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Saturday December 10th 2016

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RACE COORDINATION

Race Director: John Buser
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Race Committee: TBD

ELIGIBILITY

All vessels must be owned or operated by Ancient Mariner Sailing Society (AMSS) members or invited yachts that fully complete, and sign, the Entry Form and submit proper Entry Fee. All handicaps are arbitrary in keeping with Ancient Mariners Sailing Society (AMSS) tradition. Invited guests are urged to enter by Wednesday December 7th, 2016 to greatly assist the RC.

FORMAT & CLASSES

<u>Format</u>	<u>Class</u>
Traditional Format (Beach Start)	Racing Class - AMSS Flag & Flag Qualifying Vessels
Alternate Format (Non Beach Start)	Sailing Class - AMSS Flag & Flag Qualifying Vessels Classic Class – AMSS Qualifying Classic Design Vessels

ENTRY FEE

The Entry Fee is a minimum of **one (1) fifth (NOT PINT)** of quality Rum. Entry Fees are collected at the Skippers Meeting for Traditional Format Classes and via dinghy for Alternate Format Class. (Yacht's that submit, in the opinion of Race Committee, poor quality rum may have their handicap lowered.)

SKIPPER'S MEETING

All Owners, or **Approved Designate**, racing under the Traditional Format are to be present on the beach alongside the keg. Sailing Instructions will be available at that time. ***Yacht's entering the Racing or Cruising Classes may request to designate a crewmember other than the Owner to represent that yacht at the start if the Owner is physically unable to row or swim ashore. Proposed designee must be approved by the Race Committee.*** For yachts racing under the Alternate Format Sailing Instructions will be distributed via dinghy when the Entry Fee is collected.

START AREA

Start area will be within 200 yards of the Beach just Southeast of the Navy Housing and just North of Fiddler's Cove in South Bay abeam of the **Race Committee**. Yachts must be fully anchored, with sails down, no engine running by **12:00 noon. ALL DINGHIES MUST BE BEACHED NO MORE THAN 50 YARDS FROM THE RC.**

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RULES

Racing rules for this regatta will be governed by the 2016-2018 International Yacht Racing Rules (IYRR) and the prescriptions of US SAILING.

CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes in these instructions, if any, will be noted at the Skippers Meeting. **Any changes to the Sailing Instructions made on the beach shall supersede these written instructions.**

STARTING LINE (Traditional Format)

The Starting Line for yachts racing under the Traditional Format is a line drawn on the beach between the Keg of Rum (North end) and the Race Committee (South end). All Owners **or Approved Designate** must **start** between the Keg and the RC. Only when the Owner or designate has made contact with their yacht can the crew begin to hoist sail and sail off anchor (no motors).

STARTING LINE (Alternate Format)

The Starting Line for yachts racing under the Alternate Format will be considered to be their anchored position provided they are within the limits of the Starting Area.

START TIME & SIGNALS

Every effort will be made to start the race on the below noted times. Please plan accordingly. The tide will be ebbing the morning of the start.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Signal</u>	<u>Sound</u>
Sailing Class & Classic Class	1 Min Prior to Warning 1200 approx. 1205 approx.	Attention Warning Start	short horn blasts 1 long horn blast 1 long horn blast
Racing Class	1210 approx.	Start	1 long horn blast

Yacht's that start early will be penalized 10 minutes plus the amount of time they start early.

RECALLS

There will be no recalls.

COURSE

Start	Starting Line (see description)
Mark #1	Buoy 26 to Port
Finish	Finish Line (see description)

FINISH LINE (Traditional Format/ Racing Class)

The Finish Line for yachts racing under the Traditional Format is on the sandy beach adjacent to the South end of the Shelter Island launching ramp, across the street from Silvergate YC. To finish each yacht must have a member of the crew row or swim ashore, run up the beach and drink a tot of rum. Upon drinking the rum, the finish time will be recorded. **EACH CREW-MEMBER MUST BRING THEIR OWN CUP IN ORDER TO HAVE THEIR YACHT'S FINISH TIME RECORDED.**

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FINISH LINE (Alternate Format - Sailing Class & Classic Class)

The Finish Line for yacht's racing under the Alternate Format will be off the beach adjacent to the South end of the Shelter Island launching ramp and within 100 yards of the beach on a line bearing 300 magnetic. At that time, they are to attract the attention of the RC by blasting a horn so their finish time can be recorded.

COURSE HANDICAP DISTANCE

The course distance for scoring purposes is 7.8nm.

ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The 720 degree penalty turn specified in Rule 44.1 is replaced with a 360 degree turn.

PROTESTS

In keeping with the spirit of the AMSS, it is hoped sportsmanship and seamanship prevail over the alternative to protest. Yacht's intending to protest shall immediately hail the protested yacht and raise a protest flag at that time. The R/C must be **verbally** notified (and a protest flag displayed) of protest at the finish of race. Protests shall be submitted in accordance with rule 68. All protests shall be submitted to Race Committee before sunset or one hour after Race Committee arrives off station. Protests will be heard at a time convenient to the Race Chairman.

COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

Racing yachts encountering non-racing vessels shall conform to the inland rules of the road. No vessel shall have right-of-way over large ships in the channel. All commercial, Navy, Coast Guard or Police have right-of-way. All contestants must give way. Any violation witnessed by R/C or reported by ship's master or U.S.C.G. will result in disqualification.

TIME LIMIT

Any vessel not finishing by **1630 hrs will not be placed in the standings.**

TRASH

Trash shall not be discharged into the Bay. Violators will be flogged through the fleet and/or charged up to 30 minutes to their finish time. **Each Skipper is responsible for properly disposing of their empty Entry Fee rum bottle.**

SAFETY

Any yacht that retires from the race must notify the Race Committee. If retiring vessels cannot relay intentions to the Race Committee boat via visual or radio (VHF channel 68), when reaching port, call the Race Chairperson). Vessels are to monitor VHF channels 16 and 68. All vessels must comply with U.S.C.G. marine safety regulations and have submitted a valid (signed) Entry-Release Form.

RESULTS & AWARDS

Results will be announced at the post race raft-up in La Playa cove ASAP after the results are tabulated.

Awards, for the top three finishers in the Racing and Sailing Classes and 1st place Classic Class, will be awarded at the AMSS Annual Meeting, Awards and Commodores Dinner, Thursday December 15th at Southwestern Yacht Club. Winners not attending the Dinner may attend the Awards Ceremony portion that will begin at approx.8:15 pm.