

2017 SPRAY BEACH YC CATAMARAN

Fleet racing series from June 24th to September 3 2017
at Spray Beach Yacht Club, Spray Beach, New Jersey
Organizing Authority: Spray Beach Yacht Club (SBYC)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RULES

The series shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS). If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall prevail.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the notice board located on the 1st floor of the Club outside the porch area. NOTE: White boards may be used, i.e. weather reports, provisional results, etc. but they are not OFFICIAL notice boards. 2.2 There will be competitors meeting before harbor gun is sound as described in the Notice of Race. The meeting shall be held on Sunfish beach (most northern beach of the club) unless otherwise posted. Other competitors' meetings may be scheduled as required.

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted prior to the previous day's protest time limit.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the SBYC gaff-rigged flag post at Dock A. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

Dates of Racing are posted in the notice of race. There will be no predetermined number of races per day. There will be no predetermined number of races for this series. 5.4 When more than one race of sequence or races, for two or more classes

will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class. If an AP is used for the signaling of the next warning signal "1 minute" is replaced with as soon as possible. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with several sounds at least one minute before a warning signal is made

CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF STARTS

Class flags shall be reviewed at the competitors meeting

RACING AREA

The racing area shall be in Little Egg Harbor.

THE COURSES

A windward – leeward course with a start-finish line interposed between the windward and leeward mark shall be used. Any change to the course shall be announced at the skippers meeting. Competitors shall start, then complete two windward and two leeward mark rounding's before finishing up wind, unless otherwise announced from the Race Committee boat prior to the subsequent warning signal or at the skippers meeting. No gate shall be used unless announced at the skippers meeting. All marks shall be left to port.

MARKS

Marks size and color shall be announced at the skipper's meeting. Change marks shall not be used.. Offset mark will be not be used unless announced at the skippers meeting

THE START

Races shall be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. The start and finish line shall be between an orange flag on a staff on the starboard end of the line on the race committee vessel, or an orange shape located on the port side of the race committee vessel, AND a round orange shape located on the port side of the line. Changes to the starting and finishing marks shall be announced at the skipper's meeting. Boats whose warning signal has not been made, shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is defined as an area extending approximately 100 feet in all directions from the starting line. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

Start line obstruction: The start line shall rank as an obstruction for classes previously started while other classes are starting and in sequence until after the last class has successfully started.

CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Once the preparatory period has begun no changes to the course (including the start and finish line) shall be made unless the race is abandoned.

THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and the course side of the finishing mark as described in the Start Instruction. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

PENALTY SYSTEM

The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Time limits and target times are as follows:

If no boat has passed their initial Weather Mark (A or A2) within 30 minutes the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the target times shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a). Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

A vessel that retires from a race shall notify an official Race Committee boat or support craft before leaving the race area. If that is not possible, then immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify an official regatta representative.

PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest forms are available at the notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat has docked after the last race of the day, or 1500 hours, whichever is later.

Notices shall 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 shall be held in the protest room, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice

board, beginning at the time posted on the notice board.

SCORING

One Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series. Once nine races have been completed three races may be thrown out at the end of the series as described in the Sailing Instructions.

SAFETY REGULATIONS

A personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, from dock to dock by competitors while launching and when sailing, except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment. The penalty for failure to comply with this rule shall be at the discretion of the protest committee, and may result in disqualification. Pursuant to the US Sailing prescription to RRS 88.2 the US Sailing prescription to RRS 40 shall not apply.

Boats shall check in by hailing their sail numbers to the RC signal boat before the start of the first race each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore).

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of competitors shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a RC equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Competitors are permitted to carry VHF radios while racing. Except in emergencies or retirement from a race a competitor shall not make radio transmissions while racing. A boat shall not receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

AWARDS

Prizes shall be given as follows based on scoring as described in section 17 of these sailing instructions, and section 5 of the notice of race:

- Season series – first, second, and third place
- July 4th series – first second and third place.
- Labor Day series – first, second, and third place.
- Prizes shall be awarded at the SBYC annual trophy and awards ceremony
- Prizes shall only be awarded to vessels where either the crew or skipper is an active SBYC members

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this series entirely at their own risk, See RRS 4, Decision to Race. It is the personal responsibility of each competitor to determine their level of safety. If wind, wave or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions safely, it is your decision and your decision only to continue sailing or to retire. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for property damage, personal injury. Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk, See Rule 4 of the RRS, Decision to Race. The organizing authority (including but not limited to Spray Beach Yacht Club, the organizers of this regatta, and the volunteers, agents, representatives, and employees of Spray Beach Yacht Club, or any sponsors of this regatta) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta, however caused, arising out of or in conjunction with participation in the regatta, notwithstanding that same may have been caused, or contributed to by the negligence of staff, volunteers, agents, representatives, and organizers of the regatta. By participating in this competition participants individually each agree that this disclaimer of liability shall apply to the individual participants, their heirs, executors and assignees. SAILING AND RACING IS A DANGEROUS SPORT – THE ULTIMATE DECISION TO PARTICIPATE RESIDES WITH THE PARTICIPANTS, NOT THE ORGANIZERS, VOLUNTERES, OR AGENTS OF THE EVENT.y or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 (USD) per event or the equivalent.

25 SPECIAL NOTES

Race committee support boats shall rank as obstructions.

On the water, the race committee may answer questions.

Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish. The race committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

SPORTSMANSHIP: The race committee may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.

SAFETY NOTES TO ALL SAILORS

ELECTRICAL POWER LINES – AVOID!!!

Before raising the mast, and always while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. If you see a power line, **AVOID IT! A MAST COMING IN CONTACT OR EVEN NEAR AN ELECTRICAL POWER LINE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO PEOPLE ON OR TOUCHING THE BOAT!**