



## Rainbow Rally Sailing Instructions 2008

1. **RULES** – This regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS), except as any one of those is changed by these sailing instructions. This changes RRS 63.7 the Knickerbocker Sailing Association is the Organizing Authority.
2. **ENTRIES** – All registration requirements shall be completed by 1800hrs on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 unless the race committee grants an extension. These include:
  - a. Complete Entry Form
  - b. Complete Supplemental Entry form
  - c. Pay all fees
3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** – Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Newport Yacht Club & Marina, on the day of the race. That is also the sit of the Skippers meeting at 1000hrs on June 28th, 2008. Notices may also be posted at the KSA website.
4. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** – Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 on the day of the rally.
5. **RADIO USE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The Race Committee will monitor VHF 72 from 0900hrs until one hour after racing ends for the day. Any changes to the race schedule will be announced at the 1000 captains meeting. Please refrain from hailing the Race Committee during the starting sequence.
6. **SCHEDULE** – The warning signal for the first race will be at 1155 June 28, 2008.
7. **RACING AREA** – The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.
8. **COURSE** - The Race Committee will signal the course on a white marker board from the RC Boat.
9. **MARKS** - Turning marks will be government buoys as described at the Skippers meeting. The buoys will be listed in the order which they must be passed and with their turning direction.

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### **10. THE START –**

10.1 - The starting line will be between a staff displaying a RC flag or shape on the RC boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

10.2 - Boats will be assigned a start time by the RC. Boats may start at or after their assigned starting time. There will be a two minute delay between each boats start. One minute before a boats scheduled start, a blue flag will go up. At 30 seconds before a boat starts, the blue flag will go down. A red flag will go up at a boats scheduled start.

10.3 – A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area and stay clear of boats whose starting signal has been made.

### **11. CHANGE OF COURSE –** Will be made in accordance with Rule 33.

### **12. THE FINISH –** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a RC flag or shape on the RC boat and the port-end finishing mark.

### **13. PROTEST AND SPORTSMANSHIP –**

13.1 – Given the nature of the Rainbow Rally, protests shall not be considered by the Race Committee.

13.2 – A boat, her owner and crew shall compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play. Competitors shall employ good sportsmanship at all times, and be expected to self govern their actions on and off the water. A competitor who fouls another shall take the required penalty turns as soon as getting clear of other yachts.

13.3 – The 720 Rule is in effect.

### **14. SCORING –**

14.1 – The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A, will apply.

14.2 – One race is required to constitute a series.

### **15. TROPHIES –** Trophies shall be awarded to the first four finishers as determined by their handicap scores. Crew awards and special awards may be awarded at the organizing authority's discretion.

### **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY –** Competitors participate in the rally entirely at their own risk. 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 rally.