



BEAUFORT YACHT
& SAILING CLUB

2023 Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club

“Spring Racing Series”

March 25 thru June 17, 2023

DINGHY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

Organizing Authority (OA): Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club
30 Yacht Club Drive, Beaufort, SC

1	RULES
1.1	The event is governed by the rules as defined in <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing</i> .
1.2	Life jacket and shoes are required for each sailor and coach boat crew member. Juniors (17 and under) are required to wear US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices from the time they leave the dock until they return, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. All other competitors shall comply with RRS 40.
2	CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2.1	Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 60 minutes before the warning for the first race that day. The race committee may announce changes to the sailing instructions on the water before the warning signal for each race, orally or by posting changes on the race committee board.
3	COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS
3.1	Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the clubhouse riverside porch.
4	SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
4.1	Signals made ashore will be displayed at the base of the BYSC flagpole. When flag AP (postponement) is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the AP signal is lowered.

5	SCHEDULE OF RACES																																				
5.1	<p>Racing dates and First Warning times for the Spring Series are:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="620 331 1099 898"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Day</th> <th>Time</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mar 25</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr 1</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr 8</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr 15</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr 22</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 29</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 13*</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 20</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 3</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 10*</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 17</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Subject to change due to potential conflicts with other events.</p> <p>Races may be cancelled due to weather or lack of participation. All efforts will be made to inform sailors in advance of any schedule revisions.</p>	Date	Day	Time	Mar 25	SAT	2:00pm	Apr 1	SAT	2:00pm	Apr 8	SAT	2:00pm	Apr 15	SAT	2:00pm	Apr 22	SAT	2:00pm	April 29	SAT	2:00pm	May 13*	SAT	2:00pm	May 20	SAT	2:00pm	June 3	SAT	2:00pm	June 10*	SAT	2:00pm	June 17	SAT	2:00pm
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5.2	All competitors are required to check in with the Signal Boat prior to their class warning signal.																																				
5.3	No warning signal will be made after 1630.																																				
6	CLASS FLAGS																																				
6.1	Class flags will be the official class flags of each fleet. Substitute pennants may be used as necessary. The Portsmouth class will use Race Signal Pennant 9.																																				
7	RACING AREA																																				
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8	THE COURSES																																				
8.1	The dinghy courses to be sailed are shown on Attachment B. Course to be sailed for each class will be posted on the signal boat prior to that class's warning signal. All marks, except gates, will be left to port. An offset mark may be used at the windward mark and a gate may be used at the leeward mark.																																				

9	MARKS
9.1	Course marks will be <i>orange</i> balls. An upwind offset mark, if used, will be a <i>white</i> ball. The upwind mark for the O'Pen Skiff/Optimist class will be a <i>yellow</i> ball. A gate at the leeward mark, if used, will be two (2) <i>orange</i> balls.
10	OBSTRUCTION
10.1	ICW channel marker #242 shall not be passed on the shoreward side due to underwater pilings.
11	THE START
11.1	An <i>orange</i> flag (start/finish line flag) will be displayed (with a long sound) on the signal boat approximately 30 minutes before the warning for the first race.
11.2	Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. A series of short horn sounds will precede the first warning signal. Rolling starts will be used for the first race of the day. Subsequent starts may or may not be rolled.
11.3	The starting line will be between a staff displaying an <i>orange</i> flag on the signal boat and a staff displaying an <i>orange</i> flag on the start mark.
11.4	Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting and finishing area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting line will be closed except when starting.
11.5	The predicted order of start is: Melges 15, MC Scow, Laser (ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7), 420, Sunfish, O'Pen Skiff/Optimist, Portsmouth Yardstick. The Race Committee reserves the right to combine classes if a three boat minimum per class is not met or to reduce the number of starts. Combined classes may start together and be scored using the North American Portsmouth Yardstick handicapping system, which is outlined in Attachment A.
12	THE FINISH
12.1	The finishing line will be between a staff with a <i>blue</i> flag on the signal boat and a staff displaying a <i>blue</i> flag on the finish mark.

