



# TEAM RACING INSTRUCTIONS

## *The Arnold Nye Regatta*

November 10 and 11, 2012

--VANGUARD 15 DIVISION--



1. **INVITATION** – Harbor Island Yacht Club and Nashville Vanguard 15 Fleet 77 cordially invite you and your crew to attend the *Arnold Nye Team Racing Regatta* on Old Hickory Lake in Old Hickory, TN.
2. **RULES**
  - 2.1. The race will be governed by the *rules* as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 – 2016 including Appendix 'D' (Team Racing Rules) and Appendix 'S' (Sound Signal Starting System).
  - 2.2. Partial Umpiring is planned. Clarification of procedure will be given at Skippers' meeting.
  - 2.3. Changes to the following RRS sections will be made for this event: 29.1 (Individual Recall), 32.2 (Shortening after the Start), 33 (Changing the Next Leg of the Course) 40 (Personal Flotation Device), 60.1 (Right to Protest), 61.1 (Informing the Protestee), 62.1(a) (Redress), Race Signal (AP, S, N, Y), Appendix A (Scoring), US Sailing Prescriptions for RRS 60 and 63.2 and 63.4.
  - 2.4. Changes to the following Vanguard 15 Class Rules will be made for this regatta: 3.3 Class membership requirements are waived; 4.2 Sails provided by manufacturers other than the Class Builder may be used, provided they are consistent with the size and shape of the Class Builder's.
3. **SAFETY REGULATIONS**
  - 3.1. USCG-approved Type III PFDs shall be worn at all times while on the water except while actively adding or removing clothing. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing except the team identification sea pennies. Only an umpire may protest for a violation of this instruction with a penalty, if any, in his or her sole discretion. This changes the preamble to Part 4, RRS 40, RRS 60.1(a), and Race Signal Y.
  - 3.2. The course, set on Old Hickory Lake, may intersect the navigational channel. Commercial traffic (barges) and deep-draft craft in the channel have right-of-way over sailboats and must be treated with utmost respect.  
**When a boat sailing under these *rules* meets a vessel that is not, the *rules* of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) are replaced by the [Inland Navigation Rules](#). Any boat impeding the passage of a right-of-way vessel is subject to protest.**
4. **SITE ACCESS, LAUNCHING, HOUSING**
  - 4.1. [Harbor Island Yacht Club](#) will be the site of all shore-side activities. Launching, docking and hauling may be done at Harbor Island Yacht Club free of charge. Access to the club is through a security gate. Non-HIYC members may scroll down to and dial CLUB on the gate control panel and ask that it be opened.
  - 4.2. Housing is available on a limited basis for out of town participants. See Instruction # 24.
5. **FEES**
  - 5.1. The registration fee for the Regatta is \$30.00 per boat.
  - 5.2. A Saturday lunch and a Sunday Cookout are fundraising events hosted by HIYC's Sea Scout Ship 851. Separate tickets may be purchased at registration for \$7 each.
6. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
  - 6.1. The race will be open to all Vanguard 15s properly registered with HIYC. Participants may enter the race by completing registration at the table in the HIYC clubhouse before the skippers' meeting.
  - 6.2. All boats shall have bow and stern-quarter fenders. Suggested fenders are available at [www.tritonfenderingsystems.com](http://www.tritonfenderingsystems.com).
  - 6.3. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. **See RRS 4, Decision to Race.** Competitors agree that the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. As an inducement to the race organizers to produce the race, each competitor agrees that by participating in this event each competitor is deemed to have waived all claims against and released the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law and

is deemed to have warranted that he has obtained this same release of the race organizers by each crew member.

## 7. TEAMS

- 7.1. The Regatta Committee, in its sole discretion, will select teams of three members comprised of boats and skippers/crew with similar aggregate past performance characteristics.
- 7.2. Teams will be designated by a color and each boat's skipper and crew shall wear sea pennies that display a that color (supplied at the skippers' meeting) outside their PFDs.

## 8. FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 8.1. The regatta format and the number of races will be determined by the Regatta Committee and the chief umpire in consultation with the principal race officer, and will be based on the number of registered teams and the weather conditions. The goal for this event is to provide as many quality races as possible between evenly matched teams.
- 8.2. The official time will be kept by the RC Clock above the coffee maker in the clubhouse ashore and by the PRO's watch (synchronized to the RC Clock) on the race committee boat on the water.

### **SATURDAY November 10, 2012**

8:30 AM: Registration, Coffee and Donuts

9:45 AM: Skippers' Meeting

10:30 AM: Warning Signal for the first start

12:30 PM: Lunch

5:00 PM: Nashville Vanguard 15 Fleet 77 Season Wrap-up Party (See Instruction # 22)

### **SUNDAY November 11, 2012**

9:55 am: Warning Signal

1:45 PM: Cookout

2:00 PM: Award Presentation (Approximate time)

## 9. NOTICES AND INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPETITORS

- 9.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located on the HIYC Clubhouse windows.
- 9.2. Any changes to these Instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race.
- 9.3. The schedule of races for the first day's racing will not be changed. Any change to the schedule of races for the second day's racing will be posted by 5:00 PM on the day before it will take effect.

