



BASS RIVER YACHT CLUB SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
(Revised May 2015)

I AUTHORITY

Sailing races under the auspices of the Bass River Yacht Club are carried out under the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions US Sailing, these sailing instructions, and the rules of each class concerned.

II ELIGIBILITY

Except as permitted by a specific Notice of Race, members of the Bass River Yacht Club are eligible to skipper in any race sponsored by Bass River Yacht Club. Crews need not be members, but a club member must be at the helm at all times, except during an emergency, spinnaker sets/douses, or repairs.

III COURSES

Courses are normally marked by inflatable orange (or yellow) tetrahedrons or orange drop buoys. Courses are normally laid out with the first leg directly to windward. All classes will normally share the same marks. If the course is to be triangular or some variation thereof, leaving marks to port, the second leg is 135° to the left of the first leg, and the third is 90° left from the second. These angles may vary somewhat.

All government marks and aids to navigation may be disregarded. Course codes and descriptions are provided on a separate sheet.

IV CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER START

The race committee, with the approval of the judges when appropriate, may move the windward mark after the completion of any windward leg by all yachts in the class, and prior to the commencement of the second windward leg by any yacht. The change is signaled by code flag CHARLIE (red, white, and blue horizontal stripes) displayed by a race committee vessel adjacent to the leeward mark and accompanied by blasts of a horn as racing vessels approach. For courses D, M and F the finish line will be appropriately reset.

V COURSE SIGNALS

The magnetic course from the center of the starting line to the windward mark is posted at the top of the course board on the committee boat, and will be accurate within the limitations of visual bearings and the accuracy of the compass being used.

The identifying letters of the course for Class I will appear below the magnetic course heading. The identifying letters of the course for Class II will appear below those of Class I. Course signals for the other Classes will be communicated separately.

VI CLASS DESIGNATION NUMBERS

Class I	Wianno Seniors	Wianno Senior Class Association Burgee
Class II	Flying Scots	Numeral pennant 2
Class III	SMSA 420	Numeral pennant 3
Class IV	Lasers	Numeral pennant 4
Class V	Beetle Cats	Numeral pennant 5
Class VI	Optimist Dinghies	Numeral pennant 6
Class VII	Catboats	Numeral pennant 7

VII SCHEDULED STARTING TIMES

A racing schedule setting forth warning signal times will be posted on the Race Committee Board at the Yacht Club.

The race committee is under no obligation to latecomers.

VIII STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

For other than International Optimist Dinghies, the starting line shall be within 2 nautical miles of Bass River Bell Buoy 2. The starting line for International Optimist Dinghies will be communicated to the competitors before the Committee Boat leaves the dock. The ends of the starting and finishing lines are designated by an ORANGE or YELLOW flag on the committee boat at one end, and by the starting or finishing mark at the other.

The starting mark normally remains anchored throughout the race. It may be used as a later mark of the course and may be the finish mark, if the course calls for it.

A blue shape displayed at the finish line means: "The committee boat is on station at the finish line."

After the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course by flying flag SIERRA and setting the finish line using any rounding mark. Should the committee boat or its designated substitute, properly identifiable as such, fail to be on station at the finish line, the finish line shall extend 25 yards to the proper side of the finish mark, perpendicular to the last mark of the course. Each yacht shall record its own time and finishing order and report them promptly to the race committee.

IX RECALLS

- a. Recalls will be in accordance with RRS Rule 29
- b. In the case of an individual recall, the race committee will also hail the yacht's sail number, however, the obligation to start properly is solely the responsibility of each yacht.

X TIME LIMIT

When a class is scheduled to have two or more races on the same day, the time limit for any race will be 1 hour and 30 minutes from the starting sound signal for that class. If no yacht in a class has finished within 1 hour and 30 minutes from the starting sound signal for that class, the race does not count and may be resailed at a later date. Boats not finishing within 2 hours will be scored DNF.

When a class is scheduled to have only one race on a given day the time limit will be 3 hours and 15 minutes from the starting sound signal for that class. If no yacht in a class has finished within three hours and fifteen minutes from the starting sound signal for that class, the race does not count and may be re-sailed at a later date. Boats not finishing within four hours will be scored DNF.

For catboats, the time limit will be 2 hours and 15 minutes from the starting sound signal. If no yacht has finished within two hours and fifteen minutes from the starting sound signal for that class, the race does not count. Boats not finishing within three hours will be scored DNF.

XI STARTING PROCEDURES

Classes I and II:

Unless otherwise announced by the race committee, starting signals will be made by the hoisting or dropping of a flag. An accompanying sound signal will also be made, but its failure or mistiming shall be disregarded. Starting signals will be made as follows in accordance with RRS Rule 26:

WARNING	Class Designation Flag Hoist	0 Minutes
PREPARATORY	"P" Flag Hoist	1 Minutes
ONE-MINUTE	"P" Flag Drop	4 Minutes
CLASS I START	Class Designation Flag Drop	5 Minutes

Classes III, IV, V, and VI:

Classes will start in numerical order according to the class designation. Unless otherwise announced by the race committee, each class will be given a separate starting sequence in accordance with the "Sound-Signal Starting System" of Appendix S.

