

R-19 Fleet #46 Championship Series
Hingham & Hull Yacht Clubs
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2012

Preamble to the Fleet #46 Sailing Instructions

The founding principle of Fleet #46 is to promote fun and friendship through the concept of Recreational Racing. Fundamental to Recreation Racing is Rule #2 in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Rule #2 “Fair Sailing” A boat and her owners shall compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play.

1. RULES

Fleet #46 racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Rhodes-19 Class Rules unless otherwise stated in these Sailing Instructions.

All races shall be conducted under the current R-19 Fleet #46 Sailing Instructions including the courses described therein. All boats should carry a copy of the courses on board.

2. RECREATIONAL RACING

RRS Rule #4 Decision to Race states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” The Fleet is sensitive to the fact that when it comes to weather conditions, recreational and reasonable are closely related.

3. ENTRIES

Any and all Rhodes 19’s that adhere to the R-19 class rules are welcome to sail in Fleet #46 races. Awards and titles will be given only to boats that are dues-paying members of Fleet #46 as defined by the Fleet.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Committee notice boards of the Hull and Hingham Yacht Clubs and, when possible, will be sent to members via email.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

On the occasion where racing for the day is in question the Fleet 46 Fleet officers from each club will confer and make a decision to race or not to race by 1:00 PM for weekend regattas and 5:00 PM for the Thursday evening championship regattas. The decision shall be announced and posted at each club at the above stated times.

6. SCHEDULE

The Season’s Racing Schedule shall be published no later than the third Saturday of May.

Out of respect of personal and family schedules, Races/Regattas not held shall not be re-scheduled as a Fleet Champion Qualifying event.

There will be three Saturday Championship Regattas scheduled.

Starting time shall be 2:00 PM.

No more than three (3) races shall be held.

No race shall start after 5:00 PM.

All races held will be counted in the scoring of that individual regatta.

One completed race constitutes a Regatta.

There will be four Thursday Evening Championship Regattas scheduled. Thursday Evening regattas will start at 6:15 PM. No race shall start after 8:00 PM.

There will be as many races as can be run within the stated time frame.

If more than four (4) races are completed there will be one throw-out.

One completed race constitutes a regatta.

7. RACING AREA

Saturday Championship Regattas conducted by the Hull Race Committee shall start in Hull Bay.

Saturday Championship Regattas conducted by the Hingham Race Committee shall start in the vicinity of Sheep Island.

The Thursday Evening Championship Series shall start in the vicinity of Sheep Island.

Non-Championship races will start in the vicinity of the respective Yacht Clubs.

NOTE: The Race Committee reserves the right to conduct the races in the area best suited for the conditions.

8. COURSES and MARKS (See course descriptions on the last page of the Sailing Instructions.)

Saturday Championship Regatta courses and marks

Course Description sheets will be available on board the RC Boat.

The Course to be sailed SHALL be posted on a signal board on the RC Boat PRIOR to the Warning signal. The Race Committee may at its discretion, use an offset mark in addition to the windward mark.

Portable Marks shall be large and highly visible.

The distance from the starting line to the first Windward mark will be approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile.

Thursday Evening Championship Series courses and marks.

Course Description sheets will be available on board the RC Boat.

The Course to be sailed SHALL be posted on a board on the RC Boat PRIOR to the Warning signal.

Portable Marks shall be large and highly visible.

The distance from the starting line to the first Windward mark will be approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of a mile.

9. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES [STARTING SYSTEM]

The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a leeward end mark.

The finish line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby finishing mark.

The Saturday Championship regattas shall use a standard five (5) minute starting sequence.

The Thursday Evening Championship series shall use the three (3) minute dinghy sequence.

10. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each Saturday Championship Regatta race will be 75 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats that have not finished within 20 minutes of the first boat's finish will be given their place at the 20 minute deadline.

The time limit for each Thursday Evening Championship race will be 30 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats that have not finished within 10 minutes of the first boat's finish will be given its place at the 10 minute deadline.

11. PROTESTS

See addendum describing Alternative Procedures For Dispute Resolution

The rules of Section A Optional Penalties, A1 and A2, shall be used.

The rules of Section B Expedited Hearings, B1 and B2, shall be used.

An arbitration meeting shall precede a formal protest meeting.

It is recommended but not required that the protesting boat fly a Red Flag when protesting another boat.

12. SCORING

The score of a non dues-paying boat in any race shall stand as scored; however the official Fleet #46 finishing placement in a regatta shall include only dues-paying boats.

Each Championship Regatta shall be scored as a stand-alone event.

The Low Point Scoring System as defined by Appendix A, A4.1, of the RRS shall be used in all Fleet R-19 races.

Three races are scheduled in each Saturday Championship Regatta. All scores will count. One completed race constitutes a Regatta.

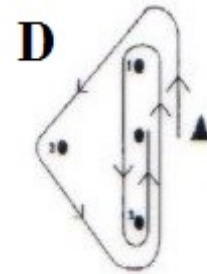
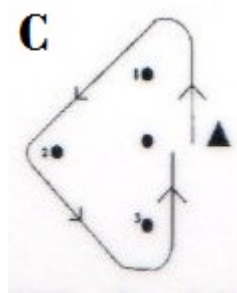
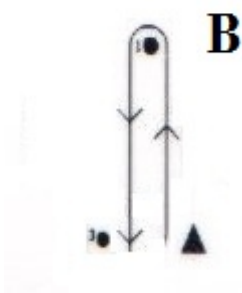
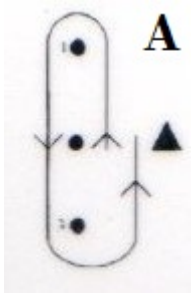
In order for a boat to qualify for Fleet Champion, a boat shall sail in two (2) of the three (3) Saturday Championship Regattas. The best two Regatta scores will constitute the boat's Championship score. If Regattas are canceled then one completed Saturday Regatta constitutes a Championship Series.

The Thursday Night Championship Regatta will hold as many dinghy races as the Time Limit will allow. If more than four (4) races are completed then one throw out shall be allowed. One completed race constitutes a Regatta.

In order for a boat to qualify for Fleet Champion, a boat shall sail in three (3) of the four (4) Championship Thursday Night Regattas. The best three Regatta scores will constitute the boat's Championship score. If Regattas are canceled then the Thursday Night Championship Regattas completed shall constitute a Championship series.

At the end of the season a boat's finishing position in the combined Championship Regattas (Saturday & Thursday) shall be scored in the Low Point System to determine the overall Fleet Champion.

Fleet #46 Hingham Bay Racing
Rhodes 19 Course Descriptions
2012



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