



THE EASTERN LONG ISLAND YACHTING ASSOCIATION

2009 ELIYA GENERAL CONDITIONS

SCOPE- unless otherwise amended by the Sailing Instructions of a Race or Regatta, **The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 ("RRS") shall apply as governing rules to all Races and Regattas conducted by the member clubs of the Eastern Long Island Yachting Association (ELIYA).**

The following specifications are presented to stress certain areas of the "RRS", and to create the means to remedy certain association wide problems and to state the association's specific conditions. The inclusion in the race description of a statement to the effect "This Race is governed by the 2009 General Conditions of ELIYA" shall make these conditions in their entirety the governing rules unless otherwise amended.

I - ORGANIZATION

#A - MANAGEMENT

The sponsoring Yacht Club shall have the authority to describe the conditions of the race subject to ELIYA appeal procedures.

#B - RACE RESULTS

It is the obligation of each Race Committee to report the results of their race to Joan Worthing: by e-mail (JoanWorthing@optonline.net), by mail (ELIYA Sec. 104 S. Magee St., Southampton, New York 11968), or fax (702-977-7303) within one week of the race. These results will then be posted on WWW.ELISAILING.ORG website. If at all possible, it is best if the results include for each division: the boat names, skipper names, PHRFs used, finish times, corrected times, and placings.

#C - APPEALS

Appeals of protest decisions shall be governed by appendix "F" of the "RRS".

II - ENTRIES

#A - QUALIFICATION

Competing yachts shall be capable of cruising and racing offshore. The owner or charterer of each competing yacht must be a member or a guest of a member club of ELIYA, a member of another recognized regional association, a member of USSA, or a member of a club recognized by ELIYA.

#B - PHRF

All competing yachts shall have a 2009 PHRF-ELI rating certificate. For those needing a new rating certificate, a copy of the PHRF-ELI form is enclosed or may be downloaded from ELISAILING.ORG.

#C - OFFICIAL ENTRIES

Official Entry Forms for the races in the foregoing Offshore Schedule may be downloaded from ELISAILING.ORG. The form is also found in this yearbook. Send the completed and signed entry to the sponsoring club with entry fee and a 2009 PHRF-ELI certificate for the races in which you are entering your yacht. Entries shall be delivered to the Race Committee Chairman **at least four days prior** to the scheduled date of the race **unless otherwise stated**. Race Committees are under no obligation to accept entries received fewer than four days prior to the race.

#D - ONE DESIGN

All yachts competing in any ELIYA sanctioned event shall comply to all the rules and regulations of that classes national body or as changed by the local fleet.

III - RACE CRITERIA

#A - Race Divisions; the default division splits are

Division-I	(spinnaker)	PHRF 105 or -
Division-II	(spinnaker)	PHRF 106 or +
Division-III	(non-spinnaker)	PHRF 194 or -
Division-IV	(non-spinnaker)	PHRF 195 or +

These splits will be used for ELIYA season series scoring. However, please note that in recognition of the growing interest in and participation of high performance type boats, one-design boats, and the equitable distribution amongst divisions, if participation permits, and at the discretion of the ELIYA offshore committee and/or the member club's Race Committees, **the division splits mentioned above may be different** for individual races.

#B - NON-SPINNAKER SAIL AND GEAR LIMITATIONS

- 1 – no spinnakers, cruising spinnakers, mizzen spinnakers may be flown.
- 2 – no mizzen staysails may be flown.
- 3 – whisker poles are permitted.
- 4 – only one sail at a time may be tacked forward of the main mast. This does not prohibit a transient condition (i.e.. during sail change).
- 5 – A yacht normally sailed and rated for a double head rig may set her normal upwind forestaysail as a second headsail. The substitution of excessively large, special purpose staysails (i.e.. bloopers) for the normal forestay sail shall not be permitted.

#C - COMBINED DIVISIONS

The Race Committee may combine divisions I and II (spinnaker), and/or divisions III and IV (non spinnaker), either in the race instructions or the day of the race as they feel necessary to promote race efficiency. Trophies will be awarded as the Race Committee deems appropriate.

#D - SCORING

- 1 – INDIVIDUAL RACES - The default scoring system for individual races will be the Time on Time methodology (see scoring systems) unless otherwise specified by the race instructions.
- 2 – SCORING SERIES OF RACES - The 2009 ELIYA High Point System will be used (see scoring systems).

IV - MINIMUM EQUIPMENT

These requirements are intended to supplement rather than replace government requirements and the "RRS". The responsibility for providing and maintaining a safe and seaworthy vessel rests entirely on the owner. The establishment, their use by race organizers, or the inspection of a yacht under these recommendations does not in any way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner.

#A - All yachts shall conform to the U.S. Coast Guard Federal Requirements for their particular vessel as an absolute and legally required minimum safety standard.

#B - All boats not equipped with life lines shall be required to have it's crew wear personal floatation devises at all times during the race subject to one design class rules if applicable.

#C - Each yacht shall have at least one **manual bilge pump and 2 two gallon buckets with lanyards..**

#D - INCLEMENT WEATHER

It is up to the individual skipper of each yacht to determine if said yacht should either start or continue to race. In the case of inclement weather that might cause a race committee to abandon or postpone a race, the sponsoring yacht club's Race Committee is urged to be able to transmit and receive radio calls on the designated channel about the race conditions two hours before the start of the race.

#E - VHF radio is required.

V - RULES

#A - HIKING WITHOUT LIFELINES

It is prohibited for the crew of a boat without lifelines to use any rope, wire, rail, handhold or other special device for the purpose of supporting their weight outboard of a vertical line projected upward from the sheer line. When hiking in the sitting position, facing inboard, no part of the crews upper thighs shall be outboard of the sheer line. When sitting, facing outboard no part of the crews posterior shall be out board of the sheer line.

#B - IDENTIFICATION

All yachts must identify themselves to the Race Committee before the start with their mainsail raised showing their sail numbers or by radio. Yachts withdrawing from a race for whatever reason shall make every effort to notify the Race Committee in a timely manner.

#C – MARKS

If so described by the race instructions, government navigational buoys, except starting marks and course marks, may be disregarded at the **discretion and liability of the skipper**. When racing under limited visibility, skippers are required to obtain sightings of each rounding mark of a course.

VI - LIABILITY

It is the responsibility of each skipper to make sure that his boat is in safe operating condition, adequately crewed, and all required safety equipment is working and stored where it is accessible. It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue a race, as specified by fundamental rule of the Racing Rules of Sailing. As a condition of entering in any race sponsored and conducted by ELIYA or an ELIYA member club, the Owner of each yacht assumes all risks and thereby releases the club sponsoring the race and ELIYA against any claim which he, any crew member, or passenger on his yacht may have, for any reason, arising from injury or damage sustained in or in connection with such race. (Reference Affidavit Form on the race entry form enclosed).