

## **2017 MBC Fall Laser Regatta**

### **Monmouth Boat Club**

**November 12, 2017**

### **Sailing Instructions**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The races shall be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, by ILCA Rules, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The organizing authority is the Monmouth Boat Club (MBC). The event will be held at MBC at 31 Union St., Red Bank, NJ 07701.

#### **2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted immediately following the Skippers' Meeting.
- 2.2. The Regatta Notice Board shall be in the first floor of the MBC clubhouse.

#### **3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in the front of MBC.
- 3.2. Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two horns means "The Race is Postponed". The time of the next Warning Signal will be posted before the lowering of the "AP" with one (1) horn.
- 3.3. Code Flag "B", with one (1) horn, means the time for filing protests has begun. It will be lowered, with one (1) horn; one half (1/2) hour later indicating the time for filing protests has expired.

#### **4. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND RACES**

- 4.1. Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>
  - 0900 - 0945: Registration and Breakfast
  - 1000: Skippers' Meeting
  - 1030: Harbor Gun
  - 1100: First Warning Signal (other races to follow)
  - 1600: No Warning Signal after 1600
  - TBD: Post Race Food and Beverages
  - TBD: Awards Ceremony

#### **5. RACING AREA:**

- 5.1. The Racing Area will be in the Navesink River, northeast of MBC, and west of the Oceanic Bridge.

#### **6. COURSES**

- 6.1. The course will either be Olympic (O) or Windward-Leeward (W)
- 6.2. The number of times (laps) around will be indicated with a 1, 2, or 3. For example, a "W2" would indicate a course of windward-leeward-windward-leeward-windward (with an extra upwind leg).
- 6.3. Courses may be modified to include a gate between the windward and leeward mark. If the course includes a gate, it will remain open with no penalty for passing through during the race.
- 6.4. All marks will be left to port.

## 7. MARKS

- 7.1. The turning marks will be orange buoys.
- 7.2. For W courses, there will be an offset mark, which will be a small orange ball.
- 7.3. New marks used in accordance with Change of Course after the start shall be orange balls.

## 8. REPORTING AT STARTS

- 8.1. Before starting the first race of each day, each boat is required to sail past the stern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack and verbally check in by hailing its sail number. Any boat failing to do so shall receive a scoring penalty equal to 20% of the number of starters in that race.
- 8.2. When the Race Committee verbally acknowledges a boat's sail number, the entry has officially been noted.

## 9. STARTING RACES

- 9.1. The starting sequence will be three (3) minute dinghy starts.
- 9.2. The Starting Line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and an orange buoy at the port end.
- 9.3. A boat shall not start later than five (5) minutes after her start signal. They will be given a DNS.

## 10. RECALLS

- 10.1. Individual Recalls will be signaled by displaying Code Flag "X" with one (1) horn. The RC may or may not hail competitors sail numbers who are OCS. Failure on the Race Committee to notify competitors will not be grounds for redress.
- 10.2. A General Recall will be signaled by displaying "First Substitute" flag with two (2) horns. A new Warning Signal, with one (1) horn will be made approximately one (1) minute after the lowering of the "First Substitute" with one (1) horn. After the second General Recall, the "I" Flag (rule 30.1), "U" Flag (rule 30.3), or Black Flag (rule 30.4) Starting Penalties may be used for subsequent starts for the day.

## 11. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 11.1. The Race Committee may shorten or abandon a race in accordance with RRS Rule 32.
- 11.2. The Race Committee may change the direction or length of any leg in accordance with RRS Rule 33.
- 11.3. 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(s) as soon as practicable.

## 12. FINISHING

- 12.1. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and an orange ball on the port side.

## 13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. The leading boat of each class must complete the course in one (1) hour. Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the leader will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), which is equal to the number of boats that finished within the fifteen (15) minute window, plus one (1). This changes RRS Rule 35.

## 14. SCORING

- 14.1. The series will be scored in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point System.
- 14.2. Seven (7) races planned with one (1) discard in the event all seven (7) are sailed. The number of races per day will be determined by the Race Committee.
- 14.3. One (1) race shall constitute a regatta.

- 14.4. Since fewer than five (5) boats were registered by October 14<sup>th</sup>, all boats will be scored as one class.

#### 15. PROTESTS

- 15.1. A competitor having reason to protest must do so in strict compliance with the requirements of the RRS Rule 61, with the following additional requirement: competitors must notify the Race Committee immediately after finishing of their intent to protest.
- 15.2. The Race Committee, after docking, will post on the Notice Board the number of all boats protesting and being protested.
- 15.3. Written protests must be filed on an official Protest Form with a Race Committee representative within one half (1/2) hour of the Race Committee boat docking at the conclusion of the day's racing. Protest Forms are available at the MBC clubhouse.

#### 16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. All boats shall carry all Safety Gear as required by ILCA Rules. The PFD must be USCG approved and worn at all times while on the water.
- 16.2. A boat that withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 16.3. If, in the judgement of the Race Committee, severe weather conditions make it advisable to discontinue a race in process, the Race Committee may abandon such race. The Race Committee Boat and/or Patrol Boats will display Code Flag "N" over "H" accompanied by three (3) horns. All boats should then head to MBC or nearest haven. Further signals, if needed, shall be made ashore.

#### 17. SUPPORT BOATS

- 17.1. Judges will fly a "Judge" or "J" Flag.
- 17.2. Coach Boats must fly a designated Numbered Flag. Coach Boats must also remain more than 50 yards from the course area except when asked to assist by the Race Committee. All coach boats and support boats are required to monitor the course channel on a VHF radio and be ready to assist with safety when requested.

#### 18. AWARDS

- 18.1. AWARDS will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place Overall and 1<sup>st</sup> place in the following Divisions: Female, Apprentice Master, Master, Grandmaster, and Great Grandmaster.
- 18.2. If a Division winner is also an Overall award winner, the Division award will go to the next non-Overall award winner.