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2017 Notice of Races & Sailing Instructions, Attachment 1

Bender Championship Regatta and Qualifying Series

1. There are 7 qualifying races for the Bender Championship Regatta. They are: 1A, Mason, Dornin, Martinelli, Oko, Barnes and Meyers.
2. To qualify a skipper must sail in a minimum of four of the seven races. There is no owner skipper rule or requirement. Scores will be kept by skipper. A skipper that qualifies for the championship by sailing in more than one boat may choose any one of the boats in which he or she qualified to sail in the championship.
3. Each of the 7 qualifying races are separate and the number of crew and crew size can be different in each. In the Championship Regatta each of the races must be sailed with the same number of crew and in the same boat as in the first race of the regatta.
4. During the 7 qualifying races formal protests are allowed but not encouraged. Informal discussions are recommended to sort out differences of opinion as to the rules and recollection of facts. Any formal protest must be in writing and filed with the race committee within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.
5. For the Championship Regatta formal protests are recommended where necessary. They must be filed within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day. USSA protest procedures are to be followed including those relating to flying of protest flags and notification to protested boats.
6. There are two fleets for the qualifying series - the Open Division and the 110 Fleet. The Open Division will have the first start at the start time shown on the IYC Schedule for 2017. The 110 Fleet start is scheduled for 10 minutes later.
7. The four skippers from each fleet with the best scores from four of the seven races will be the qualifiers for the Championship Regatta. In the event one or more qualifiers withdraw from the Championship Regatta the next skipper(s) with the lowest score from that fleet will be eligible to race in the Championship Regatta, and so on until all four spots are filled or the roster has been exhausted. Skippers being added to the Championship Regatta in this manner need not have attained the four race minimum.
8. Bender Series participants who serve on the IYC Race Committee for a Bender series race or races will be awarded a 2nd place for that race or those races. This section will apply for no more than two races for any competitor.
9. The Championship Regatta will consist of the 4 qualifiers from each fleet. All eight will race as one fleet using the IYC Handicap ratings and scoring for all boats.
10. A minimum of three races and a maximum of five are required for the Championship Regatta. There will be no throw outs.
11. Decisions of the protest committee are final.
12. No additional race fees are charged. If you paid for the entire season the regatta is included. If not the fee is \$10 a day.

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Notice of Races & Sailing Instructions, Attachment 2

IYC 2017 Race Protocols and Procedures

These protocols and procedures are advisory to the race committee and informational to the competitors. They are not subject to protest of any kind.

1. Starts

- a. Endeavor to adjust the length of the start lines to the number of participants. A good rule of thumb is 1.5 X the combined boat lengths of the competitors.
- b. Attempt to bring the west end of the start line closer to the dock if eel grass will allow. However be aware of the angle of the wind's impact on port end starters' ability to clear nearby obstructions and of velocity variance over the length of the line (i.e., if the inboard end is in more of a hole than the outboard end, no need to pull it in close to the dock).
- c. Starting signals: Visual signals supersede sound signals or their absence. When hoisting the AP flag two sounds will be made. When lowering the AP flag one sound will be made. Multiple sounds (at least 5) will be used to alert the racers to stand by. It is best when making multiple alert sounds to raise the flag that follows one minute later.
- d. OCS: The race committee will fly the OCS flag, make one sound and attempt to verbally hail the violators. OCS boats may not be notified by radio. The safety boat(s) may also attempt to hail the offending boats but may or may not chase them down. If the bull horn is working sound the siren indicating someone is OCS. Also use the hailer if operational.
- e. The open division will start first at the scheduled time and the 110 fleet will start 10 minutes later. Every effort should be made to start on time by both the committee and the competitors. There should be no delays for personal reasons of individual competitors. However, the committee should exercise independent judgment whether or not to postpone a start if for reasons out of their control (e.g., tide height, # of competitors) individual competitors would have insufficient time to make the start on time.
- f. The tides have been researched and start times set accordingly as best as the different sources allow. (The IYC web site now lists the times at which the incoming tide reaches 2' and the outgoing tide reaches 3'. Refer to it!) Keel boats or boats with deep rudders are encouraged to anchor out, especially on two day regattas but also when possible on one day regattas (the night before). When boats anchor out, the committee should endeavor to have shore boats available.
- g. A safety boat displaying an "M" flag may be anchored at the East end of the start line proximate to the "Y" buoy. If so it will replace the "Y" buoy as the starting mark. In that case the "Y" buoy will not be a mark of the course for that leg. The use of the safety boat as a starting mark may be noted on the course board.

2. Protests

a. Except for the 110 Districts, FD Invitational and the Bender Championship Regatta formal protests are not encouraged. If there are unresolved incidents then we encourage an informal protest hearing and discussion which is to be kept friendly. Loser buys the other party a beer ... unless the winning party is feeling magnanimous and offers to l... and they shake hands. We all see things differently and few of us, if any, know the rules thoroughly so a discussion will benefit all.

3. Female Skipper

a. The Lake Race no longer requires that the skipper be a woman. However, competitors in that event are encouraged to maximize the number of female crew aboard in any capacity.