

# REGULATIONS OF THE BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

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## 1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- a. These Regulations are to serve as guidelines for Regatta Committee policies, procedures and planning.
- b. All races held under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Sailing Instructions, NOR and class rules as applicable by fleet.
- c. The Championship Series, held under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be conducted by a Race Committee appointed by the Regatta Committee of the Association and chaired by the Vice Commodore.
- d. Each year the Regatta Committee shall adopt Sailing Instructions (SIs) that shall be provided to all entrants. The Regatta Committee shall also cause appropriate race information not contained in the SIs or these Regulations and required by RRS J1, "Notice of Race Contents", to be published on the BBYRA website on or before May 15th.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Any existing class qualifying three or more boats in the previous year's Championship Series will be eligible for competition. Each class shall be scheduled to compete at least two days on each BBYRA race venue (Upper and Lower Bay).
- b. Additional classes may be considered upon written petition to the Regatta Committee by at least six skippers representing a minimum of three member clubs. Such petition shall be submitted no later than November 15th of the prior year for which eligibility is being requested and shall include (as a minimum) the following information for consideration:
  - i. A commitment from each skipper stating his/her intention to qualify for the championship.
  - ii. Identification of Class Liaison Representative (including pertinent contact information).
  - iii. Listing of any and all racing preferences (i.e. morning or afternoon, bye weeks, preferred courses, etc.).
  - iv. Proposed age limit or gender restriction (if applicable).
- c. Any new class accepted shall be considered "provisional" for a period of at least one year with provisional status to be reviewed annually by the Class Eligibility Committee. Provisional classes are not eligible for championship awards. Those classes eligible for competition each year shall be designated by the Regatta Committee and published on the BBYRA website on or before May 15th.
- d. In junior classes with an age limit, a contestant will be considered eligible when his/her age limit birthday will not have been reached on the last day of the calendar year.
- e. Member Clubs (upon request from the Association) are required to provide verification that any Championship Series entrants registering from that Member Club are bona fide members in good standing of that club. This is in order to facilitate monitoring of Registration eligibility. Member Clubs shall also (upon request of the Association) provide a certified count of their membership in order that the Treasurer can properly bill for Member Club Dues in the Association.

- f. A sailing instructor actively employed by a BBYRA member club may be permitted to enter and/or skipper a boat provided he/she is a member of US Sailing and his/her respective class organization, and pays the usual entry fees for the class in which he/she is entered. Entry will be at the discretion of the Regatta Committee and shall be denied if not in the best interest of the Association.

### **3. ENTRIES**

- a. A member of the Regatta Committee shall supervise the receipt of entries and fees in all classes.
- b. Entries shall be made as required by the Regatta Committee.
- c. An entry fee will be charged for the season or for each race of the championship series for all classes at rates established by the BBYRA. Entry fees are non-refundable.

### **4. RACING TRIM**

- a. All one-design and restricted classes must file with the Association Measurer a copy of their class rules and regulations which shall include restrictions, measurements and designations pertaining to the hull, mast, rigging, sails, and crew limitations as to weight and number, not later than two weeks prior to the date of the first championship regatta. These will remain frozen through the entire Championship series. No boat will be entitled to start in any race unless the boat meets the above mentioned requirements and conforms to these Regulations.
- b. A record of class restrictions and designations including sails, crew limitations, equipment, etc. will be maintained by the Association Measurer.

### **5. QUALIFICATION and SCORING**

- a. Each season the Association will award the championship to the boat in each class making the best score as prescribed in the sailing instructions for any eligible fleet having a minimum of three (3) qualifiers.
- b. Points shall be awarded to a boat and may not be transferred except by specific written permission of the Regatta Committee.

### **6. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

- a. The BBYRA may act to suspend the awards of a class's season championship series if the final outcome of its series is dependent on the outcome of an appeal.
- b. A report of each championship race giving the identification of all boats registered therein and their order of finish shall be filed with the Scorer of the Regatta Committee and kept in the Association archives.



## BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

### 2021 Championship Series

### NOTICE OF RACE (“NOR”)

Organizing Authority: Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA)

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The BBYRA Championship Series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Sailing Instructions, this NOR, the BBYRA Regulations and class rules as applicable by fleet. Documents are available on the website [www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org).
- 1.2. RRS 40 and Part 4 Preamble are modified to require all singlehanded competitors to wear a personal floatation device (PFD) at all times while on the water.
- 1.3. Under RRS 87, the E Sloop class rules are modified to require mainsail floatation at all times.
- 1.4. Under RRS 87, all class rules are modified such that all boats shall carry all safety equipment as specified in NOR APPENDIX 1.
- 1.5. Changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The Sailing instructions may also change other Rules.

#### 2. CLASSES and ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The BBYRA Championship series is open to all boats of the following classes: A Cat, E Sloop, Ensign, Flying Scot, Laser Full, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, M Sloop, MC Scow (A & B) , Sandpiper, Marshall Sanderling, Sneakbox and Sunfish.
- 2.2. ENTRANT ELIGIBILITY
  - 2.2.1. A boat entered for a race must be the bona fide property of a recognized member club or of the person in whose name she is entered, who must be a member of a member club of the BBYRA, except as noted in NOR 2.2.3 and NOR 2.2.4. A person chartering a boat shall be deemed the owner provided said boat has been chartered in good faith for a period of not less than thirty days.
  - 2.2.2. Except as noted in NOR 2.2.3 and NOR 2.2.4, skippers are required to be members of the BBYRA, a member club of the BBYRA and their class organization. Crews are exempt from this requirement.
  - 2.2.3. A sailing instructor actively employed by a BBYRA member club may be permitted to enter and/or skipper a boat provided he/she is a member of US Sailing and his/her respective class organization, and pays the usual entry fees for the class in which he/she is entered. Entry will be at the discretion of the Regatta Committee and shall be denied if not in the best interest of the BBYRA.

- 2.2.4. A non-BBYRA member may be permitted to enter and/or skipper a boat as a “Guest” for a maximum of two (2) race days only per season, subject to the prescribed daily “Guest” fee. Entry will be at the discretion of the Regatta Committee and shall be denied if not in the best interest of the BBYRA.
- 2.3. There are no age restrictions in any fleet included in the 2021 Championship Series. Entrants are encouraged to include age information when registering in order to establish eligibility for Junior awards and/or Registration Fee discounts as applicable.
- 2.4. Any Competitor notified that they are not in good standing with the BBYRA shall not register, skipper or crew until good standing is re-established.
- 2.5. The person or persons entering a boat is deemed to be the skipper(s) and person in charge under RRS 46, unless the BBYRA is properly notified of a change prior to a race.

### **3. REGISTRATION (in consideration of Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions)**

- 3.1. Season Registration Forms and Registration Instructions will be available no later than May 15, 2021 on the BBYRA website ([www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org)).
- 3.2. ONLINE SEASON REGISTRATION ONLY - Boats are to register ONLINE for the season via the BBYRA website ([www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org)) under "Championship Series".
- 3.3. NO MAIL-IN REGISTRATION - There will be NO Mail-In registration in 2021.
- 3.4. NO IN PERSON REGISTRATION - There will be NO In Person Registrations accepted in 2021.
- 3.5. DAILY REGISTRATION - Boats may register for “Daily” participation ONLINE only, via the BBYRA website ([www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org)) under "Championship Series". Boats must be registered prior to the stated Class Signal start time.
- 3.6. See 2021 REGISTRATION FEES for registration fees for all fleets.

