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Summer 2022 Club Races

Sailing Instructions

1. AUTHORITY

1.1. Sailing races under the auspices of the Bass River Yacht Club are carried out under the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, these sailing instructions, and the rules of each class concerned.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. Except as permitted by a specific Notice of Race, members of either the Bass River Yacht Club or of US Sailing are eligible to skipper in any race sponsored by Bass River Yacht Club. Crews need not be members. Other persons may steer the yacht briefly during spinnaker sets, repairs, or in similar situations.

3. COURSES

3.1. Courses are normally marked by inflatable orange or yellow tetrahedrons or orange drop buoys. Courses are normally laid out with the first leg directly to windward. All classes will normally share the same marks. If the course is to be triangular or some variation thereof, leaving marks to port, the second leg is 135° to the left of the first leg, and the third is 90° left from the second. These angles may vary somewhat.

3.2. Course codes and descriptions are provided on a separate sheet.

3.3. For Wianno Seniors: course "W" is changed so that the number following the "W" specifies the total number of legs to be sailed, not the times around the course.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Competitors and their crews shall comply with reasonable requests from race committee members and follow the rules of good sportsmanship on the water.

5. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER START

5.1. The race committee may move the windward mark after the completion of any windward leg by all yachts in the class, and prior to the commencement of the second windward leg by any yacht. The change is signaled by code flag CHARLIE (red, white, and blue horizontal stripes) displayed by a race committee vessel adjacent to the leeward mark and accompanied by blasts of a horn as racing vessels approach. For courses D, M and F the finish line will be appropriately reset.

6. COURSE SIGNALS

6.1. The magnetic course from the center of the starting line to the windward mark is posted at the top of the course board on the committee boat.

6.2. The identifying letters of the course for Class I will be displayed first. The identifying letters of the course for Class II will appear below those of Class I. Course signals for the other Classes will be communicated separately.

7. CLASS DESIGNATION NUMBERS

- Class I Wianno Seniors Wianno Senior Class Association Burgee
- Class II Flying Scots Numeral pennant 2
- Class III Club 420s Numeral pennant 3
- Class IV Lasers Numeral pennant 4
- Class V Beetle Cats Numeral pennant 5
- Class VI Optimist Numeral pennant 6
- Class VII Catboats Numeral pennant 7
- Class VIII Capri 14.2 Numeral pennant 8

8. SCHEDULED STARTING TIMES

8.1. A racing schedule setting the warning signal times will be included in the Club Calendar, available on the BRYC website and posted on the Bulletin Board at the club, and on Regatta Network. The race committee is under no obligation to late arrivals.

9. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

9.1. Unless advised otherwise by the Race Committee, all races for Wianno Seniors and Catboats will be started within 1 NM of Bass River Bell Buoy No. 2.

9.2. Unless advised otherwise by the Race Committee Beetle Cats will start within 0.5 NM of Bass River Buoy No. 4. The alternate course is for race starts on the Bass River, when it will depend on the wind direction.

9.3. For additional classes other than International Optimist Dinghies, the starting line shall be within 2 nautical miles of Bass River Bell Buoy 2. The starting line for International Optimist Dinghies will be communicated to the competitors before the Committee Boat leaves the dock.

9.4. The ends of the starting and finishing lines are designated by an ORANGE or YELLOW flag on the committee boat at one end, and by the starting or finishing mark at the other.

9.5. The starting mark normally remains anchored throughout the race. It may be used as a later mark of the course and may be the finish mark.

9.6. After the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course by flying flag SIERRA and setting the finish line using any rounding mark.

10. RECALLS

10.1. Recalls will be in accordance with RRS Rule 29. 9.2. In the case of an individual recall, the race committee will also hail the yacht's sail number, however, the obligation to start properly is solely the responsibility of each yacht.

11. TIME LIMIT

11.1. When a class is scheduled to have two or more races on the same day, the time limit for any race will be 1 hour and 30 minutes from the starting sound signal for that class. If no yacht in a class has finished within 1 hour and 30 minutes from the starting sound signal for that class, the race does not count and may be re-sailed at later date. Boats not finishing within 2 hours may be scored DNF.

11.2. When a class is scheduled to have only one race on a given day the time limit will be 3 hours from the starting sound signal for that class. If no yacht in a class has finished within 3 hours from the starting signal for that class, the race does not count and may be re-sailed on a later date. Boats not finishing within 4 hours may be scored DNF.

11.3. For catboats and beetle cats, the time limit will be 1 hour from the starting sound signal. If no yacht has finished within 1 hour from the starting signal for that class, the race does not count. Boats not finishing within 1 hour and 30 minutes may be scored DNF.

