

Cumming Cup
June 30 - July 1, 2017
Pleasant Bay Community Boating
Southern Massachusetts Sailing Association
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Championship Conditions.

1.2 This regatta is classified as a Category A Event in accordance with Regulation 20 – ISAF Advertising Code.

2. **Entries:** Eligible crews may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority and paying the entry fee.

3. **Notices to Competitors:** Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located outside the Pleasant Bay Community Boating (PBCB) boathouse.

4. **Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the PBCB flagpole.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 20 minutes’ in race signal AP.

6. Special Signals

6.1 The display of Flag "H" (white and red vertical bars) at the finish of any race means, “Racing has ended for the day.”

6.2 The display of Flag V (red “X” on a white background) before the warning signal with one horn or during the race at a mark with periodic horns means, “Spinnakers shall not be used from this time forward in this race.”

7. Boats

7.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that:

- (a) a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
- (b) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
- (c) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the class rules are observed, except that:
- (d) the main & jib halyards may not be tensioned beyond where it is set when entering the boat, unless there is a breakdown.

7.2 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat and remain in the boat during boat rotations.

7.3 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative as soon it is discovered if before the race or to the race committee finish boat immediately after the race. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be handled in accordance with paragraph 7.4 below.

7.4 The penalty for not complying with one of the above Boats rules may be disqualification from the race or races sailed in which the rule is broken.

8. Schedule of Races

8.1 The races are scheduled to be completed on Friday with a spare day on Saturday. There will be one round robin involving all the teams properly registered.

8.2 The maximum number of races will be the same as the number of teams properly registered. The minimum number of races necessary to constitute an elimination (or finals) will be three (3).

8.3 The report time for both days is 0900 and 1000 first race-warning signal.

8.4 No race will start after 1800 except the Race Committee can go to past this deadline to complete the three (3) races minimum necessary to constitute a series.

8.5 For all rounds, each subsequent race will start as soon as practicable after the previous race (allowing for boat rotations and a midday lunch break).

8.6 The distance from the harbor to the racing area is approximately 0.5 Nautical Miles.

8.7 If the event cannot be completed (minimum of three races), then the regatta will be suspended and the finals will be completed at a further time and date to be announced on the SMSA website.

9. **Racing Area:** The racing area will be in Pleasant Bay, as shown in Attachment 'A'

10. The Course

10.1 The diagrams in Attachment 'B' show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.2 The course to be sailed will be displayed on a white board on the RC signal boat.

10.3 The approximate compass bearing from the leeward mark to the weather mark will be displayed on a white board on the RC signal boat.

11. Marks

11.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be orange cylinders.

11.2 New marks as provided in Instruction 13, Change of the Next Leg of the Course, will be yellow cylinders.

11.3 Starting and Finishing marks will be orange cylinders.

12. **The Start**

12.1 The Flying Scot class flag (FS) will be used as the class flag for the starting sequence.

12.2 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

12.3 Boats will not start later than five (5) minutes after their starting signal.

13. **Change of the Next Leg of the Course:** To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14. **Recalls:** The race committee intends to hail the recall or sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1.

15. **The Finish:** The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard-end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

16. **Time Limit**

16.1 The time limit for each race will be 40 minutes for the first boat to finish.

16.2 Boats still racing 20 minutes after the first boat finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will be assigned scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

16.3 If a boat or boats in or near last place in a race are unduly delaying the start of another race, the race committee may terminate the race and score those boats in the place they would have finished based on their position at the time the race is terminated.

17. **Protests and Requests for Redress**

17.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

17.2 Protests shall be in writing (forms available inside PBCB) and delivered to the Chief Judge or the PRO within thirty (30) minutes after the race committee boat docks.

17.3 A list of protests will be posted on the official notice board within fifteen (15) minutes after the time for filing protests has expired. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2.

17.4 As permitted in RRS 70.5(a), the right of appeal will be denied, except at the championship finals.

17.5 A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking sailing instructions 1.2 or 20. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The penalty for breaking these instructions may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.