12.2	The finish line will be closed except when finishing. Boats sailing through the finish line while not finishing will be scored DSQ without a hearing, unless they correct the error as outlined in RRS 28-2. This changes rule A-5.
13	PENALTY SYSTEM
13.1	RRS Rule 44.3 does not apply.
14	TIME LIMITS
14.1	The time limit will be 40 minutes for each class. Boats failing to finish within the time limit or within 15 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish). This changes rule 35.
15	PROTESTS
15.1	Appendix T, Arbitration, will be in effect for any protests and the meeting may begin when all parties to the protest are available to the arbitrator. Any boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing, but in no case more than 15 minutes after finishing, stating the sail number of the protested boat.
16	SCORING
16.1	Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series for each class.
16.2	RRS Rule A5.3 shall apply. "Coming to the starting area" means sailing to the area of the starting line.
16.3	A boat that does not finish, but was still competing, within the Sailing Instructions (SI) time limit for that race shall be scored DNF and shall be scored one more than the number of boats finishing that race. This modifies Rule A5.2. The first sentence of Rule A5.2 shall be modified to read ".....one more than the number of boats entered in the <u>race</u> ." This does not change rule A2.
16.4	For dinghies the Rule A4 Low Point System will apply less excludable scores as described here. Throw outs for races completed: none if fewer than 6 races; starting at 6 races there will be one throw out per 3 races. This modifies rule A2.

16.5	The North American Portsmouth Yardstick handicapping system may be used for boats where the 3 boat class minimum is not met. The Low Point System as outlined in Paragraph 10.4 will apply for scoring purposes. A description of the Portsmouth System is in Attachment A.						
17	RISK STATEMENT						
17.1	RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.						
17.2	Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, 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 series.						
18	PRIZES						
18.1	Prizes will be awarded based on the number of boats of each class sailing 50% or more of the races, as follows: 1st place for two or three boats; 1st & 2nd places for four boats; 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for 5 or more boats.						
19	FURTHER INFORMATION						
19.1	<p>For further information contact:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="316 1621 1398 2007"> <tr> <td data-bbox="323 1621 858 1749">Read Clarke – Fleet Captain readclarke@gmail.com</td> <td data-bbox="866 1621 1390 1749">Richard Beesley – RC Chairman beesley.richard@gmail.com</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="323 1756 858 1883">Richard Beesley – PRO beesley.richard@gmail.com</td> <td data-bbox="866 1756 1390 1883">Noah Kipar – Sailing Director sailingdirector@beaufortsailing.com</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="323 1890 858 2007">BYSC gm@byscnet.com 843.522.8216</td> <td data-bbox="866 1890 1390 2007"></td> </tr> </table>	Read Clarke – Fleet Captain readclarke@gmail.com	Richard Beesley – RC Chairman beesley.richard@gmail.com	Richard Beesley – PRO beesley.richard@gmail.com	Noah Kipar – Sailing Director sailingdirector@beaufortsailing.com	BYSC gm@byscnet.com 843.522.8216	
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Attachment A

North American Portsmouth Yardstick

“The North American Portsmouth Yardstick is an empirical handicapping system meant to provide equitable scoring of race results for different boats sailing the same course.” As quoted from the US Sailing Portsmouth Handbook.

While the theory, methodology and application of the handicapping system can be quite complicated, the only thing we at BYSC need to be concerned with for the 2020 Fall Dinghy Series is the handicap factor assigned to each class of participating boats and how the Corrected Times are calculated.

All boat classes have a pre-calculated handicap known as a DPN. Examples are:

- Lightning 87.0
- Snipe 91.9
- Y Flyer 86.7

Corrected times are calculated from:

$$(ET/DPN) \times 100 = CT$$

Where ET is elapsed time (start to finish)

DPN is the pre-calculated handicap

CT is the corrected time

A corrected time example for a Lightning that finished a race in 31 minutes is:

$$(31/87.0) \times 100 = 35.63 \text{ minutes, or } 35 \text{ minutes } 38 \text{ seconds}$$

A Snipe finishing in 32 minutes would be:

$$(32/91.9) \times 100 = 34.82 \text{ minutes or } 34 \text{ minutes } 49 \text{ seconds}$$

A Y Flyer finishing in 32 minutes would be:

$$(32/86.7) \times 100 = 36.91 \text{ minutes or } 36 \text{ minutes } 55 \text{ seconds}$$

As you can see from the above, the Snipe would finish first based on the corrected time despite having a longer elapsed time. The Lightning would finish second despite the fastest elapsed time and the Y Flyer would finish third.

