



# Harlem Yacht Club 2009 Howard C. Hoxsie Regatta Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules.** The race will be conducted in accordance with The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009–2012, the prescriptions of US Sailing Association, J/24 Class Rules, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.
2. **Schedule.** The regatta will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2009. The warning signal for the first race will be made no earlier than 12:30 PM.
3. **Check in.** Before the first warning, each boat shall sail past the race committee boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged.
4. **Communications.** The Race Committee will monitor and provide communications to the racers on VHF channel 71. Radio communication is a courtesy only. Visual and sound signals as described in the Racing Rules of Sailing will prevail.
5. **Course and Marks.**
  - a. All courses will be windward-leeward.
  - b. All marks shall be left to port.
  - c. Mark 1 will be approximately 0.5 to 1.0 nm to windward of the start line, and shall be designated by letter, as follows:
    - W Inflatable drop mark
    - A EBYRA mark “A”, north of Throgs Neck
    - B R "2" FI R 4s - Near Big Tom
    - C RG "CL" FI(2+1) R 6s, south of Cuban Ledge
    - D N “4” north of Big Tom
    - E EBYRA mark “E”, north of Weir Creek
    - R EBYRA mark “R”, east of Locust Point
    - S EBYRA mark “S”, south-west of Belden Point
  - d. The letter designation of Mark 1, along with the number of legs to be sailed, will be displayed from the race committee boat.
  - e. Mark 2 will be the start mark.
  - f. The start mark will be an orange buoy placed by the race committee.

- g. The start line will be between the start mark and an orange flag on the RC boat.
  - h. The finish line will be between an orange flag on the RC boat and the finishing mark.
6. **Starting Signals.** Starting signals will be made in accordance with RRS 26. The class flag shall be a “J” logo on a white background.
7. **Penalties.** Except for infringements of RRS part 2 that occur within the *zone*, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required (modifies RRS 44.1).
8. **Retirement.** A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing, or drops out of the regatta, shall notify the race committee before leaving the course area.
9. **Protests**
- a. A boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing (modifies RRS 61).
  - b. Protests shall be filed in writing at the Harlem Yacht Club with a representative of the race committee no later than 1.5 hours after the finish or abandonment of the last race of the day.
  - c. Protest notices will be posted on the HYC racing board (on the first floor of the clubhouse) to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are interested parties.
10. **Scoring.** The series shall be scored using RRS Appendix A (Low Point System).
- a. There will be a maximum of five races. Fewer races may be sailed at the discretion of the race committee.
  - b. One race completed will constitute a series.
  - c. A boat’s worst score shall **not** be excluded (modifies RRS A2).