



Wet Pants Sailing Association
Sayville, NY

WET PANTS SAILING ASSOCIATION INVITATIONAL REGATTA
SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022
(End of Foster Avenue, Sayville, NY)

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- a. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 except as amended by these Sailing Instructions.
- b. All class rules will apply.
- c. Racing Rules will be changed as follows: RRS Rule 26 is replaced by RRS Appendix U.
- d. If there is a conflict between the **Notice of Race (NOR)** and these **Sailing Instructions**, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. Notice to Competitors

Notices (NOR) to competitors will be posted on the official notice black board in the main room of The Wet Pants Sailing Association.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1000 on the day of the Regatta.

4. Schedule of Races

- a. Registration 0800
- b. Competitors Meeting 0930
- c. Five races are scheduled. The completion of two races shall constitute a Regatta.
- d. The warning signal for the first race is scheduled for 1030.
- e. Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the completion of the prior races.
- f. No race will start after 1500.

5. Racing Areas

The Regatta will be sailed on courses set up in the area of the bay south and west of Port-O-Call.

6. Classes and Courses

- a. Sunfish Optis, JY15, and 420 boats and any similar class of boats will race on **Course "A"**.
- b. **Course "A"**- 5 races will be scheduled - the completion of 2 races will constitute a Regatta.
- c. Flying Scot, Rhodes 19, Mariner, Narrasketuck and PHRF and any other similar class of boats will race on **Course "B"**.

- d. **Course "B"**- 5 races will be scheduled - the completion of 2 races will constitute a Regatta.
- e. Three boats of any one design class will have their own start. If less than three boats in any class are present, they shall sail in the Handicap fleet.

Courses "A" and "B" will be located South of the Port-O-Call dock and West of Brown's River.

Course 2 Start - Windward - Leeward - Windward Finish.

Course 3 Start - Windward - Jibe - Leeward - Windward Finish.

Course 4 Start - Windward - Leeward - Windward - Leeward - Windward Finish.

Course 5 Start - Windward - Jibe - Leeward - Windward - Leeward - Windward Finish.

Course 6 Start - Windward - Jibe - Leeward - Windward - Jibe - Leeward - Windward Finish.

The Race Committee will display the designated course, no later than the warning signal.

7. Class Flags

Official Class Flags will be used where available. Number flags will be assigned at the competitors meeting to classes where an official flag is not available.

8. Marks

Courses will be designated by inflatable rounding marks. Marks are to be left to port.

9. The Start

- a. Races will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix U. This Changes Rule 26.
- b. The starting line will be between an orange ball at the port end and a yellow or orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end.
- c. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- d. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- e. The start line is closed to boats that are not starting or finishing a race.

10. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

To Change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

11. The Finish

The finishing line will be between an orange ball at the port end of the line and a yellow or orange flag on the Committee boat at the starboard end.

12. Time Limit

- a. If no yacht has passed the first mark within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- b. The time limit will be sixty minutes for the first yacht to finish. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- c. A boat that withdraws from a race prior to finishing shall notify the Race Committee or Chase Boat before leaving the course.

13. Protests and Requests for Redress

- a. Boats intending to protest shall notify the race committee as soon as the protesting boat finishes the race in which the foul occurred. The boat shall hail their intention to protest and the sail number or numbers of the boat or boats being protested.
- b. 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 Wet Pants Classroom located at the North West corner of the building.
- c. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- d. Protests and requests for redress will be heard in the order of receipt as soon as possible. Decisions of the Protest Committee will not be subject to appeal per RRS70.5.

14. Penalty System

When a boat has broken the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); PART 2 “When Boats Meet” in or near the racing area, the penalized boat shall take a “one turn” penalty that includes; getting clear of other boats as soon as possible and promptly making your 360degree penalty turn which consists of; one tack and one jibe in the same direction. However, if while taking the penalty, the penalized boat causes injury or serious damage or gained significant advantage, an additional penalty will be accessed; retirement from the race in which the penalty took place.

15. Scoring

- a. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- c. When five or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- d. Final Scoring for all fleets will be given to the GSBYRA Official Scorer to determine GSBYRA Club and Individual Season trophies.

16. Safety

Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) are to be worn by all competitors on the water.
A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 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