

# JULY 14, 2018 PARKER CONVERSE TOWER RACE -- SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), with US SAILING Prescriptions, including Appendix V, except as changed by the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 All competitors are reminded of the importance of compliance with RRS 67.
- 1.3 RRS 52 is amended as provided for under RRS 86.1(c) as follows: Competitors are permitted to use electrically-powered winches for running rigging while racing.
- 1.4 Changes to the Sailing Instructions or Schedule must be posted on the Official Notice Board (located on the BYC porch) at least 24 hours prior to the first scheduled warning signal. Changes to the Sailing Instructions, excluding the schedule of races, may also be posted on the Race Committee boat prior to the warning signal and after displaying signal flag "L" and a radio announcement by the Race Committee on VHF c 72.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS/SCRATCH SHEETS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the BYC porch.
- 2.2 Scratch sheets will be available at the bar at BYC and through the registrant's email, no later than 0900 on the day of the race.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the BYC flagpole.
- 4.2 Flag AP displayed ashore means "The races are postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered." This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACE

- 5.1 The Parker Converse Tower Race will be held on July 14, 2018
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1230.

## 6. CLASS SIGNALS AND FLAGS

Class signals will be displayed on placards before the course designation on the signal boat course board. Boats shall display their class flag (numeral pennant) from their backstays while racing.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Signal</u>
Racing Class 1 (spinnakers)	Numeral pennant 1
Cruising Class 2	Numeral pennant 2
Cruising Class 3	Numeral pennant 3

## 7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will include Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound.
- 7.2 The start will be in the vicinity of Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (F1 R) at Centerboard Shoal (BYC mark "G"), and will follow the course listed in 8.1.

## 8. COURSES

- 8.1 A sailboat can choose to sail the Tower Race course in either direction:

(1) A sailboat must first pass through Quick's Hole; round Lighted Gong G31 (Gay Head a/k/a Devils Bridge), leaving G31 to starboard; and then round Buzzards Bay Tower, leaving the Tower, Cuttyhunk, and Penikese Island to starboard,

**OR** (2) A sailboat must sail the course in reverse by first rounding Buzzards Bay Tower, leaving Cuttyhunk, Penikese Island, and the Tower to port; then round Lighted Gong G31 (Gay Head a/k/a Devils Bridge), leaving G31 to port; and then pass through Quick's Hole.

**8.2** The race committee may, but is not obligated to, use VHF c.72 to announce the intended timing of warning signals, and the sail numbers of recalled racing boats.

## **10. STARTING**

**10.1** Races for all classes will be started using RRS 26, with classes starting in the order in which their class signals are displayed on the course board.

**10.2** The race committee may call attention to an unscheduled warning signal by making repetitive sound signals prior to the warning signal.

**10.3** The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the signal boat and the course side of the nearby mark.

**10.4** A keep-away buoy may be deployed off the stern of the race Committee boat.

**10.5** Competitors are reminded of RRS 24.1: If reasonably possible, a boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat racing.

**10.6** A boat that starts later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

## **11. FINISHING**

**11.1** The finish will be at Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (F1 R) at Centerboard Shoal (BYC mark "G").

**11.2** The navigator of the finishing boat shall record her finishing time (GPS time) when close abeam of Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (F1 R) at Centerboard Shoal (BYC mark "G"). This time shall be recorded on the Race Bulletin Board at BYC, or with the BYC Scorer/Registrar not later than 0930 on the day after the race starts. (The Scorer's contact information will be provided via the registrant's email after registration.)

## **12. PENALTIES**

**12.1** RRS Appendix V will apply in its entirety. (This alters RRS 44.1)

## **13. TIME LIMITS**

**13.1** The Tower Race has no time limit.

## **14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**14.1** Protests and requests for redress shall be written on forms available at the BYC bar and deposited in the protest box on the BYC porch within three hours from the time of the protesting boat's recorded finish.

**14.2** The Protest Committee will hear protests properly filed for the Parker Converse Tower Race at BYC on July 22, 2018 at 1700.

**14.3** A boat requesting redress based on her scores shall do so within seven days of the posting of the scores. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **15. SCORING**

**15.1** Each boat's finish position will be calculated using their PHRF rating and Time in Time (TOT) scoring.

**15.2** The course distance will be compiled using the locations of permanent marks shown in the BYC Racing Guide. The length of each leg of the course will be determined by the race committee to the nearest tenth of a nautical mile.

## **16. SAFETY**

**16.1** When Flag L is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat before a warning signal, boats shall check in by sailing past the signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their numbers until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

**16.2** VHF c. 72 is the hailing channel for the Race Committee. The Race Committee will monitor VHF c. 72 and will provide safety information on VHF c. 72. As part of the BYC Racing Safety Plan, every competing boat is required to carry a VHF radio and to monitor VHF c. 72 from the preparatory signal and while racing and shall notify the Race Committee on VHF c. 72 if they retire from racing.

**16.3** All competitors shall wear properly fastened, USCG approved personal flotation devices while starting and finishing, without exception, and at all other times except when the captain directs that the devices may be set aside.

**16.5** When flag V (Red X on White Background) is displayed not later than the warning signal spinnakers shall not be used.

## **17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**17.1** Competitors participate in BYC series racing and special races 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 racing.