

**RULES OF THE
BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION (BBYRA)
MARSHALL SANDERLING FLEET**

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2024 Fleet Captain: Art Bailey

PURPOSE:

To promote and regulate racing of Marshall Sanderlings on Barnegat Bay as well as individual yacht clubs that make up the BBYRA and to award trophies for outstanding performance through competition.

Any Sanderling owner is permitted to compete in BBYRA-sponsored races provided the owner belongs to one of the affiliated yacht clubs that make up the BBYRA. BBYRA membership dues are included as part of your club membership dues.

PREFACE:

The guiding principle of the BBYRA Sanderling Fleet is that racing should be FUN. These rules are designed to help make the races enjoyable by keeping boats and rigging as uniform as possible through limitations on special equipment, gadgets and “go-fasts”. These rules are intended to ensure that insofar as possible, seamanship, sailing skill and tactics are the decisive factors in race results. The Marshall Sanderling, **WITH THE CUDDY CABIN**, is the BBYRA class boat. The only acceptable modifications are those specified in these rules.

MAINSHEET:

- The mainsheet may be cleated anywhere in the cockpit. A block may be added.
- One extra block may be added to the boom bringing the total to three.

HALYARDS:

- The blocks for the peak and throat halyards may be installed on the deck.
- The end of the peak halyard may be dead-ended on the becket of the bridle block or the end of the gaff.
- Cam cleats are permitted on the cabin top.

GAFF:

- The addition of a bridle to the gaff is permitted.
- An extended wishbone on the gaff is permitted.

HIKING STICK:

- A hiking stick of unlimited length is allowed.

BALLAST:

- A minimum of 500 pounds of lead **MUST** be carried on the boat at all times.
- Spot inspection of lead weights can be made by the Fleet Captain **AT ANY TIME** to ensure compliance. If any boat is found to be missing any weights, that boat will be disqualified from competition for the entire season and the BBYRA officers and the competitor's club officers will be notified.

BOAT WEIGHT AND CREW WEIGHT:

- Boat weight is determined by the **Marshall Marine Corporation**. Whatever the boat weighs when it is purchased is its weight.
- There is no minimum crew weight.

SAIL SPECIFICATIONS:

- Sail making is open to all sail makers who will certify adherence to the BBYRA specifications listed below. The sail must display the yacht club initials and a sail number at all times.
- All new sails, except those manufactured by **Quantum, Beaton/Omega** and **North**, must be measured, registered and stamped with the measurer's initials and date by the Fleet Measurer, **PRIOR** to BBYRA competition.
- **Quantum, Beaton/Omega** and **North** sails are exempt from being measured, but must be stamped by the sail maker.
- Detailed sail specifications are listed below.

SAIL MEASUREMENT RULE:

- One new sail may be measured/registered prior to each racing season with the following exceptions:
 1. When a boat is purchased new from Marshall, two new sails may be purchased and measured prior to use.
 2. When a boat changes hands, any unmeasured sails included with the purchase may be measured prior to being used. The new owner may also purchase two new sails in the same year and have them measured before being used.

3. Sails made by Quantum, Beaton/Omega, and North are exempt from being measured. These sails must be marked on the tack with the registration number provided by the measurer.

WIND LIMITS AND CANCELLATION OF RACES:

- The minimum sustained wind speed for a race to be started is **5 mph for two minutes**.
- The maximum sustained wind speed for a race to be canceled is **16 mph for two minutes**.
- If the wind is within our sustained limit, but there are gusts of **20 mph or more**, the races should be canceled

SAIL ADJUSTMENTS:

- Adjustments to the halyards are allowed while racing.
- Adjustments to the boom outhaul are permitted while racing.
- All other adjustments, such as but not limited to: leechline, cunningham, etc., are NOT permitted.

BOTTOM PAINT:

- The bottom of the boat, below the bootstripe, must be **COMPLETELY** covered with bottom paint so that no part of the bottom is seen through the paint at the start of the racing season.
- The color of this bottom paint **MUST** differ from the underlying gelcoat to ensure visual conformance to the rule.
- If the bottom paint wears off throughout the season in spots due to cleaning the bottom or normal wear and tear, this is acceptable.

CENTERBOARD:

- The centerboard may be made thicker to reduce centerboard play.
- Shims may be added to the centerboard trunk to reduce centerboard play.

VOTING:

- To be eligible to vote on Sanderling Fleet rule changes or any other issues pertaining to the Fleet, sailors must have participated in BBYRA races during the current season. **ONLY** the current season's skipper may vote.
- A voting ballot will be given to each eligible skipper either at the meeting or prior to the meeting and if not voting in person, must be returned to the fleet secretary **AT LEAST ONE WEEK** prior to the meeting.

- If the skipper is unable to attend the meeting, or return the ballot, they may appoint someone to cast the vote for them. They **MUST** inform the Fleet Secretary in writing that they will be doing so.
- In addition, each Fleet Officer will get one vote. If a fleet officer also happens to be an eligible skipper for the current year, they will only get one vote.
- Any items can be voted on at a Fleet Meeting provided that all eligible skippers or representatives are present. If not all eligible sailors are present, the Fleet Secretary must send out a ballot for voting within two weeks of the meeting so that the ballot can be returned and the vote counted. The new rules will be effective on January 1st.
- If the ballots sent out are not returned by the date specified the vote will not count.
- Voting ballots should be distributed by the Fleet Secretary and **MUST** be kept on file for **AT LEAST 5 YEARS**.
- It will be the duty of the Fleet Secretary to make an effort to get a vote from each eligible person in an effort to make the vote as fair as possible.
- When all votes have been counted, the majority will determine whether the motion is passed.

RULE CHANGES:

- The rules will be in effect from January 1st through December 31st. Changes can be made by submitting your request in writing to the Fleet Captain or Fleet Secretary.
- Requests must be made at least two weeks prior to the Fleet Meeting to allow time for requested changes to be distributed. Changes will be voted on at the fall Fleet Meeting.
- In order to cast a vote, you should be present at the fall meeting. If you cannot be present you **MUST** request a ballot from the Fleet Secretary **AT LEAST TWO WEEKS** prior to the meeting. The ballot **MUST** be returned to the Fleet Secretary **ONE WEEK PRIOR** to the meeting to count.
- The meeting must be held **BEFORE** the annual fall meeting of the BBYRA delegates in order to submit changes to the BBYRA
- **ONLY** rules for which there is a requested change will be voted on each year. It will be assumed that all other rules will remain the same and will be in effect the following year.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT: The following safety equipment **MUST** be aboard **AT ALL TIMES:**

- A **WORKING** motor of **AT LEAST** 3.5 hp.
- A pump or a manual 4-quart (minimum) bailer.
- An anchor and towline **AT LEAST** 24 ft. long solely dedicated to towing and/or anchoring.
- A life vest for each person aboard.
- A throwable device
- A whistle attached to the throwable device or a life jacket.
- A portable safety ladder.

FLEET CAPTAIN:

The Fleet Captain must check to be sure all competitors are in compliance with the Fleet and BBYRA rules PRIOR to the current racing season. The Fleet Captain has the right to inspect each competitor's boat prior to racing if there is a question or concern regarding a boat having the proper equipment and/or lead weights. The Fleet Captain may measure sails if the Fleet Measurer is not available.

FLEET SECRETARY:

The Fleet Secretary will be responsible for sending out meeting notices, taking minutes at all Fleet meetings, distributing the minutes to all Fleet members, sending out any correspondence, updating approved rule changes, keeping sail measurement and lead weight forms for the Fleet, and keeping any voting forms for **AT LEAST 5 YEARS**.