17.6 Requests for redress as a result of breakdowns shall be handled in accordance with Instruction 19 below.

18. Scoring: The *Low Point Scoring System* of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply. Each boat's score will be the total of her scores in all races. This changes Rule A2.

19. Breakdowns

19.1 In any round robin series or in a series where the boats are provided by the organizing authority, a boat whose finishing place, through no fault of her own, is made significantly worse because of a breakdown may seek redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

19.2 A boat seeking redress for breakdown shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable, and shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention immediately after finishing.

20. Safety Regulations

20.1 All competitors in US SAILING Championships at all levels shall wear, while on the water, a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD, except where the ORC regulations apply.

20.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, the a race official onshore immediately after arrival ashore.

21. Prizes

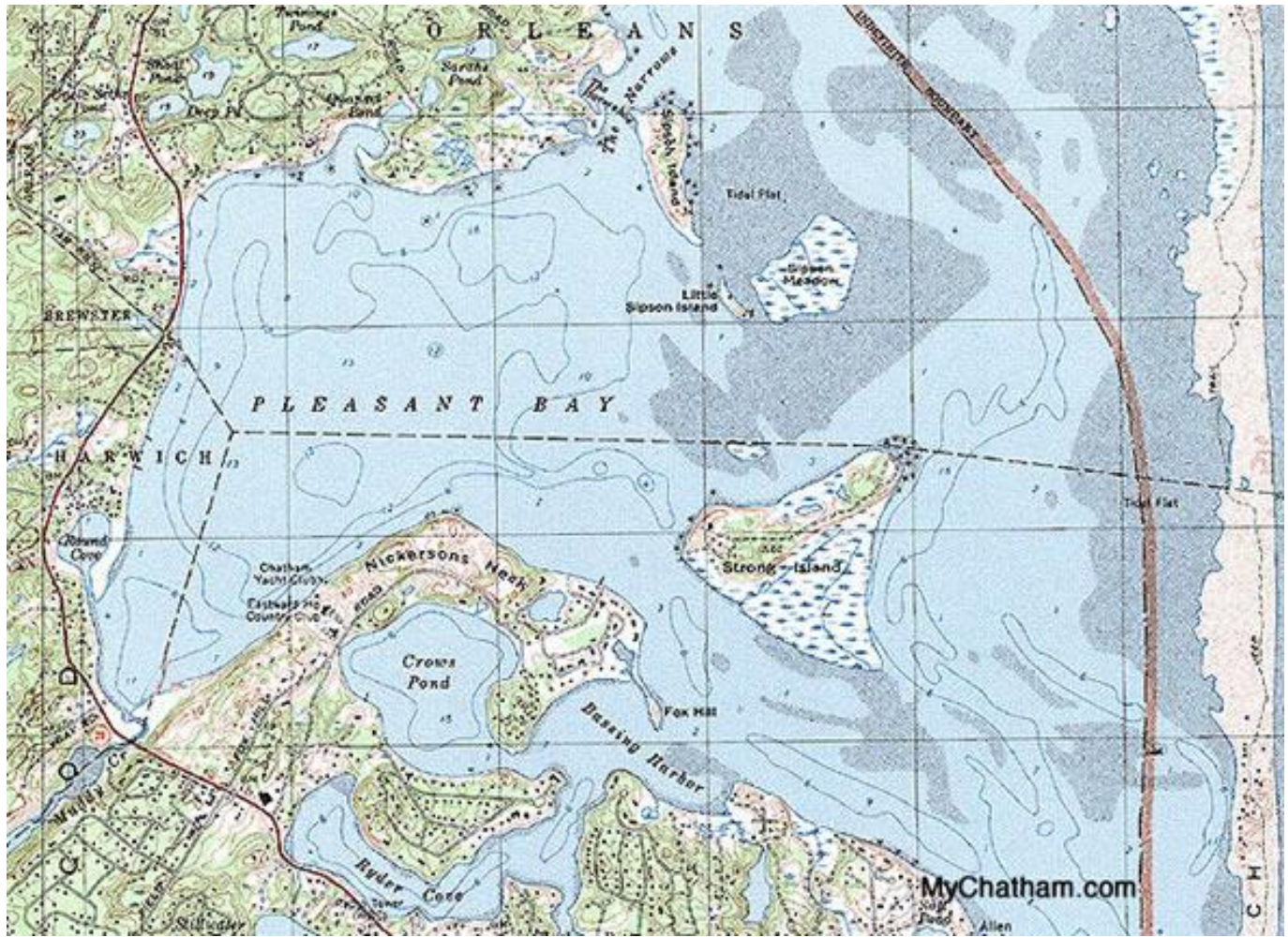
21.1 Prizes will be awarded to the team that finished first and second

