

HYANNIS YACHT CLUB OCEAN RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2010

1. RULES

The following races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

- Wednesday Beercan: June, July and August Series
- Wilbur Cup: Baxter Memorial and Father's Day
- Non-Wilbur Cup: 4th of July and Chowder Cup

2. EQUIPMENT

PHRF boats are subject to ISAF Special Regulations Category 5. "All personnel on deck shall wear personal flotation while starting and finishing without exception and at all other times except when the Captain of the boat directs that it may be set aside." In the event that J22's are competing, all crew members shall wear personal flotation at all times.

3. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in these races 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 or prior to, during, or after the races.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Ocean Race Notice Board located in the Scudder Room.

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hours before the starting sequence of the first scheduled race, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm at the end of the HYC dock. Flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means "The race is postponed". The warning signal will be made not less than one hour after the AP is lowered.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Wednesday Beercan Series: Warning signal 1800

- June Series 2, 9, 16, 23, 20
- July Series 7, 14, 21, 28
- August Series 4, 11, 18, 25

Wilbur Cup: Warning signal 1100

- Baxter Memorial, 2 races - June 12
- Father's Day, 2 races - June 26

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Non-Wilbur Cup Racing: Warning signal 1100

- 4th of July, 2 races – July 3
- Chowder Cup, 2 races – September 25
- Chowder Cup, 2 races – October 2

8. RACING AREA

Ocean race starts will be south of the Hyannis Port breakwater.

9. The Course

Courses are shown on the attached sheet. The Race Committee signal boat will display the identifying course number or letter together with the approximate course and distance to the first mark before the warning signal. The Race Committee may also announce the course over VHF 69.

10. MARKS

Both inflatable marks and government marks may be used.

11. THE START

Races will be started using RRS 26.

Class Flags will be:

- Class A Flag Alpha: Spinnaker
- Class B Flag Bravo: Non-spinnaker
- Class C Flag Charlie
- Class D Flag Delta

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat on the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

Any boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start). Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby mark.

If a boat is unreasonably delaying the completion of a race, the Race Committee, at its discretion, may order that boat's race terminated and score the boat points equal to last place.

Any boat withdrawing or retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee by contacting them on VHF 69 and receiving their recognition.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat may elect either the Two-Turns penalty RRS 44.1 or the Scoring Penalty RRS 44.3. The penalty for 44.3 will be two places.

14. TIME LIMIT

Wednesday Beercan Series

If no boat rounds the first mark within one hour from their start, the race shall be abandoned. The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be two hours after the start. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in her Class sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF, (Did Not Finish). This changes RRS 35 and A4.

Wilbur Cup Series

If no boat rounds the first mark within two hours from their start, the race shall be abandoned. The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be three hours after the start. Boats failing to finish within two hours after the first boat in her Class sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF, (Did Not Finish). This changes RRS 35 and A4.

Non-Wilbur Cup Racing

If no boat rounds the first mark within one hour from their start, the race shall be abandoned. The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be two hours after the start. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in her Class sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF, (Did Not Finish). This changes RRS 35 and A4.

15. PROTESTS

Protests forms are available at the Race Committee Office. Completed protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee office within one hour of the time the Race Committee Finish boat docks.

Boats involved in a protest will be contacted by the Protest Committee and notified of the time and place of the Protest Hearing.

16A. SCORING FOR WEDNESDAY BEERCAN SERIES

Scoring will be the time on distance method. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply with the following modification: There will be a separate series for each month. At least eight races are scheduled for each month, four of which must be completed to constitute a series. If a boat completes 5 races in a monthly series, the boat's worst score will be excluded from her series score. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.

>>> Note: The Fleet will be divided into two classes: Class A Spinnaker and Class B >>> Non-spinnaker. This is a change from the Notice of Race.

16B. SCORING FOR WILBUR CUP SERIES

Scoring will be the time on distance method. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. There will be both Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker classes. Ten races are scheduled. At least eight races must be completed to constitute a series. If a boat sails ten races her worst score will be discarded. All vessels MUST sail and count at least ONE long Distance Race to be eligible for the Wilbur Cup trophy. This modifies RRS Appendix A2

16C. ALL OTHER NON WILBUR CUP RACING

Scoring will be the time on distance method. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. There will be both Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker classes.

17. PRIZES

Series prizes shall be awarded as follows:

- 3 boats: First place
- 5 boats: First and second places
- 6 or more boats: First, second and third places

In the event that only 2 boats compete in a race, they will be scored, but no prizes awarded.

Prizes for each class shall be awarded for each monthly series at the Ocean Race Awards dinner at a date to be announced in the Fall.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee will monitor VHF 69. All competing boats must have a functioning VHF radio on board and are required to monitor VHF 69. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones, PDA's and any other wireless means of communication.

19. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1
Course diagram

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