

**MC Scow**  
**Eastern Championship**  
**Organizing Authority: Toms River Yacht Club**  
**Sailing Instructions**  
June 4-5,2022

**Rules:**

- A. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the MCSA Class Rules and By-Laws.
- B. The Sailing Instructions (SI's), including amendments, will take precedence in the case of a conflict with the Notice of Race (NOR). This changes RRS 63.7.

**Notice to Competitors:**

- A. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the club on the first floor.

**Changes to the Sailing Instructions:**

- A. Any changes will be posted by 0915 except that any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted no later than one (1) hour after the protest time limit on the day before they take effect. In the event of no racing on a day, any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted no later than 1700 hours on the day before they take effect.

- B. Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water. The Race Committee Signal Boat shall display Code Flag "L" and announce the change on the Race Committee VHF Channel in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Competitors may also approach the Race Committee Signal Boat and verbally receive the change while Code Flag "L" is displayed.

**Signals Made ashore:**

- A. Signals made ashore will be made from the club flagpole.
- B. Code Flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in Sailing Instructions or other notice to competitors has been posted on the Official Notice Board.
- C. The race office will be located on the first floor by the chart room.
- D. Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore means the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the lowering of this signal. This changes RRS Race Signal and RRS 27.3

**Schedule:****Friday, June 3th, 2021**

A. 12:00 – 16:30 PM North Sails Seminar and Practice Race TBD

**Saturday, June 4th, 2022**

A. 08:00 – 09:30 AM Check-In.

B. 09:30 – 9:45 AM Competitors Meeting.

C. 10:00 AM Harbor Gun.

D. 11:00 AM Warning Signal, Race 1 through 5, depending on the weather the Race Committee may delay for a brief lunch break after race #2 or #3

E. After a long postponement (ten minutes or more), to alert boats that a race will begin soon, the ORANGE or Red line flag will be displayed (with multiple sounds) at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

F. No warning signal will be made after 1630 hours.

**Sunday, June 5th, 2022**

A. 10:00 AM Harbor Gun

B. 11:00 AM Warning Signal, Race 6 through 8.

C. Lunch and Awards following sailing.

D. No warning signal will be made after 1600 hours.

**Class Flag:**

A. The Class Flag will be the MC Scow class flag, Numeral Pennant # 1 may be substituted for the MC Scow class flag

**Racing Area:**

A. Sat-June 4 Seaside Course

B. Sunday-June 5 to be posted Wanamaker / Seaside

**Courses:**

A. The courses will be Windward / Leeward and be designated on a Whiteboard from the RC boat as W 4 or 6 (4 or 6 legs, a downwind finish) W 3, 5 (3 or 5 legs windward finish)

B. If one of the Leeward Gate marks (Gs / Gp) is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.

Course and the approximate magnetic compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed on the Signal Boat with the Warning Signal of each race.

**Marks:**

A. The original Windward Mark (W) will be a yellow inflatable buoy.

B. The windward offset mark (OS) will be an Orange ball.

C. Marks "Gs / Gp" (Leeward Gate) will be yellow inflatable buoys . The Gate may be put in after the starting signal.

D. When having signaled a change for the next leg of the course , the new mark(s), will be an

orange inflatable buoy(s). An offset may not be in place with a course change to windward.

E. The starting / finishing pin will be a "Pin" boat with an orange flag or Red flag displayed and an orange ball to its port side. The finish boat may be the start boat on a downwind finish.

**Start:**

A. Races will be started in accordance with *RRS 26*.

B. The Class Flag will be the MCScow Class flag, Numeral Pennant # 1 may be substituted for the Mc Scow class flag.

C. The Race Committee may deploy an Orange Ball off the transom of the Signal Boat. This buoy shall be considered an extension of the Signal Boat. No boat shall sail between the buoy and the Signal Boat. If a boat touches the Orange Ball, it is considered that the Signal Boat has been hit and a 1 turn penalty shall be completed.

**Recalls:**

A. Boats subject to individual recall under *RRS 30.1* may be broadcast on the VHF Channel 68 as a courtesy. The RC will attempt to broadcast twice the boats that are OCS; it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions subsequent to the start.

B. The Race Committee will attempt to notify boats subject to individual recall under *RRS 30.3* (U Flag) and *30.4* (Black Flag) on the VHF Channel 68 prior to the first weather mark. C. In the event of a General Recall during a Black Flag start or abandonment after the start, the RC shall display sail numbers of boats identified under *RRS 30.4* before the next Warning Signal and will attempt to notify these boats by VHF channel 68.

D. Individual and General Recall flags will be displayed on the RC signal boat in accordance with *RRS 29* and *30.1* and may be displayed by the port end boat as a courtesy. This changes *RRS 29.1, 29.2* and *30.1*.