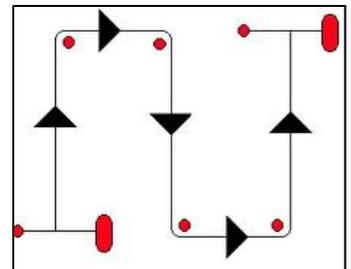
## 10. RACING, RACE AREA AND COURSE

10.1. The racing area is between mile Cumberland River 223 and mile 227 on Old Hickory Lake.

- (a) The "Upper Course" is approximately one mile northeast of the harbor entrance, below Lindsley's Light.
- (b) The "Lower Course" is southwest of the harbor entrance, between Shute's Branch and the mouth of Drake's Creek.
- (c) The "Harbor Course" is inside the harbor, northwest of HIYC.

10.2. The racing will consist of buoy courses. The Course will be a digital N

**COURSE DIAGRAM >**



## 11. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 11.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee boat at the dock.
- 11.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal "AP". This changes the meaning of Race Signal "AP"

## 12. ON-THE-WATER COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.1. A Loud Hailer will be used by the Race Committee for warnings and communications to the competitors while on the water.
- 12.2. These Instructions may be changed orally on the water by a race committee boat displaying Race Signal L.

## 13. MARKS

- 13.1. Marks of the course, including the start and the finish will be orange buoys.
- 13.2. The optional mark identified in 14.3 may be any shape or color.

## 14. THE START

- 14.1. The next teams to compete will be announced (or displayed) by the race committee prior to the warning signal for that race.

- 14.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 14.3. The race committee may, no later than the warning signal, trail a mark from the stern of the race committee boat stationed at the starboard end of the starting line. The trailing mark will be considered to be an extension of the race committee boat. No boat may pass between the trailing mark and the race committee boat.
- 14.4. A boat starting later than two minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
15. **RECALLS** – When individual recalls are signalled, the race committee may (at its discretion) attempt to hail the sail numbers, bow numbers of the recalled boats by loudhailer. Failure of the race committee to hail or failure of a boat to hear the hail shall not relieve the boat of its obligation to start correctly. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).
16. **COURSE CHANGES AND ABANDONMENT**
- 16.1. Marks may be moved as necessary to maintain the course configuration or to change the course length, but no mark will be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates. A leg of the course may not be deleted. Courses may not be shortened. This changes RRS 32, RRS 33, and Race Signals S.
- 16.2. The decision to abandon a race may be communicated orally by the race committee and/or the umpires. This changes rule 32.1 and Race Signal N.
17. **THE FINISH** - The finishing line will be between a race committee boat displaying a blue flag and the nearby mark.
18. **TIME LIMIT** - No warning signals will be made after 4:00 PM on Saturday and 1 PM on Sunday.
19. **PROTESTS AND REDRESS**
- 19.1. Protests may be immediately conveyed to the closest Umpire in accordance with Appendix D and the procedure discussed at the Skippers Meeting.
- 19.2. If an Umpire is not immediately able to rule on the protest, a boat intending to file a protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee. All protests will be resolved using the 3 Minute Justice System. See Instruction # 22.
- 19.3. RRS Appendix D, 2.4(b) applies to all protests.
- 19.4. US Sailing's Prescription to RRS 60 (redress participation) and 63.2 (redress notice) shall not apply.
20. **RACE SCORING** - Each boat finishing a race will be scored in accordance with Appendix D.
21. **AWARDS** - Awards will be given to the top 3 teams
22. **3 MINUTE JUSTICE** – Three minute justice while on the water will be used. (Example: Boat A and Boat B are in a incident. A and B both decided not to take a penalty turn(s) to exonerate themselves. A felt that B's alleged rule infringement played a part in the outcome of the race A decides to protest. A first reports thatthey are protesting to the RC finish boat. The 3 minute justice hearing can be held immediately. Each party will convene with two available Umpires. A then has one minute to tell the Umpires thier side of the story. B then has one minute to tell the Umpires their side off the story. After the two sides have had a minute each (which is timed), A and B are excused and the Umpires have one minute to make a decision. If they can not make a decision then the protest is disallowed.) The results of the 3 minute justice system is final. The Umpires then report the decision to the competitors and the RC finish boat and the case is closed.
23. **NASHVILLE VANGUARD 15 FLEET 77 SEASON ENDING PARTY** – V15 regatta entrants, race committee, regatta volunteers and friends of the Fleet are invited to attend the Nashville Vanguard 15 Fleet 77 Season Ending Wrap-up Party, scheduled to begin at approximately 5:00 PM. The party will be held at 325 Harbor Drive, Old Hickory TN 37138. All attendees are encouraged to park at Harbor Island Yacht Club and walk to the venue. A donation of \$6 per person is requested at the door to cover the costs of food. Soft drinks and mixers provided.
24. **FURTHER INFORMATION** – For further information please contact Robert Mattix (615) 308-4700 or by email to: [robertm@nashvillev15.org](mailto:robertm@nashvillev15.org).