

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT

Rules Governing the Sailing Races.

The start shall be a flying one.

Yachts on port tack must invariably give way to yachts on starboard tack.

Yachts going free shall invariably give way for those by the wind on either tack.

If two yachts are meeting end on, or nearly end on, so as to involve risk of collision, the helms of both shall be put to port, so that each may pass on the port side of the other.

No yacht shall bear away out of her course to hinder another yacht from passing to leeward—the lee side to be considered that on which leading yacht is carrying her main-boom—unless when two yachts are approaching a windward shore or turning a buoy or mark, with a free wind, or so close to each other that the weathermost cannot bear away clear of the leewardmost and, by standing on, would be in danger of running ashore or touching such mark, then the leewardmost yacht, on being requested to bear away, shall immediately comply. The weathermost yacht must, however, bear away as soon as the one she hails, if she can do so without coming in contact.

No yacht shall be allowed to use any means of propulsion except sails.

When rounding a mark, the yacht nearest thereto is to be considered the leading yacht and entitled to the right of way, and should any other yacht in the race compel her to touch such mark, buoy, etc., the yacht so compelling her shall forfeit all claim to the prize, and the yacht so compelled to touch a mark, or buoy, etc., shall not suffer any penalty.

When two yachts (by the wind) are approaching the shore or a stake-boat, etc., together, and so close to each other that the leewardmost cannot tack clear of the weathermost, and by standing farther on would be in danger of running on shore, or touching a buoy or stake-boat, such weathermost yacht, on being requested to put about, shall immediately comply.

The leewardmost yacht must, however, tack at the same time as the one she hails, if she can do so without coming in contact. The decision of the judges shall in all cases be final.

Laws of Boat Racing.

The following are the *Rules* under which the jubilee races in St. John harbor will be rowed:

1. All boat races shall be started in the following manner. The starter, on being satisfied that the competitors are ready, shall give the signal to start.
2. If the starter considers the start false, he shall at once recall the boats to their stations, and any boat refusing to start again shall be disqualified.
3. Any boat not at its post at the time specified may be disqualified by the umpire.
4. The umpire may act as starter as he thinks fit. When he does not so act, the starter shall be subject to the control of the umpire.
5. Each boat shall keep its own water throughout the race, and any boat departing from its own water will do so at its peril.
6. A boat's own water is its straight course, parallel with those of the other competing boats, from the station assigned to it at the start to the finish.
7. The umpire shall be sole judge of a boat's own water and proper course during the race.
8. No fouling whatever shall be allowed; the boat committing a foul shall be disqualified.
9. It shall be considered a foul when, after the race has commenced, any competitor, by his oar, boat or person comes in contact with the oar, boat or person of another competitor, unless in the opinion of the umpire such contact is so slight as not to affect the race.
10. The umpire may, during a race, caution any competitor when in danger of committing a foul.
11. The umpire, when appealed to, shall decide all questions as to a foul.
12. A claim of foul must be made to the judge or umpire by the competitor himself before getting out of his boat.
13. In case of a foul the umpire shall have the power (a) to place the boats, excepting the boat committing the foul, which is disqualified, in the order in which they come in; (b) to order the boats engaged in the race, other than the boat committing the foul, to row over again on the same or another day; (c) to re-start the qualified boats from the place where the foul was committed.
14. Every boat shall abide by its accidents.
15. No boat shall be allowed to accompany a competitor for the purpose of directing his course or affording him other assistance. The boat receiving such direction or assistance shall be disqualified at the discretion of the umpire.
16. The jurisdiction of the umpire extends over the race, and all matters connected with it, from the time the race is specified to start until its final termination, and his decision in all cases shall be final and without appeal.
17. Any competitor refusing to abide by the decision or to follow the directions of the umpire shall be disqualified.
18. Boats shall be started by their sterns, and shall have completed their course when the bows reach the "finish."
19. In turning races each competitor shall have a separate turning stake and shall turn from port to starboard. Any competitor may turn any stake other than his own, but does so at his peril.
20. The umpire, if he thinks proper, may reserve his decision, provided that in every case such decision be given on the day of the race.