

# 2015 H Class Association Championship

## Beverly Yacht Club (“BYC”)

99 Water Street, Marion, MA 02738

July 31 and August 1-2, 2015

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority is the Beverly Yacht Club.

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Crew changes require advance written approval from the Organizing Authority, which will be given only in case of an emergency.
- 1.3 RRS 61.1(a)(2) is deleted; protest flags are required to be displayed at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 1.4 The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.5 A boat’s numbered sails shall each have the same number.

#### 2. SAFETY

- 2.1 All competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard approved PFD (life jacket) while racing, except for brief periods while changing clothing.
- 2.2 All boats shall have on board a functioning VHF radio. While racing, the use of such radios is limited to emergency communications and receiving communications from the Race Committee on channel 72. While racing, the use of other electronic communication devices is prohibited.
- 2.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 2.4 When the Race Committee signal boat displays flag L before a warning signal, boats shall check in by sailing past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their sail numbers until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Boats that fail to check in properly will receive a 20% scoring penalty [see RRS 44.3(c)] without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A4.

#### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located on the outside deck of the BYC porch.

#### 4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than one hour before they take effect, and will be announced on VHF channel 72 before the first warning signal of the day.

#### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the BYC flagpole, east of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replace by “not less than 60 minutes” in Race Signal AP.

#### 6. RACING SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The first Warning Signal for the Junior Championship will be at 1030 on Friday.
- 6.2 The latest time for a Warning Signal for the Junior Championship is 1630 on Friday.
- 6.3 The first Warning Signal for the Championship will be at 1030 each day.
- 6.4 The latest time for a Warning Signal for the Championship is 1230 on Sunday.

#### 7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the vicinity of Centerboard Shoal in Outer Sippican Harbor (mark G on the attached chart).

7.2 The distance from the harbor entrance to Centerboard Shoal is approximately three nautical miles.

## **8. COURSES**

8.1 The courses will be windward/leeward as described in the attached Course Diagram.

8.2 The Race Committee will post the course number (3 or 5), the approximate distance to mark 1 and the approximate magnetic bearing to mark 1 on the course board on the signal boat.

8.3 When the finishing mark is in place, boats sailing from mark 1A to 2G shall not pass through the finishing line.

## **9. MARKS**

9.1 The starting mark, mark 1 and marks 2G will be yellow tetrahedrons.

9.2 Mark 1A and the finishing mark will be red or orange spheres.

9.3 New marks will be orange tetrahedrons.

## **10. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES; CLASS FLAG**

10.1 The starting line will be between the halyard from which an orange flag is displayed on the signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.

10.2 The finishing line will be between the staff or halyard from which an orange flag is displayed on the finish boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

10.3 The class flag will be a black "H-12" on a white field.

## **11. RECALLS**

11.1 The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail number(s) of boat(s) that are OCS or are subject to RRS 30.1 on VHF channel 72.

11.2 The failure of the Race Committee to hail, the time of the hail, the order of hailing or the failure of a boat to hear the hail shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **12. TIME LIMITS**

12.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course is 90 minutes.

12.2 Boats still racing 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

## **13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

13.1 Protest forms will be available at the protest desk on the BYC porch. Protests, requests for redress and requests for reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the finish boat docks.

13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as possible in the BYC clubhouse.

13.4 If the Race Committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP or BFD before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.

13.5 On Sunday, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered: (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day, or (b) no later than 15 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision that day. This changes RRS 66.

13.6 On Sunday, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the parties were informed of the decision. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **14. SCORING**

14.1 Multiple races are scheduled, of which two shall be completed to constitute a series.

14.2 When fewer than five races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

14.3 When five or more races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.

**15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

**TIDES AT SIPPICAN HARBOR**

	<u>LOW</u>	<u>HIGH</u>	<u>LOW</u>	<u>HIGH</u>
Friday, July 31	0155	0822 (3.9)	1353	2046 (4.5)
Saturday, August 1	0241	0912 (4.2)	1445	2135 (4.5)
Sunday, August 2	0325	1003 (4.3)	1538	2226 (4.5)

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