

The 52nd consecutive

**2013 Bullseye National Championship
6-8 September 2013**

at the Saunderstown Yacht Club
Saunderstown, Rhode Island 02874

Saunderstown Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules are changed by the Sailing Instructions in accordance with rule 86. Changes are stated in the sections to which they apply.
- 1.3 The following changes to the Bullseye class rules will apply:
 - a. Marine VHF radios are required in addition to the safety equipment listed in class rule B5.1.
 - b. Boats are subject to inspection at any time to ensure compliance with the Bullseye Class Association rules.
 - c. Any Bullseye class-legal sails except genoas may be used during the regatta.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Saunderstown Yacht Club (SYC) clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the SYC flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

Saturday, 7 September

0830: Competitors' meeting on SYC clubhouse deck

1030: Warning signal for first race

Sunday, 8 September

1030: Warning signal for first race

1300: No warning signal after this time

5.2 The race committee will start as many races as practicable each day. A total of seven races is scheduled.

6. **CLASS FLAG:** The class flag will be the Bullseye class insignia on a white field.

7. **RACING AREA:** Attachment "A" shows the location of the racing area.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment "B" show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed, the compass bearing to the first mark, and the distance to the first mark. For example:

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| W4 | Course |
| 225 | Magnetic bearing to the first mark |
| 0.8 | Distance to the first mark in nautical miles |

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1 and 3S and 3P (gate) will be orange tetrahedrons. Mark 2 (windward offset) will be a small orange tomato mark.

9.2 Replacement marks will be orange tomato marks.

9.3 The start/finish marks will be the signal boat on the starboard side and an orange tomato mark on the port end. The race committee may replace the port-end starting mark with a pin boat.

9.4 If a course calls for an upwind finish, the finish will be placed approximately 50 yards upwind of the location of the windward mark, and will be between the finish boat and an orange tomato mark on the port end.

9.5 If only one mark of a gate is present, boats shall leave that mark to port.

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and either the course side of the port-end starting mark, or a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat at the port end.

10.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

10.3 The race committee will attempt to broadcast the sail number of any boat identified as OCS at the start by VHF radio. Failure to make such broadcast or to make it completely or

timely, or failure of a competitor to hear the broadcast, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a replacement mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 If the race committee replaces the windward mark during a race, there will not be an offset mark.
- 11.3 The race committee may adjust the gate without signalling a change.

12. THE FINISH: The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and either the course side of the port-end starting mark, or a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat at the port end.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM:

- 13.1 Rules T1, T2 and T3 of Appendix T are in effect.
- 13.2 Under rule T1, the first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 13.3 Rule T2 permits post-race scoring penalties.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 60 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. The race committee may score competitors at the back of the fleet in their place and direct them to return for the next start. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Competitors are required to display a red flag to indicate their intent to protest. This changes rule 61.1 (a)(2).
- 15.2 Under rule T3, in addition to the requirements of rule 61, a boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee. This changes rule 61.
- 15.3 Protest forms are available at the race desk at the SYC clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the time limit.
- 15.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks at the conclusion of racing for the day.
- 15.5 Hearings will be held as soon as practicable, in the approximate order received, in the SYC clubhouse. A list of protests will be posted on the official notice board.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Each boat shall sail past the race committee signal boat at the beginning of the day or after a long postponement and hail her number until recognized by the race committee. A boat that fails to comply with this instruction may be assessed a scoring penalty of 20% of the number of boats entered, as defined in rule 44.3(c), without a hearing. This changes rule 61.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area before the conclusion of the day's racing shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3 Failure to comply with this instruction will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT: Substitution of competitors or lost or damaged equipment will be permitted only with the advance written approval of the race committee.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL: Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. Competitors may not protest another boat for breaches of this instruction or rule 55. This changes rule 60.

20. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS: Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of advance written permission of the race committee.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION: Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. Competitors shall carry a marine VHF radio aboard while racing and shall actively monitor the designated channel for announcements from the race committee.