### **4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1. There will be two separate sets of sailing instructions published ONLINE at [www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org) under “Championship Series”. One set is applicable to the ROSE Course (for E Sloops only), the other applicable to GREEN COURSE (for all other classes). No printed copies will be made available. PLEASE PRINT YOUR OWN.
- 4.2. Fixed Mark Courses and starting area maps are available on the BBYRA website ([www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org)). Printed copies will not be made available. PLEASE PRINT YOUR OWN
- 4.3. NO COURSE SHEETS WILL BE PROVIDED ON LAND OR ON THE WATER.

### **5. RACING VENUES**

- 5.1. All fleets (except E-Sloop) will race on the GREEN COURSE.
  - 5.1.1. GREEN COURSE - UPPER BAY HOST CLUB: On race days hosted by yacht clubs north of the Mathis Bridge, the Green Course Fleets will race on the “Green Island Course” located approximately between Hankins Island and Green Island.
  - 5.1.2. GREEN COURSE -LOWER BAY HOST CLUB: On race days hosted by yacht clubs south of the Mathis Bridge, the Green Course Fleets will race on the “Wanamaker Course” located at the mouth of the Toms River.
  - 5.1.3. GREEN COURSE WEEK 10 (SEASIDE PARK RACE DAY): On Seaside Park Race Day the Green Course Fleets will race on the “Seaside Park Course” located just west of the Seaside Park Yacht Club.
- 5.2. The E Sloop Class will race on the ROSE COURSE.
  - 5.2.1. ROSE COURSE - Except as noted in NOR 5.2.2 and NOR 5.2.3, the ROSE COURSE will race each week on the opposite side of the Mathis Bridge from the GREEN COURSE [e.g. when the host club is north of the Mathis Bridge, the ROSE COURSE

is south (either Wanamaker or Seaside Park). When the host club is south of the Mathis Bridge, the ROSE COURSE is north (on Green Island)]

5.2.2. ROSE COURSE Week 10 (SEASIDE PARK RACE DAY) - On Seaside Park Race Day the ROSE COURSE will be located on the Wanamaker course.

5.2.3. The ROSE COURSE will sail on the Cedar Creek Course on select race days. See E Sloop CLASS SIGNALS AND START TIMES for specific Cedar Creek Course race dates.

## 6. SCHEDULE

6.1. GREEN COURSE: The first warning signal in the morning is at 0920. No warning signal for morning races will be made after 1130. The first warning signal in the afternoon is at 1315. No warning signal for afternoon races will be made after 1530. See the attached schedule for sailing dates for each fleet.

6.2. ROSE COURSE: Three races are planned for each scheduled ROSE COURSE race day, to be sailed back to back to back. The first warning signal is at 1000. No warning signal will be made after 1530. See the attached schedule for race dates.

## 7. SCORING AND QUALIFICATION

7.1. RRS A5.3 applies. A5.3 and A2 are modified in the Sailing Instructions.

7.2. In order to qualify for the Championship, a boat must check in with the Start Boat in at least 50% of the races started for her class.

## 8. PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1. For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that a Two Turns Penalty is replaced by a One Turn Penalty.

8.2. For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed such that a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 may either take a penalty as prescribed in RRS 44.1 or a Scoring Penalty as prescribed in RRS 44.3.

## 9. PRIZES

9.1. Daily Prizes

9.1.1. First place individual regatta pennants may be awarded for each race having at least two (2) entrants. Second place pennants may be awarded when there are at least four (4) entrants in any particular race. Third place pennants may be awarded when there are at least seven (7) entrants in any particular race.

9.1.2. The host clubs may provide additional trophies as listed in the Club Trophies List found on the BBYRA website.

9.2. Season Prizes

9.2.1. Season championship flags and trophies will be awarded to the winning boat in each fleet when there are at least three (3) qualifiers. Second place trophies may be awarded when there are at least four (4) qualifiers. Third place trophies may be awarded when there are at least seven (7) qualifiers. Fourth place trophies may be awarded when there are at least eleven (11) qualifiers. Fifth place trophies may be awarded when there are at least fifteen (15) qualifiers.

9.2.2. Fleet Championship Perpetual Trophies may be awarded as listed in the BBYRA Trophies List found on the BBYRA website.