Class VII will use the starting sequence of RRS Rule 26 which will follow the start of Class II (if sailing), or Class I otherwise.

XII SCORING

The scoring system shall be in accordance with Appendix A4 - Low Point Scoring System. Boats that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area for that race.

XIII SERIES RACES

Series races for Wianno Seniors, Beetle Cats, Lasers, and Optimist Dinghies shall be a July Series and an August Series. Depending on the calendar, these series may include one or more racing days in other months, but in no case will include Holiday Races. Holiday Races will be included in the July 4th Series and the Labor Day weekend Series where there are trophies posted to include them.

XIV SPECIAL RACES

See the current Bass River Yacht Club Notice of Race and Calendar for the schedule of Special Racing Events.

XV A RACE

Two or more yachts are required to constitute a race. No race shall be held for a yacht alone in her class, except that if one yacht is on the line at the scheduled starting time, and one or more others of her class are in sight of the committee boat and working towards the line with the apparent intention of racing, although bound to be late, the race committee may, at its option, start the race on schedule.

XVI RESPONSIBILITY OF SKIPPERS

The decision to undertake the race, the safety of each yacht and the people aboard, and the competence of each crew to meet the demands of navigation and seamanship are the responsibility accruing entirely to the skipper of each yacht.

XVII ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

Alternate penalties for infringement of a rule of RRS Part 2 shall apply as follows:

For Beetle Cats, 420's, Lasers, Optimist Dinghies, and Catboats, the 720^N turn RRS Rule 44.2 applies.

For Wianno Seniors, in accordance with Class rules, RRS Rule 44.2 shall apply except that '720°' is replaced with '360°', 'two complete turns' is replaced by 'one complete turn', 'two tacks' is replaced by 'one tack', and 'two gybes' is replaced by 'one gybe'.

XVIII PROTESTS

RRS Rule 61 is amended as follows:

Yachts involved in a protest shall notify the race committee upon finishing a race, and file a protest, in writing on a standard protest form, within 1 hour of the Committee Boat's return to the BRYC dock. The protest must be handed to a member of the race committee.

XIX EQUIPMENT

All yachts shall carry:

- a. A suitable pump or bailer
- b. Suitable ground tackle (Except Lasers, SM SA 420's, & Optimist Dinghies)
- c. An oar or paddle (Except Lasers)
- d. One wearable Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III personal flotation device for each person on board
- e. A fog horn or whistle
- f. Flag BRAVO or red flag for protests (Except Lasers, SM SA 420's, & Optimist Dinghies)

XX SIZE OF CREW

The following minimum/ maximum sizes of crews are established. (The race committee may establish limits for other classes of boats prior to any race of such classes. Furthermore, with prior notice, the race committee may modify these rules for special races such as single-handed races and the like.)

	Minimums (including the skipper)	Maximums
Wianno Seniors	1	4 (5*)
Flying Scot	2	4
420	2	3
Beetle Cats	1	3
Lasers	1	1
Optimist Dinghies	1	1
Catboats	1	No limit

- The maximum crew for Wianno Seniors may be increased to 5 if the fifth crew member has not yet reached his 13th birthday.

XXI SUBSTITUTION OF ONE BOAT FOR ANOTHER

Substitution of one boat for another may be made in one-design classes if the race committee approves the specific case, with the points accruing to the skipper rather than the boat.

XXII SIGNALS

The RRS Race Signals (provided here for your convenience), along with some additions, will apply. The signals are displayed using International Code Flags.

A signal flown alone applies to all classes. A signal flown under a numeral pennant applies only to the designated class.

The signals are normally flown from the committee boat, but may be flown from the committee boat's designated substitute or as shore signals from the yardarm of the club flagpole, when appropriate.

Although there are sound signals specified for accompanying every hoist, the possibility always exists that the sound will fail to generate. In such cases the visual signal shall govern and the absence or delay of a sound signal shall not alter the effect or validity of the visual signal.

ANSWER -- Postponement (Hoisted with two sound signals and lowered with one sound signal. The warning sound signal will be made one minute after this signal is lowered).

1. Alone: " Races not started are postponed. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.
2. Over one numeral pennant from 1 to 9: "All races not started are postponed (numeral) hour (s)." (The numeral pennant indicates the number of hours of postponement).
3. Over flag HOTEL: " Races not started are postponed. Further signals ashore."

4. Over flag ALPHA: " Races not started are postponed. No more racing today"

BRAVO – Protest

When displayed by a yacht, means " I intend to lodge a protest."

CHARLIE – Course Change

Before the start: " Come and observe the new course shown on the course board."

At or near a mark: " The course to the next mark has been changed."

Accompanied, if possible, by repetitive sound signals as each yacht approaches, along with the posting of the compass course to the next mark.

FOXTROT – Mandatory Reef

Flown with the numeral pennant for the class affected: " The designated class must reef, and carry the reef throughout the race."

INDIA – Round the Ends Starting Rule

△Rule 30.1 is in effect. (Removed with one long sound signal 1 minute before the starting signal).

