

**THE HEATHERTON TROPHY RACE
SHELTER ISLAND YACHT CLUB
SUNDAY, 3 July 2011
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & RULES**

The race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS) 2009-2012, and the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, except as changed by these sailing instructions or the ELIYA General Conditions.

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes or amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be handed out from the committee boat at the starting line prior to the warning signal. Code flag "L" will be hoisted with one sound to signal that an amendment or change has been made and is ready to be distributed.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

There will be one race for each of four classes. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first class to start is **1100**. The warning signal for subsequent classes shall be made with, or after, the starting signal for the preceding class. All classes will start individually.

STARTING SEQUENCE

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before start
Warning	Class Flag + 1 Sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z+I or Black flag + 1 sound	4
One minute	Preparatory flag removed, 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed, 1 sound	0

CLASS FLAGS

CLASS FLAGS WILL BE:

CLASS	FLAG	PHRF
1	PENNANT 1	Spinnaker 105 and below.
2	PENNANT 2	Spinnaker 106 and above.
3	PENNANT 3	Non-spinnaker 195 and below.
4	PENNANT 4	Non-spinnaker 196 and above.

Entrants are encouraged to display the class flag for their division from the backstay to facilitate identification by other entrants and the Race Committee.

LOCATION OF THE START

The start will be in Orient Harbor, the signal boat will be in the leeward quadrant of the harbor.

THE COURSE.

In order to achieve a proper start the Race Committee may elect to set a weather mark at a distance from the starting line. The bearing and distance to the weather mark will be displayed on the race committee boat with a white board and a flag "W" (weather mark) will be displayed over a red flag (leave to port) or green flag (leave to starboard) five minutes prior to Warning.

The marks of the course follow. Those with an (*) are considered rounding marks.

N 6	Orient Harbor	Port
N 10	Greenport Channel	Starboard
*FL G 11	Jennings Point	Port
*FL R 16	Noyac Bay	Starboard
*Orange Inflatable mark	Noyac Bay 1 m. SW FL R 16	Starboard
FL R 16	Noyac Bay	Starboard
*FL G 11	Jennings Point	Starboard
*Orange Inflatable mark	Pipes Cove	Starboard

SHORTEN COURSE

The course may be shortened by the Race Committee at any rounding mark above, **the Greenport breakwater and FL R 12 Paradise Point.**

The Finish

The finish will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and a red ball located toward the eastern side of Pipes Cove.

SCORING

Boats will be scored using the PHRF time on time scoring system for the SIYC Heatherton awards and the ELIYA series scoring system for the championship racing circuit.

PROTESTS

Protests must be filed at, or mailed to, the Shelter Island Yacht Club no later than 1800 of the day following the race. The Shelter Island Yacht Club protest committee will notify the parties to a protest of the time and place of the hearing.

Time Limits

The time limit for each class will be five hours after the start time for that class. Competitors finishing more than one hour after the first finishing boat of their class, will be scored DNF without hearing.

SAFETY

All boats are required to check in with the Race Committee prior to the first warning by sailing across the stern of the race committee boat (not alongside), giving the name and sail number to boat.

A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Signal Boat	Blue race committee flag
Mark and pin boats	Yellow auxiliary committee flag

RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee will monitor VHF channels 72 throughout the race.