



**Massapoag Yacht Club**  
**2017 Small Boat Regatta Sailing Instructions**

**1 RACING RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the rules of each class and these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 RRS Rules 77 and 78 are not applicable.
- 1.3 Class rules shall apply except that sail numbers need not be the boat's or competitor's "official" number, so long as they are unique numbers in each class. Non class legal sails may be permitted with the approval of the race committee. Intensity and APS sails are permitted.
- 1.4 All competitors in the RS Aero classes (5, 7, or 9) shall start and finish together and be scored on a handicap basis as a single fleet. Competitors may choose 5, 7, or 9 rigs at their discretion, and may change rigs during the regatta, provided that all rig changes are made on shore and all sails have the same number.

**2 ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 Competitors must have submitted a completed registration form and paid the registration fee prior to the first race.
- 2.2 Competitors must notify the Race Committee of his/her intent to race before the START of the first race

**3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Official notices will be posted on the Bulletin Board on the beach at the Massapoag Yacht Club. It is the responsibility of each yacht to check the board for information.

**4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagstaff on the beach at the Massapoag Yacht Club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is made ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after removal of AP

**6 RACE SCHEDULE**

- 6.1 The schedule of events is as follows:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>
0930	Skippers' Meeting
1000	Races begin
After 1200	On shore break
After break	Races continue
1600	Barbeque and Awards

No race will be started after 15:00. The race committee has the option of modifying this schedule based on weather conditions.

**7 RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The "ledge" area (bounded by four WHITE "R" marks) is an obstruction. The "taut string", as described in RRS rule 28.2 must lie outside all these marks.
- 7.2 Fletcher's Cove is an obstruction. The "taut string", as described in RRS rule 28.2 must lie outside (to the East) of the white "R" mark.

## 8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed. Additional course information will be displayed on the rack of the Race Committee Boat. It is the intention of the Race Committee to start all races in the direction of the windward mark, the first mark of the course.
- 8.2 The Race Committee has the option of using the following variations on the courses in Appendix A.
1. The relative positions of the start and finish lines and all marks in the diagrams are approximate.
  2. Start and finish lines may be located at the windward or leeward mark with the mark used as one end of the line.
  3. The offset mark in a windward leeward course may be omitted. The race committee will verbally notify the racers of this change.
  4. The race committee has the option of setting a shorter windward leg for any class(s). This course will not have an offset mark. The race committee will verbally notify any fleet that will be using the shorter course, and will describe to them the mark that will be used.
  5. The race committee may substitute a leeward gate for a leeward mark. The race committee will verbally notify the racers of this change.
- 8.3 The identifying letter of the chosen course will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat before or with the warning signal. For course W a number will be displayed indicating the number of legs to be sailed. An even number indicates a downwind finish, and an odd number indicates an upwind finish.
- 8.4 All marks are to be left to PORT, except in the case of leeward gates, which are rounded inside to outside.
- 8.5 When the start/finish line is in the middle of the course, it shall be open (i.e. boats may pass through it while racing).

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be ORANGE tomatoes.
- 9.2 If a shorter windward leg is set for a specific class, its windward mark will be a Yellow ball.
- 9.3 The starting mark will be a starting pin with a YELLOW flag.
- 9.4 The finishing mark will be a finish pin with a BLUE flag or, if one of the marks of the course is used, an ORANGE tomato.
- 9.5 A YELLOW tomato will be used as the new mark when the course is changed after the start.
- 9.6 A WHITE Ball will be used as an Offset mark on a "W" Course.

## 10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS Appendix U – Sound Signal Starting System. - The table below lists the sound and timing sequence.

<u>Sequence TIME</u>	<u>SOUND SIGNALS</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
	5 blasts then Faint beeping	10 second countdown to Start
3 Min	3 Long Blasts	Warning
2 Min	2 Long Blasts	Preparatory
1:30 Min	1 Long Blast + 3 Short Blasts	
1Minute	1 Long Blast	
30 Sec	3 Short Blasts	
20 Sec	2 Short Blasts	
10 Sec	1 Short Blast	
05 Sec	5 Short Blasts	5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Seconds to Start
START	1 Long Blast	START

- 10.2 One class shall start shortly after the other class for race one, but the timing of all other starts shall be at the discretion of the race committee. There will be no rolling starts.

- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an ORANGE flag on the Committee Boat and a nearby mark or pin.
- 10.4 Boats whose *warning* signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose *warning* signal has been made.
- 10.5 A boat shall not start later than 3 minutes after her starting signal.

## 11 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 11.1 A change of course after the start will be signaled from the RC boat or a Mark Boat before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position.
- 11.2 Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the original course configuration.
- 11.3 If the windward mark is moved there is no subsequent requirement to round the offset mark.

## 12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 If a W2, W4, W6 or Box course is used, the finish line will be on the starboard side of the Committee Boat.
- 12.2 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a BLUE flag on the Committee Boat and the finishing pin with a BLUE flag.
- 12.3 If a mark of the course is used as one end of the finish line, the other end will be a staff displaying a BLUE flag on the Committee Boat.
- 12.4 When the Committee Boat is on station for the finish, it will be indicated by display of a BLUE flag. Failure of the Committee Boat to display this signal will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).

## 13 TIME LIMIT

The time limit from the Starting Signal to the Finish for the first boat will be 45 minutes for each class. A boat that did not finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit (whichever is later) shall be scored as DNF.