12. STARTING PROCEDURES

12.1. Classes I and II, and Class VII: Unless otherwise announced by the race committee, starting signals will be made by the hoisting or dropping of a flag. An accompanying sound signal will also be made, but its failure or mistiming shall be disregarded. Starting signals will be made as follows in accordance with RRS Rule 26:

WARNING Class Designation Flag Hoist 5 minutes

PREPARATORY "P" Flag Hoist 4 minutes

ONE-MINUTE "P" Flag Drop 1 minute

CLASS START Class Designation Flag Drop Start

12.2. Classes III, IV, V, VI, and VIII:

12.2.1. Classes will start in numerical order according to the class designation. Each class will be given a separate starting sequence in accordance with the "Sound-Signal Starting System".

13. SCORING

13.1. The scoring system shall be in accordance with RRS Appendix A4 - Low Point Scoring System.

14. SERIES RACES

14.1. Series races for Wianno Seniors, Beetle Cats, Lasers, and Optimist Dinghies shall be a July Series and an August Series.

14.2. Depending on the calendar, these series may include one or more racing days in other months, but in no case will include Holiday Races. Holiday Races will be included in the July 4th Series and the Labor Day weekend Series where there are trophies posted to include them.

15. SPECIAL RACES

15.1. See the current Bass River Yacht Club Notice of Race and online BRYC Calendar for the schedule of Special Racing Events.

16. A RACE

16.1. Two or more yachts are required to constitute a race.

17. RESPONSIBILITY OF SKIPPERS

17.1. The decision to undertake the race, the safety of each yacht and the people aboard, and the competence of each crew to meet the demands of navigation and seamanship are the responsibility accruing entirely to the skipper of each yacht.

18. PENALTIES

18.1. Alternate penalties for infringement of a rule of RRS Part 2 shall apply as follows:

18.1.1. For Beetle Cats, Capri 14.2, 420s, Lasers, Optimist Dinghies, and Catboats; the 720° turn RRS Rule 44.2 applies.

18.1.2. For Wianno Seniors, in accordance with Class rules, RRS Rule 44.2 shall apply except that '720°' is replaced with '360°', 'two complete turns' is replaced by 'one complete turn', 'two tacks' is replaced by 'one tack', and 'two gybes' is replaced by 'one gybe'.

19. PROTESTS

19.1. RRS Rule 61 is amended as follows: Yachts involved in a protest shall notify the race committee upon finishing a race, and file a protest, in writing on a standard protest form, within 1 hour of the Committee Boat's return to the BRYC dock. The protest must be handed to a member of the race committee.

20. EQUIPMENT

19.1. All yachts shall carry: a. A suitable pump or bailer b. Suitable ground tackle (Except Laser s, Club 420s, & Optimist Dinghies) c. An oar or paddle (Except Lasers) d. One wear able Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III personal flotation device for each person on board e. A fog horn or whistle f. Flag BRAVO or red flag for protests (Except Lasers, Club 420s, & Optimist Dinghies)

19.2. *Communication devices* – Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19.3. *Electronics* – Electronic compasses, speed indicators, depth indicators, and other electronic navigation equipment may be carried aboard, but shall not be used while racing. Any type or number of watches or clocks is permitted.

19.4. *Wind Indicators* – Only handheld wind speed indicators are permitted. No use of electronic wind indicators is allowed during a race.

21. SIGNALS

21.1. The RRS Race Signals will apply. The signals are displayed using International Code Flags. A signal flown alone applies to all classes. A signal flown under a numeral pennant applies only to the designated class. The signals are normally flown from the committee boat but may be flown from the committee boat's designated substitute or as shore signals from the yardarm of the Club flagpole, when appropriate. Although there are sound signals specified for accompanying every hoist, the possibility always exists that the sound will fail to generate. In such cases, the visual signal shall govern and the absence or delay of a sound signal shall not alter the effect or validity of the visual signal.

ANSWER -- Postponement (Hoisted with two sound signals and lowered with one sound signal. The warning sound signal will be made one minute after this signal is lowered).

1. Alone: "Races not started are postponed. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.
2. Over one numeral pennant from 1 to 9: "All races not started are postponed (numeral) hour (s)." (The numeral pennant indicates the number of hours of postponement).
3. Over flag HOTEL: "Races not started are postponed. Further signals ashore."
4. Over flag ALPHA: "Races not started are postponed. No more racing today"

BRAVO -- Protest When displayed by a yacht, means "I intend to lodge a protest."

CHARLIE -- Course Change Before the start: "Come and observe the new course shown on the course board." At or near a mark: "The course to the next mark has been changed." Accompanied, if possible, by repetitive sound signals as each yacht approaches, along with the posting of the compass course to the next mark.

FOXTROT -- Mandatory Reef Flown with the numeral pennant for the class affected: "The designated class must reef, and carry the reef throughout the race."

INDIA -- "Round the Ends" Starting Rule RRS Rule 30.1 is in effect. (Removed with one long sound signal 1 minute before the starting signal).

LIMA -- Come Within Hail (Oral instructions may be given on the water by the race committee when flying code flag LIMA in accordance with RRS Rule 89.2(c).) When hoisted, this signal means: "Come within hail or follow this boat." No hails will be answered by the committee boat after the warning signal except in cases of emergency or protest, unless this flag is flying. As a shore signal, this signal means: "A notice to competitors is posted on the Club bulletin board."

