

2020 Sandy Hook Bay
Thursday Night Dinghy Series
June 18, 2020 – August 6, 2020
Atlantic Highlands Sailing Education Program
Atlantic Highlands, NJ

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The national prescriptions that will apply are stated below.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the series website at [TBD]

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the series website 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.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 The series will take place each Thursday.
- 4.2 On each race day, every effort will be made to complete 4 races. However, more than or fewer than 4 races may be sailed.
- 4.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1830.

5 RACING AREA

- 5.1 The Racing area will in Sandy Hook Bay.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Course lengths of approximately 0.25 NM and 0.5 NM will be selected based on a target time of 25 minutes for each race.
- 8.2 When designated by the Race Committee on the water, fleets may sail different course lengths. This will be accomplished by setting two separate windward marks. A “Short Course” mark and a “Long Course” mark.
- 8.3 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.
- 8.4 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Every effort will be made to use marks that can be easily seen in the prevailing conditions.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The audible-signal Racing System designated in US Sailing Prescription Appendix U will be used. This changes RRS 26.3
- 10.2 The starting line will be between the course side a port starting mark and the course side of a starboard starting mark.
- 10.3 Prior to each start the Race Committee will make repeated sound signals and then announce the fleet to start next. When a "Long Coarse" and "Short Coarse" has been setup the Race Committee will announce the coarse to be sailed.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the course side a port starting mark and the course side of a starboard starting mark.
- 11.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1 Boats failing to finish within 6 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 To qualify for inclusion in the final series results a boat shall compete in at least 60 percent of the races sailed.
- 14.2 For each race a boat will be scored the number of boats starting minus its finishing position plus one. Boats that did not finish or are subsequently scored DSQ will receive 0 points. Boats that are scored TLE will be scored the number of boats starting minus the number of boats finishing.
- 14.3 The series score for each boat will be a percentage calculated as follows: divide the sum of her race scores by the sum of the points she would have scored if she had placed first in every race in which she competed; multiply the result by 100. The qualified boat with the highest score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 16.1 Trash may be placed aboard the RC boat or other support boat.

17 AWARDS

- 17.1 Awards will be presented at the AHSEP Barbeque on August 13, 2020 at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 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

W2 - Windward/Leeward Course, 2 Laps