## 10. COURTESY TEXT MESSAGING

10.1. The BBYRA encourages signing up for courtesy Text Messaging. The PRO may attempt to communicate courtesy weather alerts, delays, emergencies or other notifications in real time to competitors via text message. Competitors may sign up for courtesy text messaging

by texting the letters: BBYRA to the number (848) 289-8100. An automatic confirmation will be sent when the request is received. Texts to competitors will come from the number (848) 289-8100.

## 11. RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. The organizing authority will not accept any liability. Additionally the organizing authority will not accept any liability related to potential exposure to COVID-19 or other illness prior to, during or after the regatta.

## 2021 Fees

Class*	Full Series Fee	Daily Per Race Fee
E Scow	\$275	\$40
MC Scow A & B	\$200	\$30
M Scow	\$185	\$30
Laser	\$160	\$30
Radial / 4.7	\$130	\$30
Sneakbox	\$160	\$30
Sandpiper	\$150	\$30
FJ	\$30	
Sunfish	\$190	\$30
A Cat	\$275	\$40
Flying Scot	\$200	\$30
Ensign	\$180	\$30
Sanderling	\$160	\$30
		Non-Member Guests (all fleets) limited to maximum two (2) race days per season. Guest Fee as per race.

\*fees are calculated by number of races and number of awards

### **NOTE: JUNIORS SAIL FOR FREE IF REGISTERED FOR THE SEASON**

Junior Skippers with ALL junior crews (born after 2001) will have their Registration Fees paid by the BBYRA thanks to the generous support of the Sailing Foundation of Barnegat Bay (SFBB).

Use the promo code “**JUNIOR**” during registration.

# BBYRA CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

## 2021 GREEN COURSE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024(RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, these Sailing Instructions, the NOR, the BBYRA Regulations and class rules as applicable by fleet. Documents are available on the website [www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org).
- 1.2. RRS 60.1 is modified so that a boat may not protest another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement/membership rules.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. The Official Notice Board for Notices to Competitors shall be the BBYRA website ([www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org)).
- 2.2. The Protest Notice Board shall be the BBYRA website ([www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org)).

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the BBYRA website Official Notice Board at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled AM or PM First Warning Signal or on the water communicated to each boat prior to her warning signal.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. There will be no signals made ashore due to COVID-19 restrictions.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. See GREEN COURSE CLASS SIGNALS AND STARTING TIMES for race schedule and warning times.
- 5.2. For morning races, no warning signal shall be made after 1130.
- 5.3. For afternoon races, no warning signal shall be made after 1530.

### 6. THE COURSES

- 6.1. Green Course Race Venues:
  - 6.1.1. On race days hosted by yacht clubs north of the Mathis Bridge, the racing area will be the Green Island Course. On race days hosted by yacht clubs south of the Mathis Bridge, excluding the SPYC race day, the racing area will be the Wanamaker Course.
  - 6.1.2. On SPYC race day, the racing area will be the Seaside Park Course, west of Seaside Park Yacht Club.
- 6.2. Portable Mark Courses:
  - 6.2.1. The course designator W, S, O or T and the number of legs shall be displayed on a placard on the Start Boat.
    - 6.2.1.1. Course W is a windward/leeward course.
    - 6.2.1.2. Course S is a windward/leeward course, where the windward mark is the short mark.
    - 6.2.1.3. Course O is an Olympic Triangle.
    - 6.2.1.4. Course T is a triangle.
  - 6.2.2. If the letter "S" is displayed following the number of legs, then the leeward mark is the short mark. c) If the "C" flag is displayed on the stern of the Start Boat during the start sequence, the windward mark shall be the Change Mark as provided in SI 7.2b).
  - 6.2.3. An offset may be employed at the weather mark. When present, boats shall round the offset mark to port while approaching and after rounding the weather mark.
  - 6.2.4. When the letter "G" is signaled on the course placard, a gate will be set as the leeward mark on any windward-leeward course. When a leeward gate is set, boats



shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

6.2.5. If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark in position shall be rounded to port.

6.2.6. Examples:

6.2.6.1. Example: W4G is a four-leg windward/leeward course, finish downwind, with a gate as the leeward mark.

6.2.6.2. Example: S5G is a five-leg windward/leeward course, finish to windward, with a gate as

6.2.6.3. the leeward mark, and the short mark as the windward mark.