MIKE -- Mark When displayed on any object: "The object displaying this signal replaces a missing mark. A series of repetitive sound signals accompanies this signal.

NOVEMBER -- Abandonment When hoisted: "All races are abandoned. Return to the starting area. The warning or other signal will be made one minute after removal. Hoisted with three sound signals.

NOVEMBER OVER HOTEL -- "All races are abandoned. Further signals ashore." Hoisted with three sound signals.

NOVEMBER OVER ALPHA -- "All races are abandoned. No more racing today." Hoisted with three sound signals.

PAPA — "Preparatory Signal" Hoisted with one sound signal four minutes before start. Lowered with one long sound signal one minute before start.

SIERRA -- Shorten Course Hoisted at a rounding or finishing mark: " Finish between the nearby mark and this boat." No later than the warning signal: "Sail the short course". This signal is accompanied by two sound signals.

X-RAY -- Individual Recall This signal is accompanied by one sound signal

YANKEE -- Life Jackets Wear personal buoyancy. This signal is accompanied by one sound signal.

ZULU -- Z Flag Rule Rule 30.2 is in effect. Removed with one long signal 1 minute before the starting signal. Hoist accompanied by one sound signal.

FIRST SUBSTITUTE -- General Recall The preparatory signal will be made 1 minute after removal. This signal is hoisted accompanied by two sound signals and lowered accompanied by one sound signal.

22. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

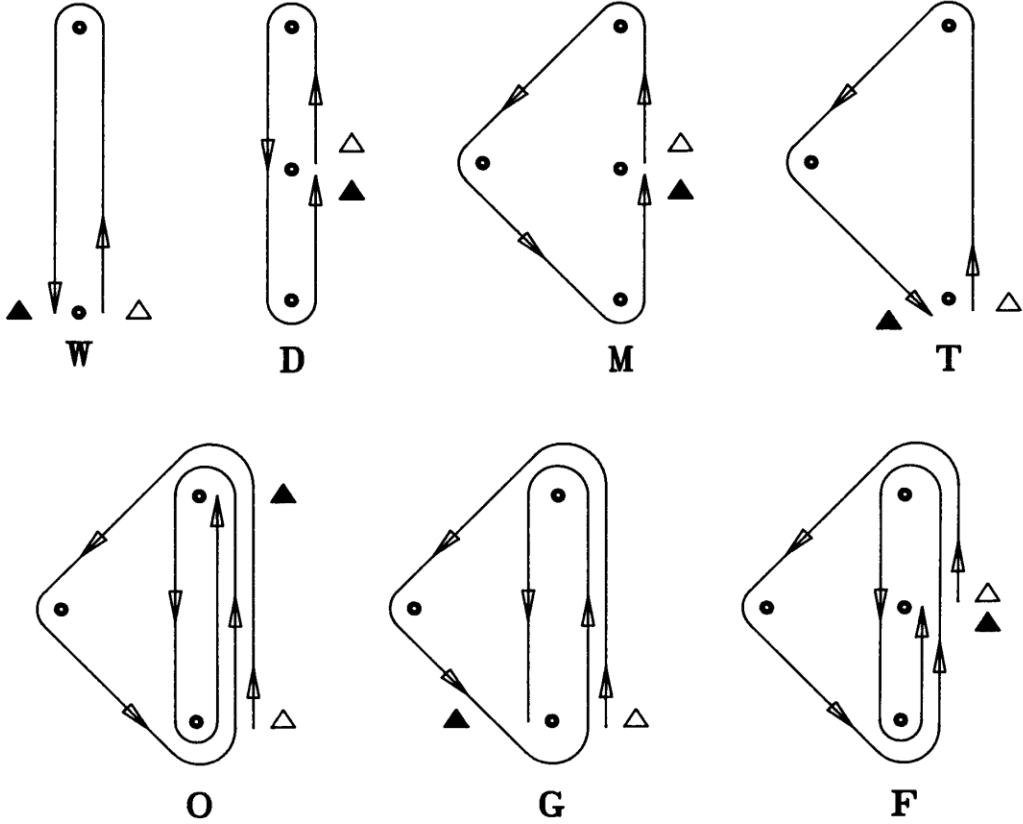
22.1. Changes to these sailing instructions shall be made in accordance with RRS Rule 89.2[c] by:

22.1.1. Posting on the race committee bulletin board at the Club or on the BRYC website no later than 1 hours before the start of a race, or

22.1.2. Being communicated orally to each yacht on the water before the warning signal prior to the start of a race.

ANNEX A

BASS RIVER YACHT CLUB COURSE



Courses W, T, and D may be modified by adding additional legs, additional times around the entire course, or combinations thereof. When one of these courses is modified, it is posted with a number indicating the number of times the basic course is to be sailed. Refer to the following examples.

