

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2020 Buzzards Yacht Club Laser Series

Wings Neck, Pocasset, MA

1. Rules

All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 and these sailing instructions.

2. Changes in the Sailing Instructions

Committee Boat will hail any changes to the sailing instructions at least 5 minutes prior to the warning signal for the first start.

3. Schedule of Races

The starting time for Laser Class will be 10:00AM. We will run a many races as the race committee sees fit but hopefully at least 5 races. A minimum of two boats will be required for a race to be started.

4. Racing Area

The racing area will be in the general vicinity between Wings and Scraggy Necks.

5. Courses & Marks

- Courses will be hailed by or designated on a course board by the committee boat at least 5 minutes prior to the start of each race. Marks will be inflatable marks or other government marks as designated by the committee boat.
- The starting line and finish line will not be restricted to boats starting or finishing.

6. The Start

The starting line will be between the inflatable mark on the port side of the committee boat and the flag on the Committee Boat

Races shall be started using three minute dingy starts: Three minutes (Three long), Two minutes (Two long), One and a half minutes (One long Three short), One minute (one long), Thirty seconds (three short), Twenty

seconds (two short), Ten seconds (one short), Five, Four, Three, Two, One, Go (Five short, One long) starts using whistle or horn blasts. A boat failing to start 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.

7. Change of Course after the Start & Shortening a Course

Any change of course after the start will be signaled by a race committee boat stationed near the mark beginning the first leg. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position.

A shortened course will be noted on the white board or hailed by the committee boat and accompanied by two sounds. The finish line will be between the committee boat and a nearby mark.

8. The Finish

The finish line will be the same as the start line.

9. Time Limit

Will be 60 minutes. If no boat finishes within that time the race will be abandoned. Boats finishing more than 10 minutes after the first yacht finishes will be scored in their current place.

10. Retiring

A boat that starts a race and retires from the race before finishing should make an effort to notify the race committee.

11. Penalty

Rule 44.1 will apply.

12. Protests

All protests must be made in accordance with Part 5, Section A of RRS. Written protests must be filed in person or by e-mail with the Race Committee Chairperson (see below) by 7:00 PM of the day of the race.

13. Scoring, Series & Re-sails

13.1 A Low-Point Scoring System will be used in scoring all series. DNC will be scored two more points than the number of boats starting that *race*. DNS, OCS, RET, and DSQ will be scored one more point than the number of boats starting that race. We plan to have at least 20 races and for every 5 races there will be one throw-out race.

14. Cancellations & Delays

Racing will be canceled or delayed if there are sustained winds over 25 mph and/or any other conditions deemed unsuitable for racing. An automated email, text message or phone call will be sent to registered competitors detailing the cancellation, change or other instructions.

15. Numbers

Numbers and class legal sails are not required but you will need some way for the race committee to identify your boat.

16. Life-saving Equipment

Each boat shall have appropriate Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) conforming to government regulations. The Race Committee encourages all sailors and racers to wear appropriate PFDs for their safety.

It is the responsibility of each sailor/racer to be as safe as possible when racing.

Race Committee Chairman

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