

**Long Distance Race Series  
Sodus Bay Yacht Club – 2019  
Sailing Instructions**

**June 6<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**1. Rules**

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*: 2017-2020 including the US Sailing Prescriptions. Appendix V1 and V2 will apply.

**2. Entries**

- A Boat must have a Sodus Bay Yacht club member in good standing onboard.
- Boat owner must have a current PHRF-LO rating certificate, unless they are in the cruising division
- A Boat owner without a current PHRF-LO rating certificate MAY be assigned a provisional PHRF handicap rating for 2 races in the white sail division.

**3. Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board located on the west patio of the Club 1 hour before the warning signal or, when the race is starting at a venue other than SBYC, via radio communication on VHF Channel 71, 1 hour before the warning signal.

**4. Skippers Meetings**

A skippers meeting will be held prior to the start of all races according to the schedule in 13.1. For races starting at Sodus Bay, the location will be the west patio. For all other races, the location will be determined by the skipper designated to start the race. This communication may be communicated to skippers at one and one half (1 ½) hours prior to the start of all races (via VHF radio channel 71.)

**5. Changes in Sailing Instructions**

Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Race Committee and be posted one hour (1) before the warning signal for the race in which it will take effect. (Via radio communication on Channel 71, 1 hour before the warning signal when the race is starting at a venue other than SBYC.)

**6. Signals made Ashore**

*For races starting from Sodus Bay:*

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flag staff.

Code Flag “AP”, Answering Pennant, with two guns (one when lowered) means “the race is postponed; do not leave the harbor area”. The time of the warning signal will be posted on the west patio Notice Board.

***For races starting from a location other than Sodus Bay:***

Decisions regarding the start of races originating from locations other than Sodus Bay will be the responsibility of one of the competing skippers who will be designated by the Fleet Captain prior to the race. That skipper will have responsibility for flying the required AP flag for postponements and for communicating the time of the warning signal by radio or texting skippers who are unable to hear radio signals. The warning signal for the first division will be 1 minute after the removal of the AP flag.

The warning signal shall be five (5) minutes prior to the start time of each Long Distance Race.

**7. Division Splits**

Division 1: All spinnaker boats with Phrf-lo ratings

Division 2: White Sail boats with actual or provisional Phrf- lo ratings

Division 3: Cruising division. No scoring, no handicapping

**8. Racing Start Areas**

- Will be identified at the Skippers Meeting.

**9. Starts**

- Starts will be in accordance with Racing Rule 26.
- Identification of RC boat, marks, and course will be given at the Skippers Meeting.
- Boats not reporting to start line within 15 minutes of the warning signal for their division will not be scored.
- Division 1 will start first. After 10 minutes, division 2 and 3 will begin their starting sequence.

**10. Marks**

Marks, if used will be identified at the Skippers Meeting.

**11. Finish**

The finishing line will be between the Race Committee boat mast with Orange Flag and a mark or pin. If the committee boat is not on station a boat will record its finish time using GPS time. That time will be reported to the Race Committee or Fleet Captain at the earliest opportunity. The finish will be by sighting down the entire inside nearest break wall from the bow of the boat. The boat must be within 50 yards from the breakwall.

**12. Time Limit**

There is no time limit on the races in this series.

**13. Schedule/Scoring**

13.1 The following races have been scheduled:

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Sunday	June 23	Oswego Hospice Long Distance Race Oswego West break walls to Sodus East break wall (Race 1) Skippers meeting Warning Signal	0900 1030
Saturday	July 20	Sodus Bay – Fairhaven West Channel Break Wall (Race 2) Skippers Meeting Warning Signal  Overnight in Fairhaven	0900 1030
Sunday	July 21	Fairhaven West Break Wall – Sodus Bay East Breakwall (Race 3)	TBA
Saturday	August 10	Ford Shoal Race (Race 4) Skippers Meeting Warning Signal	1800 1900
Saturday	August 25	Sodus Bay – Pultneyville Race (Race 5) Skippers Meeting Warning Signal  Picnic with PYC  Pultneyville – Sodus Sunset Race (Race 6) Skippers Meeting Warning Signal	0900 1030    1700 1830
Saturday	September 21	Fall Stomp Skippers Meeting Warning Signal  The Stomp can be made up on Sept 28 due to weather	0900 1030

13.2 Race Legs Sailed vs. Legs Scored

- Seven races sailed = 5 legs scored
- Six races sailed = 5 legs scored
- Five races sailed = all legs scored
- Four races sailed = all legs scored
- Three races sailed = all legs scored

13.3 Scoring will be based on the PHRF-LO handicap rating system with time-on-time correction.

13.4 A boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

#### **14. Safety**

All boats will be equipped in accordance with all applicable USCG and NYS safety regulations. The safety of each boat and the persons on board is the responsibility of the owner, skipper, and crew. The owner and skipper are solely responsible for their decisions to race, to continue to race, or to retire from a race.

#### **15. Prizes**

Flags and Trophies shall be presented at the SBYC's Halloween Awards Ceremony.

#### **16. Special consideration**

Any hearing impaired racer may request notices made on VHF 71 to be sent out by text to their boat. This does not apply to the starting sequence sound signals.