



NINTH ANNUAL PLANK REGATTA

MAY 29, 2021

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rule of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2. The sailing instructions may be modified verbally on the water.
- 1.3. Appendix V will be in effect.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices will be placed on the notice board, the location of which will be discussed at the Competitors' Meeting.
- 2.2. There will be a Competitors' Meeting at 9:45AM on May 25.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than **30 minutes prior to the first race.**

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1. There will be one day of racing with six (6) scheduled races. ONE race will constitute a series. If 5 or more races are sailed there will be one drop.
- 4.2. The day's schedule will be:
 - 0800-0945: Registration/Breakfast

- 0945: Competitors' Meeting
- 1030: First Warning Signal
- 1030-1700: Racing
- TBD: Post Race Food/Beverages/Social

4.3. NO WARNING SIGNAL WILL BE MADE PAST 1630 HOURS.

5. CODE FLAGS AND ORDER OF STARTS

- 5.1. Class flag/signal assignments will be made at the competitors' meeting.
- 5.2. Order of starts will be made at the competitors' meeting.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the lower deck flagpole of the SAYC clubhouse.
- 6.2. Code Flag AP (Answering Pennant) with two horns=race postponed. DO NOT LEAVE HARBOR AREA. Time of next start will be posted prior to lowering the AP with one horn.
- 6.3. Code Flag L with one horn indicates a message to competitors has been posted on the message board.
- 6.4. Code Flag N along with Code Flag A with three horns means races abandoned for the day.

7. RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 7.1. The racing area will be determined by weather and wave conditions and will be the Barnegat Bay (Green Island Course) or Kettle Creek. Announcement will be made at the competitors' meeting or on the water.
- 7.2. Courses sailed may be Triangle (T), Windward/Leeward (W), Olympic (O), or Gold Cup (G). Course selection and number of legs to be sailed will be posted on a white board at the transom of the committee boat.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. Rounding marks will be announced at the competitors' meeting.

- 8.2. Start and finish marks will be announced at the competitors' meeting.

9. STARTS

- 9.1. Starting Signals shall be made in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix Q-Sound Signal Starting System, modified as follows:

- Warning Horn: Multiple Blasts
- 4 Minutes
- 3 Minutes: 3 Long
- 2 Minutes: 2 Long
- 1 Minute: 1 Long
- 30 Seconds: 3 Short
- 20 Seconds: 2 Short
- 10 Seconds: 1 Short
- Start: 1 Long

- 9.2. Individual fleets (Standard, Radial, 4.7) will have their own starts designated by the flag or shape assigned at the Skippers' Meeting.

10. 10) RECALLS

- 10.1. A boat's recall number shall be the last four (4) digits of her sail number.
- 10.2. Individual recalls will be signaled by displaying Code Flag X with one (1) horn. The Race Committee may attempt to hail OCS boats, but failure to hail, the order of hail, or failure to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS rules 41 and 62.1.
- 10.3. The "First Substitute" Flag followed by two (2) horns will signal a General Recall. A new Warning Horn (4 minutes) will be sounded one (1) minute after lowering the "First Substitute."

11. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER START

- 11.1. The Race Committee may shorten or abandon a race in accordance with RRS 32.
- 11.2. If an abandoned race is to be restarted, a new Warning Signal (4 minutes) will be made one (1) minute after lowering Code Flag N with one (1) horn.
- 11.3. Failure to abandon a race shall not constitute grounds for protest or redress.
- 11.4. The Race Committee may change the direction or length of any leg of the course in accordance with RRS rule 33.

12. FINISHING

- 12.1. The finish will be between the staff holding a red/orange flag or shape on the committee boat and a mark designated at the competitors' meeting.

13. LIMITS

- 13.1. The lead boat in a fleet shall complete the course in one and one half (1.5) hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 (thirty) minutes of the leader will be scored DNF.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. The series will be scored as per Appendix A of the RRS with the Low Point System. Six (6) races are scheduled with one (1) race constituting a series.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1. Protests will be handled in compliance with RRS 61. COMPETITORS WISHING TO PROTEST MUST NOTIFY THE RACE COMMITTEE AT THE FINISH LINE OF THEIR INTENT TO PROTEST.
- 15.2. After docking, the Race Committee will post on the notice board all sail numbers of boats protesting and being protested.
- 15.3. Written protests must be filed on an official protest form with a Race Committee representative within one (1) hour of the race committee boat docking at the conclusion of the races. Protest forms will be available with the Race Committee.
- 15.4. It is the responsibility of every competitor to check the message

board for protests at the conclusion of the races. All competitors protesting/being protested must report to the Race Committee no later than fifteen (15) minutes from the end of the protest period to determine when and where protests will be heard. Failure to report will permit the judges to hear and rule on the protest in the absence of those competitors.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1. All boats will carry safety equipment as required by class rules. All PFD's must be Coast Guard approved.
- 16.2. Competitors participate in a regatta at their own risk, per RRS 3 Decision to Race. It is the personal responsibility of each competitor to determine their safety level. If a competitor is doubtful about their ability to handle conditions safely, it is their decision only to continue sailing or retire. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for property damage, personal injury, illness, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, of after the regatta.
- 16.3. If the Race Committee decides weather conditions make it advisable to discontinue a race in progress, such race may be abandoned. The Race Committee or a patrol boat will display Code Flags N over H accompanied by three (3) horns. All boats should then head to SAYC or the nearest safe-haven. Further signals/instructions will be given ashore.

GOOD TIMES AND GOOD LUCK!