**Change of course:**

A. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark

**Finish:**

A. The finishing line will be between staffs displaying Line flags on race committee vessels or if only one Line flag is displayed, between a staff displaying a Line flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of a finishing mark.

B. Code Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "No more racing today".

**Penalty System:**

A. *RRS Appendix V2* shall be in effect.

B. Penalties within 3 boat lengths of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes *RRS 44.2*. C. The penalty, if any, for a violation of a rule other than a rule of *RRS Part 2* and *RRS 31* will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes *RRS 64.1(a)*.

**Time Limits:**

- A. Any race in which no boat rounds the first windward mark within 30 minutes of the start, or finishes within 90 minutes of the start shall be abandoned.
- B. A boat that has not started within 4 minutes of her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- C. Finishing Window: 15 Minutes Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat to sail the course and finish.
- D. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired), the position of the last boat that complies with RRS 28 to finish plus 2. This changes RRS 35.

### **Protests and Requests for Redress:**

- A. Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk on the first floor by stairs to the second floor.
- B. Protest Time Limit: 45 Minutes after the RC boats docks.
- C. A boat that is intending to protest **shall notify the Race committee** after finishing the race that they are posting in hailing the Race Committee the sail number of the boat that they are protesting.
- D. Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to or named as witnesses. It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the Protest Notice Board to see if she is cited in a protest. Should any party fail to appear when called for a hearing, the Protest Committee may proceed in accordance with RRS 63.3(b). Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest hearing room until excused by the Protest Committee.
- E. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. F. After the Race Committee posts the results on the Official Notice Board, a request for redress based on being scored OCS, UFD or BFD shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of RRS 62.2.
- G. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- H. The US Sailing prescription for RRS 63.2 shall not be in effect for this event. This changes RRS 63.

### **Scoring:**

- A. (8) races are scheduled.
- B. One (1) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- C. The Low Point Scoring System, as provided in *RRS Appendix "A"* shall apply, except as modified as follows:
  - When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### **Radio Communications:**

- A. All competing boats are strongly encouraged to carry a hand held VHF radio for safety 4 purposes and Race Committee communication.
- B. The Competitor radio channel is 68.

C. Race Committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, OCS hails, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

**Except from the specified Race Committee VHF radio channel 68, no competitor shall receive any RC radio communication, either directly or from a third party, made from the Initial Warning Signal of any race to that race's conclusion, except in the case of an emergency.**

**Prizes:**

A. Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew in the top Seven (7) finishing boats, Top Master, and Top Grand Master.

**Safety:**

A. A boat that retires from a race or leaves the race course between races shall promptly report this to the Race Committee on Race Committee VHF channel 68 and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions once onshore to the regatta desk at TRYC.

B. Boats not intending to leave the harbor for the day's racing shall report this to the Race Committee on the Race Committee VHF channel 68 and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the regatta desk at TRYC.

C. No race will be started when the wind registers 20 mph steady or gusts greater than 23 mph or below 5 mph as measured on the Race Committee boat .

D. If after a race has started , the wind registers 20mph steady or 23mph in gusts the PRO will either: Abandon the race or Shorten the course at the next possible mark on the course and take finishes there.

**Support and Spectator Boats:**

A. Each competitor (skipper) shall register any support and / or spectator boat affiliated with their boat in any way with the OA during Check-in.

B. Individual support and spectator boats shall not approach closer than 75 meters to any boat that is racing, except at the finish line where they shall not approach closer than 100 meters to the finish line.

C.A competitor who approaches a support or spectator boat to talk or to transfer any items must do so at least 100 meters clear of the starting and finishing lines or from boats racing.

D. No support or spectator boats shall cause a noticeable wake on the race course by cutting corners while moving from one end of the course to the other end of the course.

**E. Support and spectator boats are required by the Race Committee to monitor the Race Committee VHF Channel 68 and shall abide by all Race Committee instructions.** In addition, they shall provide assistance to any competitor in danger if notified to do so by the

Race Committee.

F. The Race Committee reserves the right to make additional rules for support boats at any time during the regatta.

G. The Race Committee may restrict a support boat that violates any of the above stated rules to an area below the starting line for a period of time. A competitor, whose support boat has violated any of the above stated rules more than once, may be subject to protest by the Race Committee. The Protest Committee may impose penalties for these breaches equal to or less than a disqualification.

**Disclaimer of Liability:**

A. Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 3, Decision to Race. In the case of a competitor less than eighteen years of age, his/her parent or legal guardian is so responsible.

B. The Organizing Authority Toms River Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience incurred, in conjunction with the regatta, however caused. By participating in this event, each competitor, or in the case of minors, each competitor's parent or guardian agrees to release the Regatta Organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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