LIMA – Come Within Hail (Oral instructions may be given on the water by the race committee when flying code flag LIMA in accordance with RRS Rule 89.2(c).)

When hoisted, this signal means: " Come within hail or follow this boat."

No hails will be answered by the committee boat after the warning signal except in cases of emergency or protest, unless this flag is flying.

As a shore signal, this signal means: " A notice to competitors is posted on the club bulletin board."

MIKE – Mark

When displayed on any object: " The object displaying this signal replaces a missing mark. @ A series of repetitive sound signals accompanies this signal.

NOVEMBER – Abandonment

When hoisted: " All races are abandoned. Return to the starting area. The warning or other signal will be made one minute after removal. Hoisted with three sound signals.

NOVEMBER OVER HOTEL -- " All races are abandoned. Further signals ashore." Hoisted with three sound signals.

NOVEMBER OVER ALPHA -- " All races are abandoned. No more racing today." Hoisted with three sound signals.

PAPA — " Preparatory Signal" Hoisted with one sound signal four minutes before start. Lowered with one long sound signal one minute before start.

SIERRA – Shorten Course

Hoisted at a rounding or finishing mark: " Finish between the nearby mark and this boat."

No later than the warning signal: " Sail the short course".

This signal is accompanied by two sound signals.

X-RAY – Individual Recall

This signal is accompanied by one sound signal

YANKEE – Life Jackets

Wear personal buoyancy. This signal is accompanied by one sound signal.

ZULU – Z Flag Rule

Rule 30.2 is in effect. Removed with one long signal 1 minute before the starting signal @. Hoist accompanied by one sound signal.

FIRST SUBSTITUTE – General Recall

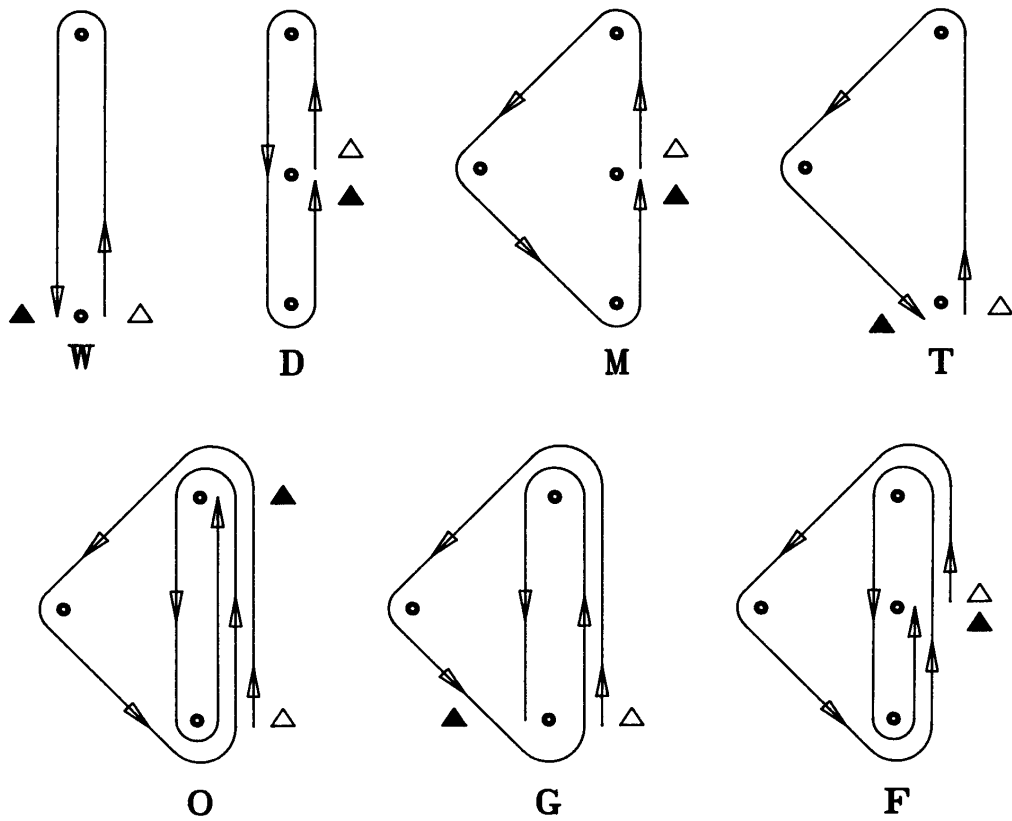
The preparatory signal will be made 1 minute after removal. @ This signal is hoisted accompanied by two sound signals and lowered accompanied by one sound signal.

XXIII CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to these sailing instructions shall be made in accordance with RRS Rule 89.2[c] by either:

- a. Posting on the race committee bulletin board no later than 2 hours before the start of a race.
- b. Being communicated orally to each yacht on the water before the warning signal, while the race committee boat is flying code flag LIMA.

ANNEX A BASS RIVER YACHT CLUB COURSES



Courses W, T, and D may be modified by adding additional legs, additional times around the entire course, or combinations thereof. When one of these courses is modified, it is posted with a number indicating the number of times the basic course is to be sailed. Refer to the following examples.