Finish times will be recorded to the second.

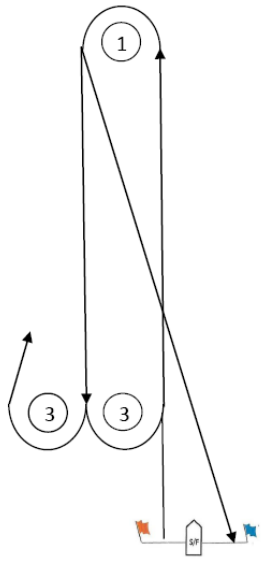
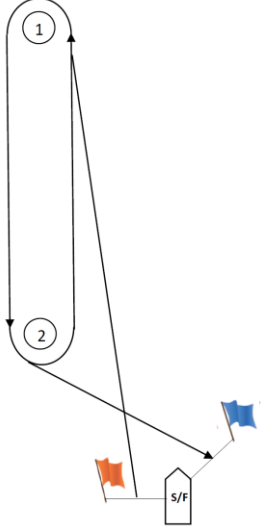
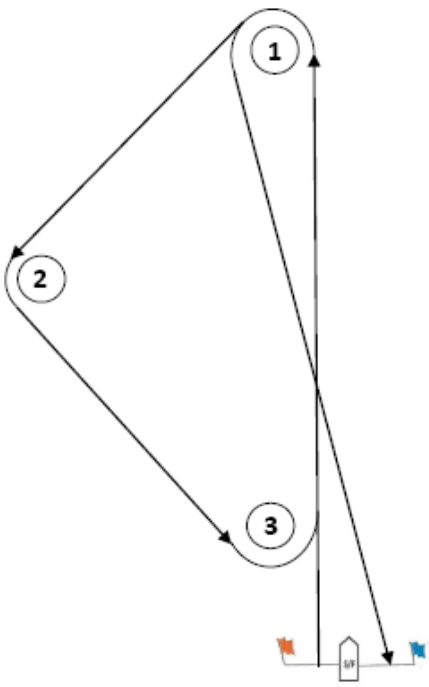
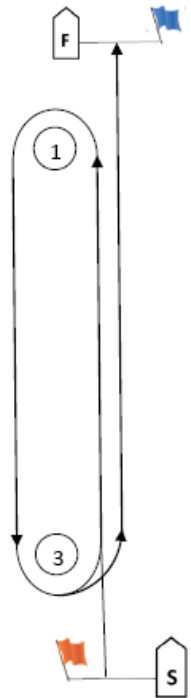
Although the Portsmouth Yardstick allows for variable handicaps based on wind speed, wind speed will not be taken into account in the 2020 Fall Dinghy Series calculations. Your boat's DPN will be provided by the race committee or may be found at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/portsmouth-yardstick-table-pre-calculated-classes/>

If you have any questions, please contact Frank Pontius (843-252-4900) or Richard Beesley (770-335-3178).

Course Diagrams – Attachment B

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Actual angles and lengths between marks will vary depending on available racing area, wind and currents.
Course designators show number of legs to be sailed.

<p style="text-align: center;">Windward Leeward – Downwind Finish</p>  <p>WLD-4 S-1-3-1-F WLD-6 S-1-3-1-3-1-F WLD-8 S-1-3-1-3-1-3-1-F</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Windward Leeward – Downwind Hook Finish</p>  <p>WLDH-3 S-1-2-F WLDH-5 S-1-2-1-2-F WLDH-7 S-1-2-1-2-1-2-F</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Triangle – Downwind Finish</p>  <p>TD-5 S-1-2-3-1-F TD-8 S-1-2-3-1-2-3-1-F</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Windward Leeward – Upwind Finish</p>  <p>WLU-3 S-1-3-F WLU-5 S-1-3-1-3-F WLU-7 S-1-3-1-3-1-3-F</p>