



The Buzzards Yacht Club  
Pocasset, MA

## 2014 H Class Championship Sailing Instructions

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The rules of the H Class will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rule 61.1(a)(2) will be deleted. Displaying of Protest Flags will be required per RR 61(a).
- 1.4 Racing rule 40 will be changed as follows: Competitors will be required to wear personal flotation devices at all times while racing.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the deck of The Buzzards' clubhouse.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of The Buzzards' clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

#### Junior Regatta:

##### Friday, August 8

- 0830 Registration/Check-In
- 0900 Junior Skippers' Meeting
- 1030 First Signal

#### Senior Regatta:

##### Saturday, August 9

- 0800 Registration/Check-in
- 0845 Skippers' Meeting
- 1030 First Signal

##### Sunday, August 10

- 0815 Annual H Class Association Meeting immediately followed by Skippers' Meeting
- 1030 First Signal

Awards at The Buzzards YC following last race

- 5.1 Five races are scheduled. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.
- 5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.3 On Friday, August 8 no warning signal will be made after 1600. On Sunday, August 10 no warning signal will be made after 1400.

### 6 CLASS FLAGS

The H12 class flag will be a white flag with a black capital H.

### 7 RACING AREAS

The chart on the back of these SIs depict the location of the racing areas.

### 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams on the back of these SIs show the courses, 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.
- 8.2 Course A will be followed by a number designating the number of legs to be sailed. 2 = W/L, 3 = W/L/W, 4 = W/L/W/L, etc. Course B will sailed as diagrammed.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal the race committee will display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg on the course board on the starboard side of the RC signal boat.

### 9 MARKS

- 9.1 The windward, offset, reach and leeward marks are inflatable orange marks.
- 9.2 The change of course marks will be yellow inflatable marks.

### 10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and an orange flag on the pin boat.

### 11 RECALLS

The race committee may hail on VHF channel 72 the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1.

### 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new yellow inflatable mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. Any marks to be rounded subsequently will be orange inflatable marks.

### 13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and an inflatable mark.

### 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 apply.

### 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available on the desk inside The Buzzards's Clubhouse.
- 15.2 Boats intending to file a protest must notify the Race Committee at the end of that race by sailing by the signal boat and hailing their intent and the sail number of the protesting boat and the boat they are protesting.
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 15 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 Buzzards' clubhouse, beginning at at the end of the protest time limit or sooner if all parties are available.
- 15.5 Rule 61.1(a)(2) will be eliminated. Competitors shall follow rule 61.1(a).

### 16 Time Limit

- 16.1 The time limit for each race will be 120 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 16.2 Boats still racing thirty (30) minutes after the first boat finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will be assigned scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points. This changes rules 35, A4.1, A4.2, and A5.

### 17 SCORING

- 17.1 Five races are scheduled and two are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 If fewer than five races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, this changes RR A.2. If five or more races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Prior to the warning for the first race on each day a boat shall check in with the Race Committee by sailing by the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat on starboard tack and hailing its sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.3 Coast Guard approved PFDs shall be worn by every sailor at all times (except when actively adding or removing clothing) from the time the boat checks in with the Race Committee until the finish of each race. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing. This changes RR 40.

**19 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed upon support or official boats.

**20 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

**21 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats on between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

**22 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

All boats are encouraged to carry a VHF radio. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.

**23 PRIZES**

A prize is to be awarded to the first place boat in each class. A second place prize will be awarded if there are four or more entries. A third place prize will be awarded if there are five or more entries. Additionally, the winner of the Senior Championship will be presented with the H Class Championship trophy to hold until the next H Class Championship.

**23.1 Special Trophies:**

The Quissett Yacht Club H Class Championship Team Trophy

Best team of three boats from one yacht club with the lowest aggregate score.

The Special Junior Skipper Trophy

Given to the qualifying junior skipper who sails in all Class Championship races with the lowest total point score of all juniors. Crew members may be of any age and the skipper must be under 19 years old during 2014 and is the only one who may touch the tiller after the preparatory signal of each race. This trophy is awarded if there are two qualifying junior skippers.

The Savvy Sailor Award

Given to the best skipper 65 or older providing there are two or more qualifying skippers. No one under the age of 65 may touch the tiller after the preparatory signal for each race. The crew may be any age.

**24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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.