6.2.6.4. Example: W4S is a 4-leg windward/leeward course, finish to leeward, where the leeward mark is the short mark.

6.3. Fixed Mark Courses:

6.3.1. Fixed mark courses are numbered courses using fixed marks. See UPPER BAY COURSE CHART and LOWER BAY COURSE CHART for a list of courses consisting of the approximate location of marks, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

6.4. Course Board:

6.4.1. The course to be sailed will be displayed not later than the Preparatory Signal for each fleet. This modifies RRS 27.1. Any special course not included in these instructions will be posted on the official notice board. 6.5

6.5. Club Finishes:

6.5.1. For a race with a club finish, the last leg of the posted course is from the last turning mark to the host club.

## 7. MARKS

7.1. For fixed mark courses, permanent marks will be drums painted orange and white with identifying letters in black.

7.2. For Portable Mark Courses:

7.2.1. The turning marks of the course will be large yellow balls.

7.2.2. The Change Mark as provided in SI 6.2(c) and SI 10 will be a large orange ball.

7.2.3. The Short mark, when used as either the windward mark for course S, or as the leeward mark, shall be a large yellow mark with yellow and black alternating panels. The shorts mark will be placed to leeward of the windward mark and to windward of the leeward mark or gate.

7.3. A missing mark will be replaced either by an orange tetrahedron or boat displaying Flag M. Sound signals may be omitted. This modifies RRS 34(b) and RRS Race Signals.

## 8. THE START

8.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.

8.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Start Boat at the starboard end and an orange mark at the port end.

8.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. After starting and before finishing, a boat may not cross the start line.

8.4. The race committee may attempt to hail and broadcast sail numbers of boats that are OCS on VHF Radio. Failure to hail or broadcast any sail numbers; failure of a boat to receive the recall hail or broadcast; a boat's position in the sequence of hail or broadcast numbers; promptness of the hail or broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and RRS 62.1(a).

8.5. A small limiting mark may be attached to the stern of the Start Boat, and if present, shall be considered part of the Start Boat.

## 9. THE FINISH

9.1. For upwind finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape on the Finish Boat and an orange mark on the port side of the Finish Boat.

9.2. IN THE AM SERIES ONLY- For downwind finishes, competitors will take an orange ball to

port, located in the vicinity of the Start Boat's starboard bow, and turn approximately 60 degrees to port to the Finish Boat approximately 100 yards displaying a blue flag or shape. The finish will be between the Finish boat and an orange ball leeward of the Finish Boat.

9.3. IN THE PM SERIES ONLY- For downwind finishes, competitors will finish between the Committee Boat starboard side and an orange ball in the water.

9.4. For club finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape at the host club and an orange mark.

## 10. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1. During the race, marks may be repositioned without signal for minor changes in the course. This shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 33 and RRS 62.1.

10.2. When a change in course is signaled, the new mark shall be the change mark as provided by SI 7.2b). If a subsequent change is signaled, the new mark shall be the original mark.

10.3. When a change in course is signaled prior to the start as noted in SI 6.2c), only flag "C" will be displayed. This modifies RRS 33 a).

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1. A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 may either take a penalty as prescribed in RRS 44.1 or a Scoring Penalty as prescribed in RRS 44.3.

