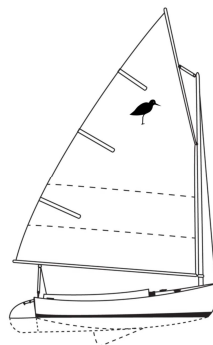


FOURTH ANNUAL  
SANDPIPER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA  
September 16-18, 2016



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, and the rules of the Sandpiper Class Association.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Barnegat Light Yacht Club House.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Barnegat Light Yacht Club flagpole.  
**4.2** If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes RRS, Race Signals.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1** There will be a competitors meeting on Friday, September 16 at 0830 at the Barnegat Light Yacht Club. There are 8 races scheduled. The Race Committee may change the schedule of races to accommodate the wind conditions. The scheduled races are as follows:

- Friday, September 16: Races 1-3
- Saturday, September 17: Races 4-6
- Sunday, September 18: Races 7-8

**5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1030. Subsequent races each day will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. There will be a break between races for lunch on the water each day.

**5.3** On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.

## **6 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be the “South Course” below Sandy Island in Barnegat Bay or “North Course” above Sand Island. Race Committee will announce sailing courses daily at Skippers meeting held at 0830 and posted to the notice Board. Attachment “A” shows the locations of North and South Courses.

## **7 THE COURSES**

**7.1** The course will be windward-leeward (W) or triangle (T) with all marks rounded to port.

**7.2** The course W or T and the number of legs will be displayed on a placard not later than the Warning Signal.

**7.3** An offset mark will be employed at the weather mark. Boats shall round the offset mark to port after rounding the weather mark.

## **8 MARKS**

**8.1** The turning marks of the course will be orange Cylinders.

**8.2** The offset mark will be a white ball.

**8.3** The starting and finishing marks will be orange pins.

**8.4** A missing mark will be treated as a change in course, see change of next leg of course.

## **9 THE START**

**9.1** Races will be started by using rule 26.

**9.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat and the course side of the starting mark.

**9.3.** The race committee may attempt to hail and broadcast sail numbers of boats that are OCS on VHF Radio. Failure to hail or broadcast any sail numbers; failure of a boat to receive the recall hail or broadcast; a boat’s position in the sequence of hail or broadcast numbers; promptness of the hail or broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and RRS 62.1(a).

## **10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

**10.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. Mark boat at rounding before a moved mark will hail and or signal the change in course to competitors.

## **11 THE FINISH**

**11.1** The finish line will be between a staff flying a blue flag or shape on a race committee or patrol boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

**11.2** Boats that have finished shall avoid the finishing area.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**12.1** The Two-Turns Penalty, RRS 44.2 will apply except that instead of two turns the penalty is one turn including one tack and one jibe.

## **13 TIME LIMIT**

**13.1** The time limit for all races will be 90 minutes.

**13.2** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**14.1** A boat intending to file a protest shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area or if that is impossible immediately after arriving ashore.

**14.2** The protest time limit is one hour after the Committee Boat docks at Barnegat Light Yacht Club. Protests are to be submitted to the PRO or his designee.

**14.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest area, located at the Barnegat Light Yacht Club beginning at the time posted.

## **15 SCORING**

**15.1** There are 8 races scheduled.

**15.2** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**15.3** If 5 or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**16.1** All boats must complete a Required Equipment check at registration in which they will be required to show proof of each item on a Required Equipment list.

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

## **17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

**17.1** All boats shall carry the safety equipment required by the Sandpiper Class Association Rules and these sailing instructions.

**17.2** Boats are subject to inspection for all safety equipment including, but not limited to, towline of at least 30', bilge pump, bucket, paddle, suitable anchor and anchor line, whistle, life vests for each crewmember, and a VHF radio. Boats must conform to all the requirements of the Sandpiper Class Association Rules. A failed inspection will be a DSQ.

## **18 Hull, Rigging, Sail Plan and Modifications**

**18.1** Hull, rigging and sail plan are as delivered by Marshal Marine on Sandpiper Catboat and defined in Marshall Sandpiper Class Rules ([https://sandpiperclass.files.wordpress.com/2013/01/marshall-sandpiper-class-rules\\_20133.pdf](https://sandpiperclass.files.wordpress.com/2013/01/marshall-sandpiper-class-rules_20133.pdf)).

**18.2** Modification to Hull, rigging, or sail plan including the removal of OEM weights are explicitly illegal and will disqualify a boat if determined the boat has been modified with the intent of gaining unfair advantage. Top 5 boat must be available for weigh-in after completion of racing.

**18.3** Primary sail trim shall be through main sheet. No apparatus held by humans and attached to mast or boom may be used may be used to enhance sail plan such as paddle vang.

**19 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. VHF radio channel 6 to be used for emergencies and communication of race information.

**20 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to competitors placing first through fifth. The Sandpiper National Championship perpetual trophy will be presented to the winner of the regatta.

**21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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.

**ATTACHMENT "A"**

