



Rainbow Rally NOTICE OF RACE 2008

The Rainbow Rally is a fun sailing regatta for all sailboat types and classes from in and around New York Harbor. We're looking to promote a fun oriented day of competitive sailing as part of our 2008 Pride Week activities.

The Rainbow Rally will not be sailed like an ordinary sailboat race. The thought of starting a race in a fleet of up to 25 boats is intimidating, for the Race Committee (RC) and the boat owners. So for this event we'll be using a unique racing format based on the principles of Pursuit Racing. In a pursuit race, each boat starts the race individually, at a pre-assigned time. That way each boat will have ample time and a clear shot at the starting line. The pursuit system is based on an elapsed time and points system. Each boats score will be based on their elapsed time around the course and their assigned handicap. By combing a boat's base handicap rating, as determined by its physical dimensions, with a supplemental rating, designed with fun and safety in mind, the system allows for yachts to rate as fairly as possible and ensure a close finish to the event. The supplemental rating is a quick and cheap way to make your boat 'sail' faster while displaying your boat's style and flair. An example would be cooking a meal during the race or maybe dressing up as pirates. You can be as creative as you want.

As stated, this is a fun race only, and people can be disqualified for taking the race too seriously. And since the sailors can't take the race too seriously, then neither can the Race Committee. The RC will be made up of three or four persons who will be responsible for assigning the handicaps, overseeing the race and running the awards ceremony. As this is a fun race only, the committee members can be openly bribed (NO Monetary Bribes Will Be Accepted.). The cost or nature of the bribe is not important but rather the originality of the bribe. What also helps in winning the race is the spirit in which the crew handles itself during the race. Those boats showing a lot of spirit make a difference. Sometimes the position in which the boat crosses the finish line has nothing to do with the actual winner of the race. It's all done in the spirit of fun.

Safety is always our first and foremost concern. The courses will be clearly marked using government buoys. The course should be able to be completed by most boats in less than three hours. The race will include one volunteer committee member who is assigned to a power boat to act as a safety boat. In addition, his/her job will be to ensure the individual handicaps, as noted on the supplemental entry form, are accomplished by the boat owners and their crews.

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- 1. RULES** - The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions. The Organizing Authority is the Knickerbocker Sailing Association. No other prescriptions of US SAILING apply.
- 2. ADVERTISING** - The regatta is designated Category A, ISAF Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display Event Advertising on the forward part of the hull.
- 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 3.1 As organized, this regatta is fun in nature and open to all sailboats with a LWL of 22.00ft or greater and carries a minimum of two persons.
 - 3.2 Completed entries will not be accepted after 1800 hrs on Friday 20 June 2008. Entry forms are available at: <http://www.ksa-nyc.org>
 - 3.3 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: registration will be limited to 25 boats.
- 4. ENTRY FEE** - The entry fee is \$50.00 for entries received by 1800 hrs 20 June 2008. The entry fee includes the social event for skipper and crew members. Dockage may be available at NYC&M docks from 27 June through 29 June.
- 5. RACE FORMAT** - The regatta will consist of one race in a pursuit format, with staggered starts and individually scored. Yachts will be started at an assigned time based on their Base PHRF Rating and any adjustments from the Supplemental Entry Form.
- 6. SCHEDULE** - The itinerary for June 28th is as follows:
 - 1000 hrs:** Skippers Meeting at Newport Yacht Club & Marina in Jersey City, NJ.
 - 1200 hrs:** Start of Rally#1. Racing should end by approximately 1700 hrs when all boats should return to Newport Marina.
 - 1800 hrs:** Awards Ceremony and Party after the Rally at Newport Yacht Club & Marina. If you are unable to participate in the Rally, please join us for a great after party!
- 7. MEASUREMENT**

Each boat must be made available at the Newport Yacht Club & Marina upon the request of the Race Committee (RC) as required to confirm submissions on the Supplemental Entry Form.
- 8. SAIL AND BOW NUMBERS**

Bow numbers may be assigned by the RC and given to each participating boat after registration. They shall be affixed to the hull according to instructions provided by the OA.
- 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and online at <http://www.ksa-nyc.org>
- 10. VENUE** - The rally will be will take place in the vicinity of the Statue of Liberty, on the waters of New York Harbor, New York City, NY.
- 11. COURSES** - The courses will be around the harbor as described in the Sailing Instructions and displayed on the RC Boat. If wind conditions are deemed insufficient, the course will be shortened.
- 12. PENALTY SYSTEM** - The 720 Rule is in effect. If you foul another yacht, you must sail two complete turns, including two tacks and two gybes in order to absolve yourself.
- 13. SCORING** - The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A, will apply. The boat with the lowest score based on elapsed time and handicaps will be the winner. One race must be completed to constitute a rally.
- 14. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

The RC intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors, including OCS hails after starts.
- 15. PRIZES** - Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place as well as many miscellaneous things that have nothing to do with racing or performance.
- 16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Competitors participate in the regatta 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 the regatta.
- 17. INFORMATION** - See the event website at <http://www.ksa-nyc.org>