11.2. For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe) replaces the Two-Turns Penalty.

## 12. POSTPONEMENT AND ABANDONMENT

12.1. A postponement signaled before 1200 does not apply to afternoon races. This changes RRS Race Signals.

12.2. Flag N over A over first substitute will Abandon All Races for the Morning. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

## 13. TIME LIMITS

13.1. If no boat has finished a race within two hours, the RC shall abandon the race.

13.2. 13.2 Boats failing to finish within two hours, or within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, or by 1230 for the morning races (whichever is earlier), shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This modifies RRS 35 and A.5.3. For Special Long Races and Club finishes, 20 minutes is replaced with 30 minutes.

## 14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1. A boat shall inform the race committee finish boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat. This changes RRS 61.

14.2. Protest forms are available online at [www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit either:

14.2.1. Electronically at [www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org) for all weeks except the last race day of the Series (SPYC), or

14.2.2. On the last race day of the series (SPYC) only, in person to the Protest Committee Chairman or Secretary, Area PRO, or BBYRA Flag Officer.

14.3. The protest time limit is 2000 on the day of the race in question, except on the last scheduled racing day when the protest time is 45 minutes from the time the Green Course Start Boat docks. This modifies RRS.61.3

14.4. Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time limit on the official Protest Committee notice board at [www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org). Hearings will be held at Regatta Headquarters commencing at 1600 on the next scheduled race day or at a location and time agreed upon by the protest committee and interested parties, except on the last race day when hearings will be held immediately following the races. Protests may be held online via Zoom when applicable.

14.5. Breaches of Instructions SI 8.3, 16.1, 16.2, 16.3 and 17 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 15. SCORING

- 15.1. In order to qualify for the Championship, a boat must check in with the Start Boat in at least 50% of the races completed for her class.
- 15.2. RRS A5.3 shall apply.
- 15.3. For all classes, RRS A2 is modified so that:
  - 15.3.1. A boat's worst race of the Championship Series will be dropped on an ongoing basis after the 5th, 10th, 15th and 20th race is completed and revised race scores posted on the BBYRA website. Drops are directly related to the number of races completed, and no fleet will receive more than 4 drops.
- 15.4. The last sentence of RRS A5.3 is changed to read, "A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored the points equal to the number of boats that came to the starting area plus one point."
- 15.5. Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.2

## 16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. Changes in sail number or registered skipper shall be reported to the Scorer prior to the boat's warning signal. Email Scorer@BBYRA.org or submit through the BBYRA website: www.bbyra.org.. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a boat not being scored.
- 16.2. The registered skipper need not be the helmsman but must be on board while racing.
- 16.3. A boat that either retires from a race or retires prior to starting a race shall notify the race committee or a patrol boat, either by VHF or in person, prior to leaving the race area.
- 16.4. All single-handed competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while afloat. This changes RRS 40 and the Part 4 preamble.

## 17. SAFETY EQUIPMENT CHECKS

- 17.1. A boat may be inspected by the race committee at any time for compliance with the required safety equipment for her class (see NOR APPENDIX 1 for required safety equipment per class). When Flag L and a class signal are displayed at the finish line, boats in the signaled class shall proceed immediately to the inspection boat flying the same signal in the vicinity of the finish line for a mandatory safety inspection. Boats must remain in the area of the inspection boat until dismissed. While awaiting inspection, contact with other boats is prohibited. A boat that fails to comply with this sailing instruction, or does not display the required safety equipment to the inspection boat, shall be protested by the Race Committee. The penalty for breaking this sailing instruction shall be DSQ for the race immediately preceding the inspection.

## 18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. 18.2 VHF radio channel 68 will be used for emergencies and communication of race information.

## 19. COURTESY TEXT MESSAGING TO COMPETITORS

- 19.1. The PRO may attempt to communicate courtesy weather alerts, delays, emergencies or other notifications in real time to competitors via text message. The BBYRA will not accept any liability for failure to transmit or a boat's failure to receive a courtesy text message. Failure to receive a text message shall not be grounds for redress. This Modifies RRS 62.1 (a)
- 19.2. Competitors may sign up for courtesy text messaging by texting the letters: BBYRA to the number (848) 289-8100. An automatic confirmation will be sent when the request is received. Texts to competitors will come from the number (848) 289-8100.

