

# Marshall Sandpiper National Championship

September 7-8, 2013

Hosted by Duxbury Yacht Club

**1. Rules:** The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

**2. Entries:** Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration and paying the fees specified in the Notice of Race and Entry Form. Eligible boats are Marshall 15 Sandpiper class boats which are in compliance with the measurement rules laid out in the Class Association Rules 2013 except as follows:

**2.1** Boats must wear bottom paint below the waterline. The date of application of this paint need not be proven.

**2.2** Hiking lines and gybing lines may not be used at any time during a race.

**2.3** Rudders are not required to have bottom paint on them.

**2.4** Skippers need not own a Marshall 15, but must be members of the Marshall 15 Class Association.

All eligible competitors will be members of the Marshall Sandpiper Class Association.

**3. Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located adjacent to the porch at the Duxbury Yacht Club waterfront clubhouse.

**4. Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**5. Signals Made Ashore:** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yardarm at the Duxbury Yacht Club waterfront clubhouse.

**5.1** Flag AP with two sounds (one sound when lowered) means "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 1 hour after AP is lowered."

**5.2** Flag B fully hoisted with one sound means "Protest Time has begun." When lowered halfway, it means "There are less than 30 minutes before protest time ends." When lowered, it means "Protest time has ended."

**5.3** When Flag “Y” is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

## 6. Schedule of Races:

<b>DAY &amp; DATE</b>	<b>RACE</b>	<b>TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL</b>
<b>Saturday, 9/7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1100</b>

Subsequent races to immediately follow prior race. No warning signal shall be made after 1500.

<b>Sunday, 9/8</b>	<b>First Sunday Race</b>	<b>1200</b>
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**7. Class Flags:** The RC vessel NORMAN B. WHITE will display a white flag with a black Sandpiper bird silhouette class logo upon it along with a single horn at the Warning for each race and will lower it at the start of each race.

**8. Racing Area:** The racing will take place on Duxbury Bay, within an imaginary triangle formed by the Duxbury Yacht Club, the Powder Point Bridge and Clark’s Island.

**9. Courses:** The race committee will indicate the course to be sailed by a board placed on the signal boat with Letters corresponding to courses outlined in Illustration A. A number “2” placed under the course designator letter will indicate that the course is to be sailed twice in succession. In the case of a W2 or a T2 the competitors are to use the starting pin as the “leeward mark” ending lap one. The second lap is to be completed as shown on the course diagram.

Distances between marks may vary and may not be as shown in the diagrams.

**9.1 Line Restriction:** Boats on a leg of the course and which are neither starting, in their starting sequence, nor finishing may sail through a start or finish line.

## 10. The Start:

**10.1** Races will be started using Rule 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

**10.2** The starting line will be between a flag on the starting pin and a yellow flag on the signal boat.

**10.3** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.

**10.4** Each boat is responsible for starting properly. The race committee may attempt to hail boats on the course side at the starting signal. Failure to hail, failure to hear a hail, or the order or timing of hail shall not be grounds for redress.

**11. Marks:** Marks 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be YELLOW inflatable tetrahedrons. New marks, as provided in instruction {12}. "Change of Position of the Next Mark", will be the same.

## **12. Changing the COURSE:**

Changes of the course shall be made as stated in rule 33.

**13. The Finish:** The finish line will be between a flag on the start/finish pin and a yellow flag on the signal boat.

**13.1 Time limit:** The time limit to complete a race and finish shall be 60 minutes after its starting signal; the time limit for each boat shall be 30 minutes after the finish of the first boat in its class to finish. Rule 32 is modified to add the following as a reason for shortening course: (f) To permit a race to be completed within the time limit.

## **14. Scoring:**

**14.1** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply,

**14.2** 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

**14.3** All completed races will be scored. This is a no throwout event.

## **15. Safety Regulations:**

**15.1** Each boat shall check in with the race committee signal boat each day before the first warning signal by sailing to leeward of the signal boat on starboard tack, hailing its sail number & being recorded by the race committee.

Boats which have neither a recorded check-in nor finish shall be scored as "Did not compete". This changes Appendix A.

**15.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **16. Replacement of Crew or Equipment:**

**16.1** Boats wishing to substitute or replace crew for Sunday's racing for reasons of injury or illness shall notify the Race Committee in writing by 1900 on Saturday September 7. All boats will sail with the same number of crew (two or more) both days.

**19. Equipment and Measurement Checks:** All boats competing in the event will carry a Class approved bow flotation bag, paddle, anchor, enough type 3 USCG approved PFD for skipper and crew, as well as a device to create a loud noise such as an air horn or whistle and a device to communicate with the Race Committee, such as a mobile telephone or VHF radio. These items will be checked by a volunteer on Friday or before the skippers' meeting on Saturday

**19.1** All boats competing in the event must provide proof signed by a fleet captain that they have been weighed in 2013 and shown to be in compliance or, short of that, be able to visually demonstrate that lead ingots as supplied by Marshall Marine are present in her bilge. **Boats will not be weighed at this event without prior arrangement with the DYC Fleet Captain.**

**19.2** All sails to be used in the event and constructed after December 2012 will be measured on Friday, September 6 or Saturday, September 7 before the 0930 Skipper's Meeting. All sails built to Marshall 15 Class Specifications before December 2012 will be deemed legal for this event without being measured. The Race Committee reserves the right to spot check any sails for compliance.

**20. Haul-Out Restrictions:** Boats competing in this event will be launched before 1000 on Saturday, September 7 and will remain in the water until the final race of the series has concluded.

**20.1** Any boat suffering damage requiring haul out will petition the Race Committee in writing with reason for haul out before removing boat from the water.

**20.2** Any boat hauled out before the conclusion of the final race of the event and without written consent of the Race Committee will be scored DNC for all races started after she hauls out, regardless of whether she re-launches and returns to the sailing area.

**24. Radio & Telephone Communication:** A boat shall not make radio or telephone transmissions while racing nor receive radio or telephone communications not available to all boats, except that a boat may monitor communications of the race committee without interfering with race committee communications and respond if called by the race committee and may advise the race committee if retiring. The race committee may communicate with competitors using VHF channel 7.

**25. Prizes:** Prizes will be given to the top three boats in the series, as well as to the top boat skippered by a female. The Organizing Authority may decide to add additional prizes as it sees fit.

**26. Waiver of Liability:** Competitors participate in the regatta/series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta/series.

Illustration A

# COURSE DIAGRAMS

