

John Bentley Regatta

for the
2020 CHAMPIONSHIP OF BUZZARDS BAY
(Saltmarsh Trophy)
June 25, 2020

Organizing Authority: New Bedford Yacht Club
Host: New Bedford Yacht Club, South Dartmouth, MA

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Laser Class Rules(LCR).
- 1.2 All rigs are eligible to race and will start on the same start line at the same time. Unlimited rig swapping is allowed, provided rig changes are only made ashore. Any age group may use any rig in any race as long as the same sail number is used.
- 1.3 The RRS will be changed as follows:
 - 1.3.1 RRS 40 will be changed to require competitors to wear a personal flotation device while racing.
 - 1.3.2 RRS 29.1 and 30.1 are changed to permit the hailing of recall numbers. Failure of a boat to hear a hail or untimely or inaccurate hail of a boat shall not be grounds for redress.
 - 1.3.3 RRS 60.1 is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.
 - 1.3.4 RRS 61.1(a) is changed so that "A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested."
 - 1.3.5 RRS 64.1 is changed to allow penalties by the protest committee, for hearings held under RRS 60.3, as changed, which may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta.
 - 1.3.6 RRS 44 shall be a 360 degree turn.
 - 1.3.7 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35 and RRS A4.1.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the tent located outside on the New Bedford Yacht Club lawn.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes to the sailing instructions made be made verbally from the signal boat

which shall fly Cod Flag L (yellow and black) while announcing change(S).

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the NBYC flag pole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore. "1 minute is replaced with not less than 45 minutes" in RRS Race Signal AP,

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:
Saturday June 25th

0930 - 1100	Registration
1100	Skippers Meeting
1230	1st Warning Signal
Following Racing	Dinner and Awards
- 5.2 The number of races will be adjusted by the race committee to accommodate weather conditions.
- 5.3 When flown from the finish boat code flag H means "No more races today",

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Class Flag will be the Laser Class Flag for all Laser Fleets.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be located in Buzzards Bay south of the Padanaram breakwater.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in addendum A show the courses and course designations, 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. Additions or changes to courses may be announced/discussed at the skippers' meeting.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal the race committee signal boat will display the course and the appropriate compass bearing of the first leg.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Mark 1 and 2 will be announced at the skippers'.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS, This changes RRS 35 and RRS A4.1. (As previously stated in 1.3.7)

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 Changes of the next leg of the course will be signaled in accordance with rule 33. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the existing mark (or move the finishing line). Any mark to be rounded after the change may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an Blue (or Orange and Blue) flag on a RC boat at the starboard end of the line and the finishing mark or a mark of the course in the case of a shortened course.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS Appendix P will apply as changed by instruction 13.2.
13.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and Rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any protest after the first one.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for a race will be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class finished will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Competitors intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing and before communicating with coaches or spectators. Boats should first sail to the non-course side of the Finish boat and report to the Finish Boat. Boats that do not finish shall report their intent to protest to any Race Committee boat at the first possible opportunity. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).
15.2 Protests should be lodged at the Regatta table within 45 minutes of the time the Race Committee finish boat docks. The Race Committee will post the docking (beginning of protest) time on the official notice board as soon as practical after docking.
15.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted within 30 minutes after the end of protest time. This is the notice required by RRS 63.2.
15.4 Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 30 minutes prior the end of protest time.
15.5 Requests for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision that day. This changes RRS 66

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System Appendix A2 will be used except as modified in 16.2, and 16.3.
16.2 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute regatta.
16.3 When five or more races are completed a sailor may discard his worst score.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Lifejackets shall be worn at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The penalty for breaking this rule shall be DSQ. This changes RRS40.
- 17.2 Prior to the warning signal of the first race which it intends to compete, each boat shall sail by the stern of the race committee signal boat and check in as a starter. Boats failing to do so will be warned by the Race Committee.
- 17.3 A competitor that withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1 Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment is in compliance with the LCR. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the regatta. Measurement and equipment checks may be done at any time during the regatta

19. PRIZES

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| Saltmarsh Trophy | First Overall |
| | Second Overall |
| | Third Overall |
| | First Woman Overall |

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 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, prior to, during, or after the regatta.