



THE ONION PATCH SERIES 2010

Notice of Series - Amendment No. 1

ADD THE FOLLOWING:

SCORING 6.6 For races 1 and 2 of the Onion Patch Series (the first race of Saturday, 12th and Sunday, 13th June 2010 of the NYYC Annual Regatta) the scoring shall be based on a formula that converts their corrected time into a time on distance i.e. seconds / mile number and the competitors ranked in order of the fastest sec / mile to the slowest sec / mile. POINTS will be awarded according to ranking and these points will be used in the compilation of the overall scores in the series.

We add, by way of explanation, the following:

Primarily due to safety concerns, the NYYC is planning to sail the IRC classes on two adjacent courses. 60+ IRC yachts ranging in size from 36' to 90' will be divided into six classes. In the past, we have tried to run all IRC & Onion Patch boats on the same course and around the same length course. This put many different size and speed boats rounding marks at the same time and created potentially dangerous situations that we have deemed unacceptable. We also feel that forcing the wide range of boats to sail on the same circle, and for the first race of each day, the same length course (which also required it to be very short for the faster boats) compromised the racing for the fleet in general, particularly those not competing in the Onion Patch. This year, 24 of the 60 IRC entries are also entered in the Onion Patch.

After a lengthy discussion with US-IRC, it was felt that scoring could be done equitably for the range of Onion Patch boats by dividing their corrected time by the course distance, resulting in a ranking of sec./mi. that would indicate each boat's performance in that race. In theory, if everyone sailed exactly to their rating, they would all have an identical sec/mi number. This method of comparative scoring has been used at the US-IRC Nationals to compare the class winners for the overall award.

H. Charles Tatem, Chairman – Onion Patch Committee - Dated: 9th June 2010

