Rotzien, race director, can be reached on his cell phone at (203) 249-6251. Normally, he will be aboard the Race Committee vessel a 20 foot parker brand motorboat.

SAIL LIMITATIONS

Race Committee reserves the right to exclude genoas and or spinnakers from use.

COURSE CHANGES

Changes to the course before or during a race will be announced on VHF.

SECURITY ZONES

The USCG has established a 100-yard security zone around all US Naval or Coast Guard vessels. These Security Zones are obstructions and no boat is allowed to sail inside.



MODIFICATION TO BOAT

Teams shall not modify the J24.

STARTING, FINISHING AND SCORING

STARTING & SEQUENCING

The Starting Line will be between two starter pins. See below for the flag and horn sequence.

FINISHING

The Finish Line will be between the RC boat and a finish pin.

SCORING & SERIES

No less than one (1) and no more than five (5) races shall constitute the Series for each set of match races. The Race Committee will endeavor to complete as many races as the time limits allow. Races shall be scored using a low-point system, with the winner receiving one (1) point, and the second place boat receiving two (2) points. The team with the combined lowest score in the Series shall be determined the winner of the Series. No throwouts will be awarded. DNF (Did Not Finish) results shall be awarded a last place finish plus one-half (0.5) points. In the event of a tie, the Series shall be decided in favor of the team winning the Citizen Sailor Trophy for having raised the most charitable funds in connection with the event.

TIME LIMIT

Boats not finishing within 10 minutes of the first boat will be scored as DNF. The Race Committee may end any race at any time for darkness, weather or other conditions.

360 DEGREE TURN

A boat that may have broken a rule while racing may take a 360° penalty turn at the time of the incident, after getting well clear of other boats.

RESULTS AND AWARDS

Results will be announced at the awards ceremony held at the HRCS boathouse after the regatta. Awards will be given to the winner of the Series.

USE OF ENGINES BEFORE RACE

Motors may be used up until the 5 minute Warning Signal. After that it is the Race Committee's decision to permit engine use.

SAFETY

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

Staff and members must always practice prudent seamanship. This means always asking yourself, "Is this safest?" The event will be held in a very dynamic environment of strong currents, constant traffic and our boats are very light and responsive. A serious incident could compromise not only the HRCS adult, but the HRCS youth programs too. Therefore you must understand all of the safety policies and procedures, practice them to maintain your proficiency and to bring any questions to HRCS staff.



SKIPPER'S MEETING

All competitors participating in the regatta must attend the Skipper's Meeting at 12:00 Noon on the HRCS pier. Any individual not in attendance may be disallowed from participating at the discretion of the Race Committee or any Hamilton Burr Regatta organizers.

SAFETY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

These are found in the Membership Policies and Procedures document. Race Captains and Race Leaders must know them.

DAMAGE & RULES OF THE ROAD

DAMAGE

The Race Captain is responsible for his/her boat at all times. The cost for repairing any damage caused by a collision shall be determined by the Review Committee.

PROTESTS

Competitors are encouraged to resolve situations among themselves. The program's spirit is "camaraderie ahead of competition" and protests are discouraged. If a boat chooses to protest the protesting team must deliver a protest immediately after the regatta.

NO CONTACT RULE

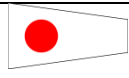







If a J24 contacts any other vessel, government mark, pier or piling, etc., the J24 shall immediately retire from the race and notify the Race Committee on VHF.

COMMERICAL TRAFFIC

All large, difficult to maneuver commercial vessels are considered Restricted in their Ability to Maneuver (RAMs) and shall be the Stand-On vessel in any meeting situation. This includes container ships, tug-barge units, large dinner boats, and green-hulled Circle Line boats. NY Waterway and NY WaterTaxi catamarans are not considered RAMs. If any racing sailboat decides to take the stern of a commercial vessel, all sailboats even or behind must also take the stern of the commercial vessel. If a commercial vessel slows or comes to a stop when approaching sailboats and one or more sailboats took the stern, all other sailboats must continue to take the stern so as to provide a clear a path forward for the commercial vessel.

REPORTING LOSS OR DAMAGE

Teams are responsible for ensuring that all equipment is onboard and functioning prior to leaving the dock. Any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, shall be reported.

Starting Sequence			
Raised / Lowered	Flag	Sound	Meaning
↑			Warning Signal. "Pennant One" flag raised. 5 minutes to start.
↑			Preparatory signal. "P" flag raised. 4 minutes to start.
↓			Preparatory signal. "P" flag lowered. 1 minute to start.
↓			Start signal. "Pennant One" flag lowered. Race has begun.



Race Area is Pier 76 to Pier 62. Avoid setting marks / starts near piers or marinas.