22. PRIZES

22.1 Prizes will be awarded to skipper and crew for the top 5 places of the regatta.

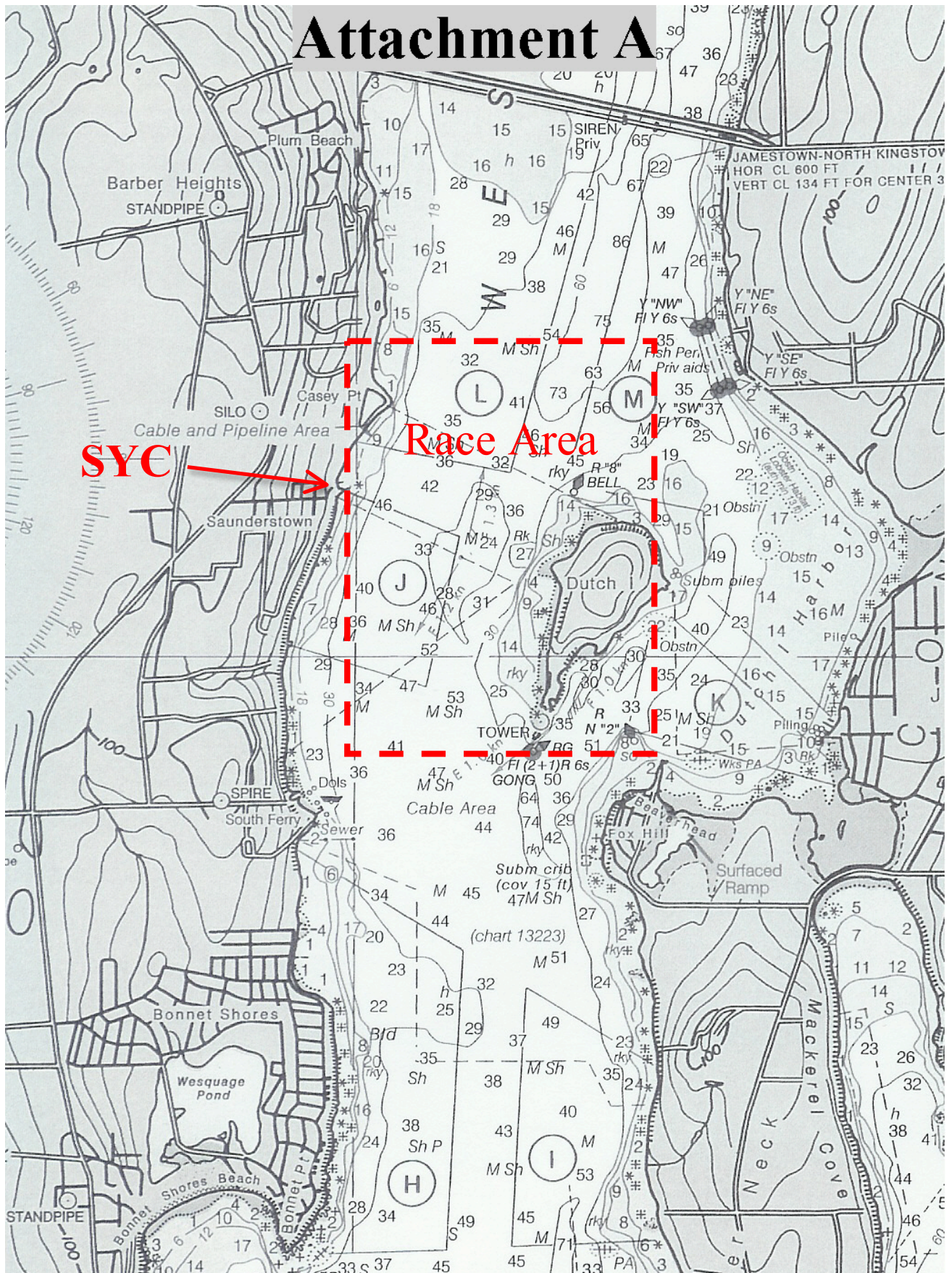
22.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first place skipper and crew for each race of the regatta.