## 20. RISK STATEMENT

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platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. The organizing authority additionally will not accept any liability related to potential exposure to COVID-19 or other illness prior to, during or after the regatta.

# BBYRA CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

## 2021 ROSE COURSE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, these Sailing Instructions, the NOR, the BBYRA Regulations and class rules as applicable by fleet. Documents are available on the website [www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org).
- 1.2. RRS 60.1 is modified so that a boat may not protest another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment / measurement rules.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. The Official Notice Board for Notices to Competitors shall be the BBYRA website ([www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org)).
- 2.2. The Protest Notice Board shall be the BBYRA website ([www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org)).

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the BBYRA website Official Notice Board at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled First Warning Signal, or on the water communicated to each boat prior to her warning signal.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. There will be no signals made ashore.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Three races are scheduled for each race day. See ROSE COURSE SAILING SCHEDULE.
- 5.2. The warning signal for the first race will be at 1000.
- 5.3. No warning signal shall be made after 1530.

### 6. RACE VENUES

- 6.1. The Rose Course will be sailed on three racing venues on Barnegat Bay. See ROSE COURSE SAILING SCHEDULE for race day venue designations. The sailing venues will be:
  - 6.1.1. The "Green Island Course" north of the Mathis Bridge.
  - 6.1.2. The "Seaside Wanamaker Course" south of the Mathis Bridge.
  - 6.1.3. The "Cedar Creek Course" in the vicinity of Cedar Creek.

### 7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. The courses shall be Windward/Leeward.
- 7.2. The number of legs will be displayed on the Start Boat course board.
- 7.3. An offset mark may be employed at the weather mark.
- 7.4. A gate may be set as the leeward mark. When a leeward gate is set, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

### 8. MARKS

- 8.1. The starting mark will be a yellow pin.
- 8.2. The turning marks will be large orange balls.
- 8.3. The windward offset, if used, will be a smaller green ball.
- 8.4. The Change mark, if used, will be a large ball with alternating yellow and black panels.
- 8.5. The Finish mark will be a yellow pin.

### 9. THE START

- 9.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Start Boat at the starboard end and a starting mark as identified in SI 8.1 at the port end.
- 9.2. The race committee may attempt to hail and broadcast sail numbers of boats that are OCS on VHF Radio. Failure to hail or broadcast any sail numbers; failure of a boat to receive the recall hail or broadcast; a boat's position in the sequence of hail or broadcast numbers; promptness of the hail or broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.3. A small limiting mark may be attached to the stern of the Start Boat, and if present, shall be considered part of the Start Boat.
- 9.4. Races will be started using RRS 26.

## 10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. For upwind finishes the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Finish Boat and a finish mark as identified in SI 8.5 on the port side of the Finish Boat.
- 10.2. For downwind finishes, the finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Start Boat and a finish mark as identified in SI 8.5 on the port side of the Start Boat.
- 10.3. These instructions modify RRS Race Signals.

## 11. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. During the race, marks may be repositioned without signal for minor changes in the course. This modifies RRS 33 and RRS 62.1. The race committee will make every reasonable attempt to broadcast such mark movements to the fleet via VHF radio. Failure to broadcast same, or failure of a boat to receive same shall not be grounds for redress.
- 11.2. When a change in course is signaled, the new mark shall be the change mark as provided by SI 8.4. If a subsequent change is signaled, the new mark shall be the original mark.
- 11.3. RRS 33 is modified such that:
  - 11.3.1. Paragraph a) is modified to read "If the direction of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and the new course displayed on a course board."
  - 11.3.2. Paragraph b) is deleted.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 may either take a penalty as prescribed in RRS 44.1 or a Scoring Penalty as prescribed in RRS 44.3.
- 12.2. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe) replaces the Two Turns Penalty.