21.2 Teams that finish first and second will earn the privilege to represent SMSA at the Area A Sears qualifier in July. SMSA will reimburse clubs that participate in that regatta their entry fee upon completion of the regatta.

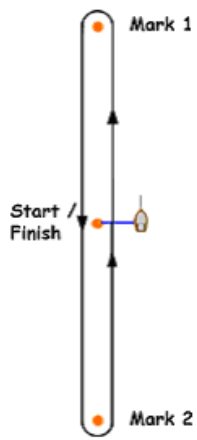
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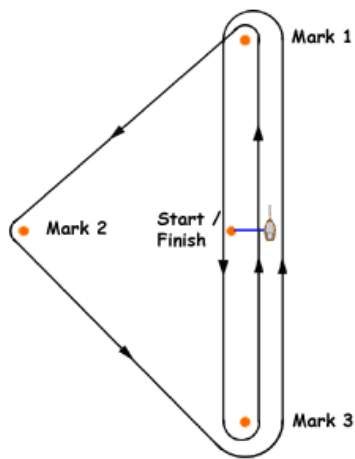
Attachment A: Chart of Pleasant Bay:



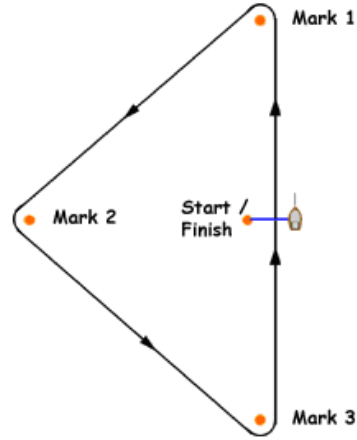
Attachment B: Course Diagrams



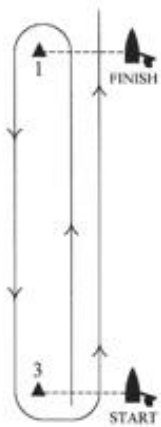
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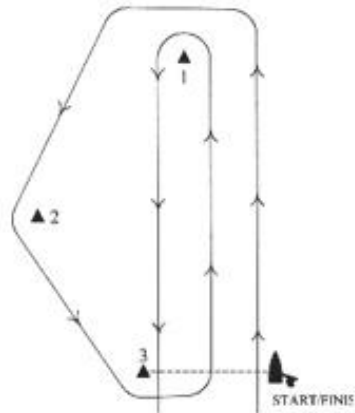
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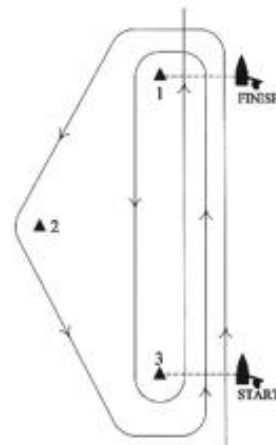
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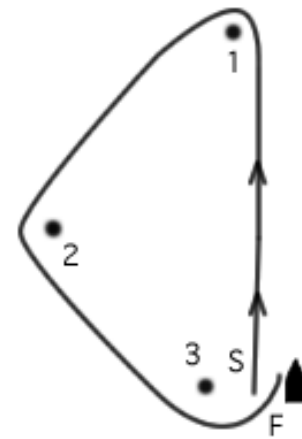
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