22.3 Four perpetual trophies will be awarded:

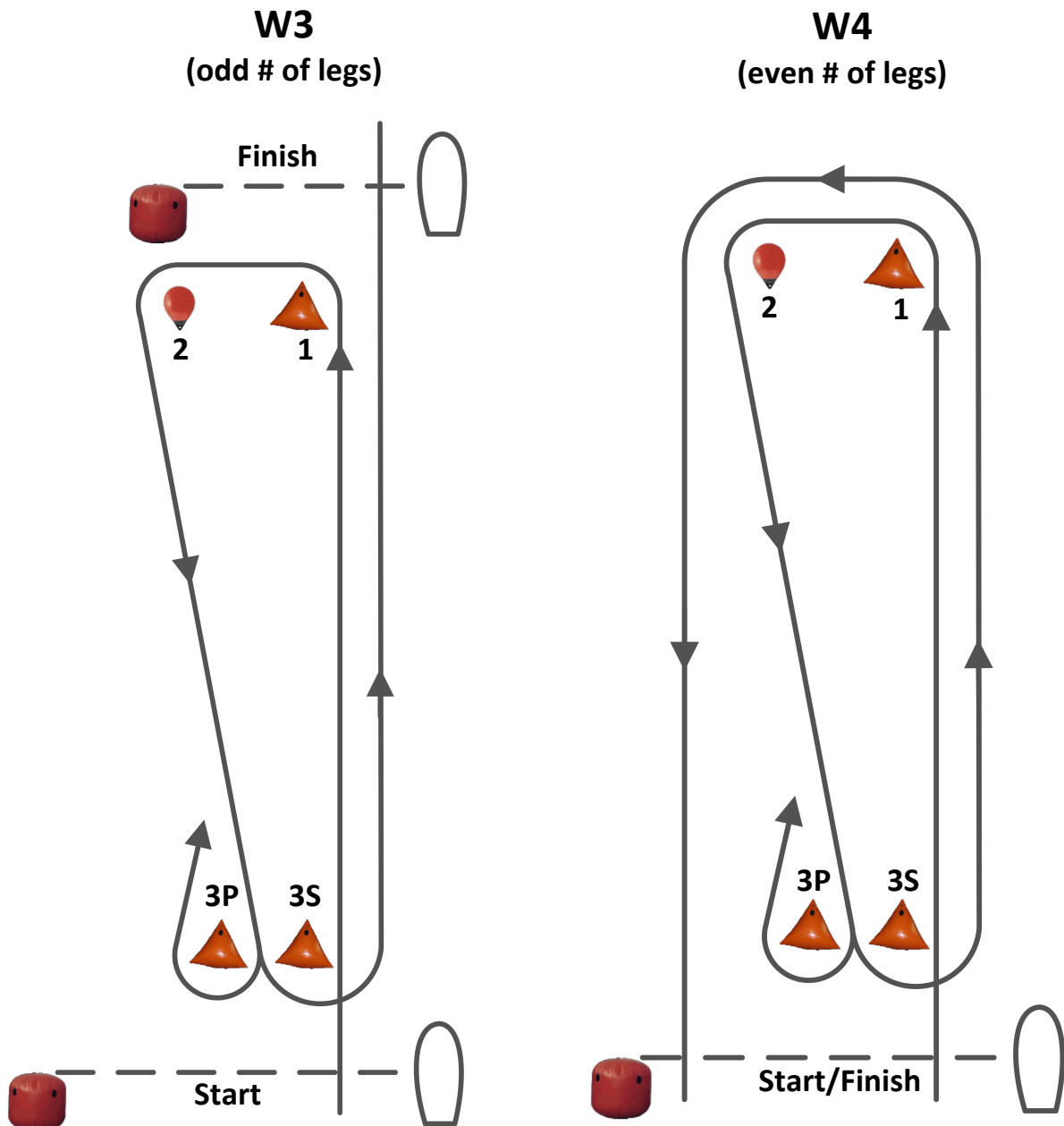
- *The E.L. Goodwin Bullseye National Trophy*, to the winner of the National Regatta;
- *The Beverly Trophy*, to the skipper who shows the most improvement from one National Regatta to the next;
- *The Rockport Trophy*, to the highest finishing boat that is not a member of the host fleet; and
- *The Card Sound Filial Trophy*, to the highest finishing boat that has at least two generations of the same immediate family as skipper and crew.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority nor any of its volunteers, support boat operators or race officers, nor the Bullseye Class Association, will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ATTACHMENT "A"



ATTACHMENT "B"



Courses:

- W2: Start - 1 - 2 - Finish (2 legs)
- W3: Start - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - Finish (3 legs)
- W4: Start - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - 1 - 2 - Finish (4 legs)
- W5: Start - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - Finish (5 legs)
- W6: Start - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - 1 - 2 - Finish (6 legs)

Note: Per SI #11.2, if the race committee replaces the windward mark during a race, there will not be an offset mark.