



GSBYRA Picken Championship

August 14, 2020



Organizing Authority – GSBYRA

Host Club: Point O' Woods YS

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ZOOM Competitor's Meeting – Thursday August 13th at 7:00PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

Racing Rules will be changed as follows:

Rule 29.1 and Rule 30.1 are changed to permit the hailing of recall numbers. 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;

The preamble to Part 4 and Rule 40 are changed so that competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD), while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The PFD shall depend 100% on foam for flotation. No modifications of the PFD are permitted and it shall be the appropriate size for the sailor.

Rule 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules;

RRS 61.1(a) is changed so that "A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested";

Rule 64.1 is changed to allow penalties imposed by the Protest Committee, for hearings held under Rule 60.3, as changed, which may range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta;

Rule 77 is changed such that a boat is not required to display national letters; however, competitors may be required to apply recall numbers to their boat or sail

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be hailed from the race committee and transmitted to all coaches on VHF Channel 72.

3. SAFETY & PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 3.1 All competitors shall wear, while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing, an approved U S Coast Guard PFD that depends 100% on foam for flotation that is the appropriate size for the sailor. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing, except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.

- 3.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a RC vessel before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, at immediately after arrival ashore.
- 3.3 The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a team may take aboard a boat shall be: magnetic card compass, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, normally equipped ditty bag, personal effects, including PFDs and protective clothing.
- 3.4 Electronic flux gate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles, and combinations are specifically banned.
- 3.5 Social distancing requirements are in place and masks should be worn when participants are within 6 feet of others.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 Friday, August 14, 2020

- 1045 Check-in on the water with Race Committee
- 1100 Skippers' Meeting hailed and communicated over VHF 72
- 1115 Warning signal for first race
- Lunch on the water between races. Competitors should bring their own lunch and leave on their respective coach boat.
- 1600 No race shall start after this time.

4.2 A maximum of 5 races are scheduled. The warning signal for succeeding races will be made as soon as possible after finish of preceding race, giving ample time for competitors to check in with their coaches.

5. RACING AREA

As shown in the diagram below, the sailing area will be off the mouth of the Connetquot River between the Police Marine Bureau and the Long Island Maritime Museum.



6. THE COURSE

- 6.1 Course will be Windward/Leeward twice around, with the start finish line in the middle of the course. (Start/Windward/Leeward Gate/Windward/Leeward Gate/Upwind Finish) Windward Marks must be left to port. Races will be approximately 25-40 minutes long.
- 6.2 The Start/Finish line is not an obstruction. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of an orange ball at the port end of the line.
- 6.3 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of an orange ball at the port end of the line. Starting and finishing line are the same.

7. **MARKS** – Marks will be orange inflatable spheres.

8. THE START

8.1 Races will be started using Sound Signal Starting System in Appendix S

A series of short signals may be made before the sequence begins in order to attract attention.

	<u>Signal Sound</u>	<u>Time Before Start</u>
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	1 short	5 seconds
	1 short	4 seconds
	1 short	3 seconds
	1 short	2 seconds
	1 short	1 second
	1 long	0

9. RECALLS

9.1 The RC will attempt to hail the recall numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. This changes rule 29.1.

9.2 The failure of any boat to hear the hail, promptness of a hail, failure to hail any boats, or the order of boats hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

10. CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the committee will move the mark or move the finishing line as soon as practicable.

11. TIME LIMIT

11.1 The time limit for each race will be 45 minutes for the first boat to finish.

11.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat that sails the course in accordance with rule 28 finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. These boats that did not finish within this finishing window will be assigned points equal to two plus the number of finishers in that race that did finish within the finishing window in accordance with rule 28. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

12. EVENT PROTESTS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 Protest forms will be available at the race committee.

12.2 The Protest Filing Time Period and Protest Hearing Schedule will be transmitted over VHF channel 72.

13. SCORING

13.1 The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

13.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.4 When 5 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

14.1 Substitution or repair or replacement of hulls, sails, or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the protest committee.

15. COACHING AND OUTSIDE CONTACT

Announcements from the RC to Support, Coaching & Spectator Boats shall be made over VHF Channel 72. Support, Coaching & Spectator Boats shall stay well clear of the race course area while boats are racing and shall monitor the VHF radio for updates and directives coming from the race committee. Support, Coaching & Spectator Boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, and at a minimum wake speed, from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished or retired, or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment. Competitors may communicate with coaches in-between races at a common location adjacent to the starting area. Coaching is not permitted after a general recall. Members of a spectator boat shall not communicate with competitors on the water

16. DISCIPLINE

- 16.1 For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or any alcoholic beverages. US Sailing Regulation 10.
- 16.2 An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

17. PRIZES

The Picken Trophy will be awarded to the first place team. Awards will be given at the annual GSBYRA awards ceremony.