## 14 PROTESTS

- 14.1 Written Protests shall be submitted to the Race Committee not later than 15 minutes after the Race Committee Boat arrives at the dock following the last race of the day.
- 14.2 A list of the yachts protesting and protested will be posted on the bulletin board and the competitors or their representatives must remain available for a hearing to be held as soon as possible.
- 14.3 A protest committee shall be chosen according to RRS rule 91(a).

## 15 SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point scoring system, rule A2, will apply. We will start as many races as possible between 1000 and 1500, of which one (1) shall be completed to constitute a series. There will be no throw-outs unless more than 5 races are completed.
- 15.2 Aeros will be scored using the Aero class handicap numbers and the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick System.

## 16 SAFETY

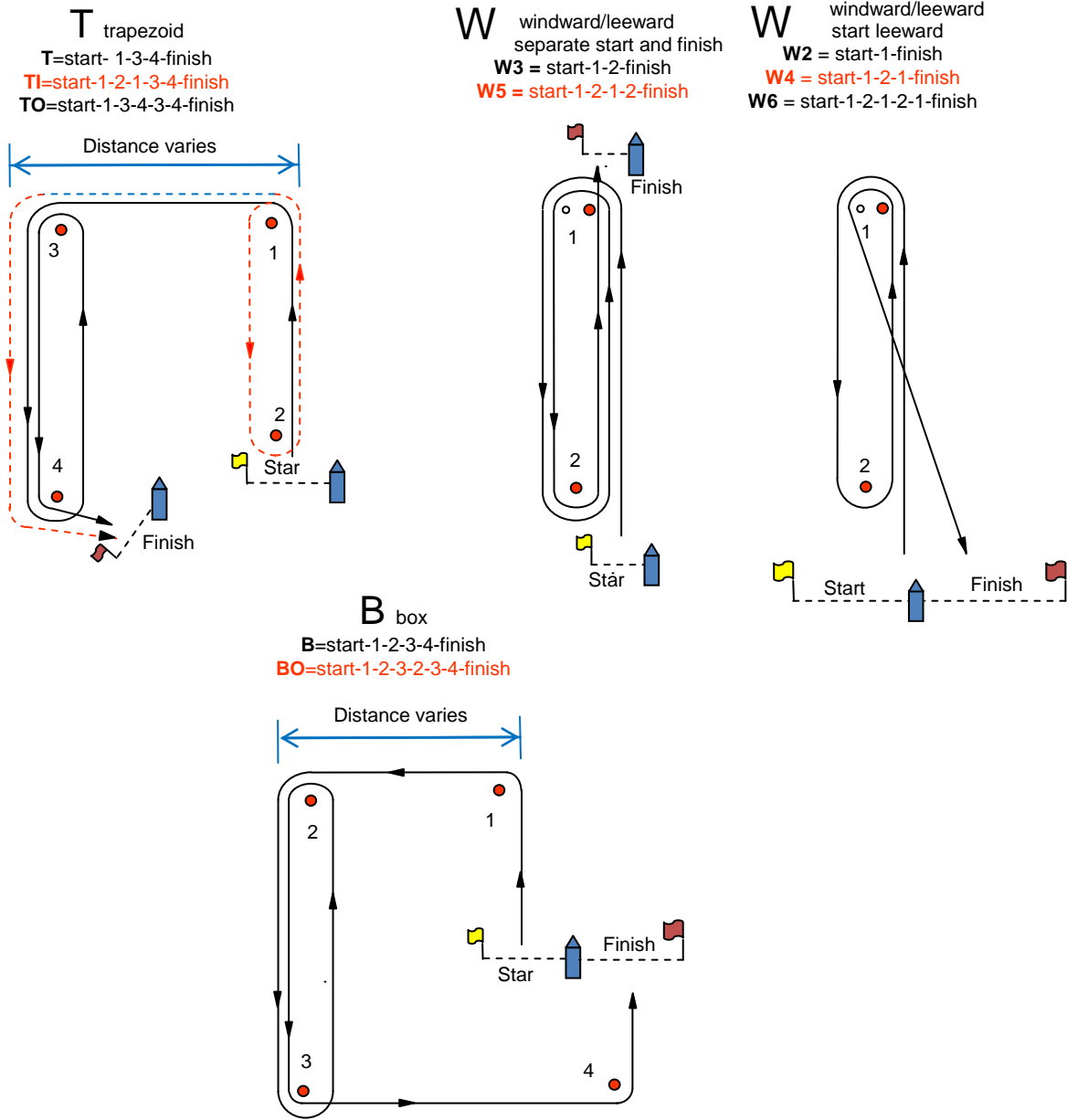
Safety equipment specified by class rules and current applicable U.S.C.G. and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Registry of Motor Vehicles, Marine Division regulations for each boat category must be carried by all competing yachts. Current minimum requirements are that 1 U.S.C.G. or CE approved P.F.D. must be worn.

## 17 HAZARDS

All yachts are warned that there is a large shallow area immediately to the northeast of Flat Rock and extending to the east and north. Water-depth in the area ranges from 3 to 10 feet.

# Appendix A

## 2017 MYC Small Boat Regatta Diagrams



- W** Windward – leeward number of legs varies
- T** Trapezoid. Windward, reach, leeward, reach. Start 1-2-3-4-finish.
- TI** Trapezoid with windward – leeward leg on inner loop only. Start-1-2-1-3-4-finish
- TO** Trapezoid with windward – leeward leg on outer loop only. Start-1-3-4-3-4-finish
- O** Olympic. Triangle + windward, leeward, windward.
- G** Gold cup. Triangle + windward, leeward.
- B** Box. Start 1-2-3-4-finish
- BO** Box with outer loop Start 1-2-3-2-3-4-finish