

**ISLAND BAY CHALLENGE REGATTA
JUNE 15 & 16, 2019
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), with US SAILING Prescriptions, including Appendix V, except as changed by the Notice of Race or by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 All competitors are reminded of the importance of compliance with RRS 67.
- 1.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions or Schedule must be posted on Regatta Network's "Island Bay Challenge Regatta" event site at least 24 hours prior to the first scheduled warning signal. Changes to the Sailing Instructions, excluding the schedule of races, may also be posted on the Race Committee boat prior to the warning signal and after displaying signal flag "L" and a radio announcement by the Race Committee on VHF c 72.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on Regatta Network's "Island Bay Challenge Regatta" event site.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the BYC flagpole.
- 3.2 Flag AP displayed ashore means "The races are postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered." This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The Island Bay Challenge Regatta will be held on Saturday, June 15 & Sunday, June 16, 2019 .
- 4.2

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, June 15	1000	Competitors' meeting at BYC
	1200	First warning signal
	1600	No warning signal after this time
Sunday, June 16	1030	First warning signal
	1345	No warning signal after this time

5. RACING AREA

- 5.1 The racing area will be in Sippican Harbor or Buzzards Bay off Marion. Refer to the 2019 BYC Race Chart.

6. COURSES

- 6.1 The courses will be displayed on the committee boat.
- 6.2 For courses using the marks described in the BYC mark list, the course will be designated by displaying placards on the signal boat course board. The rounding and finish marks will be displayed in the order of rounding, after the class designation. Refer to the 2019 BYC Race Chart.
- 6.3 A green or red placard will be displayed under each rounding mark's placard to designate the side of the boat on which each mark is to be left: starboard (green) or port (red).
- 6.4 To designate that a "Drop Mark" course will be sailed, code flag O will be displayed from the signal boat, and a placard with the letter of the course will be displayed next to the class designation on the course board. The course designation will be followed by placards indicating the number of legs, and optional placards indicating the use of gate, offset, and alternative finish marks. Refer to the BYC Drop-Mark Course Diagram.
- 6.5 The race committee may, but is not obligated to, use VHF c.72 to announce the course, the intended timing of warning signals, and the sail numbers of recalled racing boats.

MARKS

7.1 Permanent marks are either government marks or yellow BYC buoys. When a portable windward mark is used, its approximate distance and bearing from the starting line will be displayed on the course board.

7.2 Except when indicated as turning marks, all racing boats shall pass to the East of marks "5", "3", and "E" and to the South of marks "F" and "I".

7.3 Portable marks will be Orange, Yellow, and Red inflatable Tetrahedrons, Cylinders, and Balls.

8. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the Shields class insignia.

9. STARTING

9.1 The starts will be in the vicinity of BYC marks "A," "G," or "E."

9.2 Races will be started using RRS 26.

9.3 The race committee may call attention to an unscheduled warning signal by making repetitive sound signals prior to the warning signal.

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

10. FINISHING

The finish line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the signal boat and the course side of the nearby mark.

11. PENALTIES

RRS Appendix V will apply in its entirety. (This alters RRS 44.1)

12. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for the first boat to pass the first windward mark is 30 minutes. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes. If no boat has passed the first windward mark or finished within the time limits, the race shall be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first finisher (the finishing window) shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be written on forms available at the BYC bar and deposited in the protest box on the BYC porch within two hours from the time when the last boat finishes.

13.2 The Protest Committee will hear protests properly filed for the Island Bay Challenge Regatta at 1700 on Sunday, June 16, 2019.

13.3 A boat requesting redress based on her scores shall do so no later than 1 hour after the scores are posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

14. SCORING

Boats will be scored using the system set out in RRS Appendix A. No scores will be excluded: this changes RRS A2.1.

15. SAFETY

15.1 When Flag L is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat before a warning signal, boats shall check in by sailing past the signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their numbers until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

15.2 VHF c. 72 is the hailing channel for the Race Committee. The Race Committee will monitor VHF c. 72 and will provide safety information on VHF c. 72. As part of the BYC Racing Safety Plan, every competing boat is required to carry a VHF radio and to monitor VHF c. 72 from the preparatory signal and while racing and shall notify the Race Committee on VHF c. 72 if they retire from racing.

15.3 All competitors shall wear properly fastened, USCG approved personal flotation devices at all times.

15.4 When flag V (Red X on White Background) is displayed not later than the warning signal spinnakers shall not be used.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in BYC series racing and special races 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 racing.