## 13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. The time limit for each race will be two hours.
- 13.2. Boats failing to finish within two hours, or within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This modifies RRS 35 and A 5.3.

## 14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. A boat is required to inform the race committee finish boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat. This changes RRS 61.
- 14.2. Protest forms are available online at [www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit either:
  - 14.2.1. Electronically at [www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org) for all weeks except the last race day of the Series (SPYC), or

- 14.2.2. On the last race day of the series (SPYC) only, in person to the Protest Committee Chairman or Secretary, Area PRO, or BBYRA Flag Officer.
- 14.3. The protest time limit is 2000 on the day of the race in question, except on the last scheduled racing day when the protest time is 45 minutes from the time the Rose Course Start Boat docks. This modifies RRS 61.3.
- 14.4. Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time limit on the official Protest Committee notice board at [www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org). Hearings will be held at Regatta Headquarters commencing at 1600 on the next scheduled race day or at a location and time agreed upon by the protest committee and interested parties, except on the last race day when hearings will be held immediately following the races. Protests may be held online via Zoom when applicable
- 14.5. Breaches of Instructions SI 9.2, 16.1, 16.2, 17 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 15. SCORING

- 15.1. In order to qualify for the Championship series, a boat must check in with the Start Boat in at least 50% of the races completed for her class.
- 15.2. RRS A5.3 shall apply.
- 15.3. For all classes, RRS A2 is modified so that:
  - 15.3.1. A boat's worst race of the Championship Series will be dropped on an ongoing basis after the 5th, 10th, 15th and 20th race is completed and revised race scores posted on the BBYRA website. Drops are directly related to the number of completed, and no fleet will receive more than 4 drops.
- 15.4. The last sentence of RRS A 5.3 is changed to read "A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored the points equal to the number of boats that came to the starting area plus one point."
- 15.5. Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS .A 5.3

## 16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. Changes in sail number or registered skipper (person in charge) must be reported to the Scorer prior to the boat's warning signal. Email [Scorer@BBYRA.org](mailto:Scorer@BBYRA.org) or submit through the BBYRA website [www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org). Failure to comply with this rule may result in a boat not being scored.
- 16.2. The skipper need not be the helmsman but must be on board while racing.
- 16.3. A boat that either retires from a race, or retires prior to starting a race shall notify either by VHF or in person, the race committee or a patrol boat prior to leaving the race area.

## 17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1. A boat may be inspected by the race committee at any time for compliance with the required safety equipment for her class (see NOR APPENDIX 1 for required safety equipment per class). When Flag L and a class signal are displayed at the finish line, boats in the signaled class shall proceed immediately to the inspection boat flying the same signal in the vicinity of the finish line for a mandatory safety inspection. Boats must remain in the area of the inspection boat until dismissed. While awaiting inspection, contact with other boats is prohibited. A boat that fails to comply with this sailing instruction, or does not display the required safety equipment to the inspection boat, shall be protested by the Race Committee. The penalty for breaking this sailing instruction shall be DSQ for the race immediately preceding the inspection.

## **18. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 18.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 18.2. VHF radio channel 71 will be used for emergencies and communication of race information.

## **19. COURTESY TEXT MESSAGING TO COMPETITORS**

- 19.1. The PRO may attempt to communicate courtesy weather alerts, delays, emergencies or other notifications in real time to competitors via text message. The BBYRA will not accept any liability for failure to transmit or a boat's failure to receive a courtesy text message. Failure to receive a text message shall not be grounds for redress. This Modifies RRS 62.1 (a)
- 19.2. Competitors may sign up for courtesy text messaging by texting the letters: BBYRA to the number (848) 289-8100. An automatic confirmation will be sent when the request is received. Texts to competitors will come from the number (848) 289-8100.

## **20. RISK STATEMENT**

- 20.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. The organizing authority will additionally not accept any liability related to potential exposure to COVID-19 or other illness prior to, during or after the regatta.