

Barnegat Bay MC Scow & Sunfish Fleet Races

June 27, July 11, 18, 25 & Aug 1st

MC Scow Fleet 105

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and The MC Scow and Sunfish Class Rules.

1.2 The following rules in the RRS will be changed:

(a) Appendix A, to allow for different points for boats receiving "letter" scores, will be modified to add: A boat not finishing within a time limit of 20 minutes after the first boat to sail the course and finish, will be scored the number of boats that finished within the time limit, plus two (2). The score for DNF will be changed to the number of starters, plus two (2). This changes RRS 35. & Appendix A RRS.

2 Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices will be posted via email to all competitors via emails provided for registration.

3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the SI's will be posted before 0800 on the day it takes effect, except that any changes to the racing schedule or venue will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it takes effect. Any questions on the SI's, scoring, or any other racing issues shall be submitted in writing to the Principal Race Officer (PRO) via email Responses will be sent to all via email.

4 Signals made ashore

4.1 There will be no signals made ashore.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The planned Series is a ten (10) race series.

If 6 or more races are sailed, the worse finish shall be discarded when scoring. If 9 races are sailed, the two worst finishes shall be discarded when scoring.

5.2 Race Days

June 27th, July 11th, 18th, 25th and Aug 1st

Two races are planned per day for each fleet.

The first warning signal is at 0920.

No warning signal will be made after 1130.

6 RACING AREA

6.1 Racing will be conducted on the Green Island Course.

7 COURSES

7.1 The courses will be **windward-leeward** with the number of legs posted on the RC Board. The start and finish line will be the same, although the line may be shortened for the finish.

8 MARKS

9.1 The rounding marks will be announced via VHF channel 71 the morning of the races.

9.2 There will be a windward mark with an offset mark

The Leeward Marks set to windward of the start/finish line.

9.4 All Marks are to be left to Port or through the Gate.

10 THE START

10.1 The Sound Signal Starting System of Appendix S will be used except that sounds for 5, 4, 3, 2 & 1 second may be omitted.

10.2 The start/finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal boat and a mark at the leeward end.

10.3 The starting line will be located to leeward of the leeward gate.

10.4 The RC will endeavor to hail premature starters using Loud Hailer & VHF and X Flag.

10.5 Failure to hail, the order of timing of the hail, or the failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

10.6 RRS 30.1 / *Flag* Rule will be in effect for all starts.

11. NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE CHANGES

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. The change will be signaled before the leading boat begins the next leg by a Red or Green shape. Any mark that has been rounded by all boats may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When there is a subsequent change and a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1** The Finish Line for a downwind finish will use the same mark as used for the Start.
- 12.2** The Down Wind Finish will be located to leeward of the Leeward Gate Marks.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1** A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A-5
- 13.2** The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be one (1) hour. If no boat completes one leg in 25 minutes the race shall be abandon.
- 13.3** Any boats that do not finish within twenty (20) minutes of the first finisher will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), without a hearing and be scored two (2) more points than the last boat to have finished within the time limit. This changes Class Rule VIII (3), RRS 35, 63.1, A-4.1,

14 PROTESTS AND REDRESS REQUESTS

- 14.1** Boats shall report their intent to protest and the number of the boat they intend to protest to the RC Signal Boat upon finishing and remain in the area until acknowledged by the RC.
The protesting boat shall not hinder any boats still finishing.
- 14.2** Protests shall be delivered to the RC representative at the MCYC clubhouse
Regatta Desk within sixty (60) minutes after the RC Boat docks. The docking time and official starting time for Protests to be lodged will be sent out to all competitors via email.
- 14.3** Hearings will be heard as via email.
- 14.4** On the last day of racing, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered:
(a) Within the protest time limit, if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day, or (b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 14.5** On the final day of racing, a request for redress shall be delivered within the Protest Time Limit or within thirty (30) minutes of the incident, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2

15 SCORING

- 15.1** The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions (Rules 1.3-c), will apply to all races.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1** Prior to the first warning signal of the first race each day, each boat is required to check in by passing astern of the RC Signal and hailing their number and acknowledged by the RC.
- 16.2** A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the RC or a patrol boat as soon as possible either by hail or VHF and be acknowledged.
- 16.4** Patrol boats will only offer assistance when requested or if safety requires assistance.
- 16.5** All boats are required to have a lifejacket and a suitable tow line (min 25 ft)
- 16.6** All single-handed competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while afloat. This changes RRS 40 and the Part 4 preamble.

17 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 17.1** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC in writing at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1** A boat or equipment shall be in accordance with Class Rules.

19 SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1** Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area and comply with other requirements as specified in the Sailing Instructions or posted after the contestants meeting. These requirements begin from the start of the first race until the finish of the last race.
- 19.2** RRS 41 is being changed to allow the use of support boats between races to allow crew and sail Changes. All visits to support boats and Regatta Provided Support Boats must be completed before the Preparatory signal for the next Race.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1** Use of VHF is permitted to Contact the Race Committee and in Emergency situations only.
- 20.2** The Signal Boats will use VHF in addition to Loudhailers and X Flags in an attempt to identify boats that are on the Course side of the starting line at the time of the Starting Signal.
- 20.3** VHF Channel 71 will be used.

21 PRIZES

- 21.1** Prizes, if any, will be awarded by the individual fleets at their discretion.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta 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 the regatta. The organizing authority will not accept any liability related to competitors potential exposure to COVID-19 prior to, during or after the regatta