



Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association
Championship of BBYRA Champions
June 8, 2008

Organizing Authority Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association
Hosted by Metedeconk River Yacht Club, 37 Tilton Road, Brick, NJ 08723

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship of BBYRA Champions will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The current Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Championship of BBYRA Champions Conditions, any Deed of Gift, and the class rules of the boats used except as modified by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Class Rules are “Sandpiper Class of Barnegat Bay Class Rules, Revised September 2007”.
- 1.3 RRS 60.1 (a) is modified to prohibit a competitor from protesting another competitor for an alleged breach of a class rule except Class Rules III, B, 6, 7, & 8.
- 1.4 Class Rules IV, B. is modified to provide that this regatta will be sailed with skipper and one crew. Crew shall be designated prior to the contestant’s meeting. Change of crew during the regatta will not be permitted.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the ground floor of the Metedeconk River Yacht Club. Notices shall be considered as given to the competitors once they are posted on the notice board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted one hour before the first warning.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club's flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in race signal AP.

5. NUMBER OF RACES

- 5.1 Five (5) races are scheduled. Three (3) races must be completed to constitute the Regatta. No warning signal will be made after 1530 hours except in the case of a general recall. Should wind, weather, or other conditions make it impossible to complete all five (5) races, the regatta will be terminated and the results based upon those races completed.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 6.1 | June 8, 2008 | 0800 hours | Arrival, check-in |
| | | 0830 hours | Competitor’s Meeting |
| | | 0930 hours | Warning Signal, Race # 1, Races # 2 through # 5 to follow; Lunch break ashore as determined by the Race Committee. |
| | | TBA | Awards Ceremony and Social Following Conclusion of Racing. |
- 6.2 The first draw for boats will take place during the competitor’s meeting.
 - 6.3 A second draw for boats will take place at the lunch break or as directed by the Race Committee.
 - 6.4 The time of the first warning following the lunch break will be posted on the Official Notice Board ‘not less than 30 minutes’ prior thereto.
 - 6.5 After a long postponement (ten minutes or more) and/or the lunch break, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange line flag will be displayed (with one sound) at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.



7. FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class flag will be Flag “O”.
- 7.2 The breakdown flag will be the blue streamer provided during check-in.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be the Metedeconk River.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 Attachment one (1) describes the courses.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Original marks will be orange balls.
- 10.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 13.1, will be yellow balls.
- 10.3 The starting mark will be a yellow cone.
- 10.4 The finishing mark will be the windward mark or the starting mark.

11. CHECK-IN

- 11.1 Prior to the first warning signal for the first race of the day in which he/she intends to compete and the first warning signal following the lunch break, each competitor shall sail by the stern of the committee boat, hail his/her name, and check in as a starter.

12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3 A competitor starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.1.

13. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 A change of course after the start will be in accordance with RRS 33. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee finish boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 14.2 Flag “R” displayed on a committee boat at the finish line will indicate another race to follow immediately.
- 14.3 Flag “F” displayed on a committee boat at the finish line will indicate the lunch break. Proceed ashore.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.
- 15.2 A competitor that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form available from the Principal Race Officer, and in the registration area.
- 15.3 As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a competitor that has broken RRS 42.

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 Time limits are as follows:
 - Race time limit forty-five (45) minutes, first mark time limit fifteen (15) minutes.
 - If no competitor has passed the first mark within the first mark time limit the race will be abandoned.
- 16.2 Competitors failing to finish within ten (10) minutes after the first competitor sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.



17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest Forms are available both ashore and afloat from the Principal Race Officer, or from the finish boat while afloat, and also in the registration area.
- 17.2 Protests and/or requests for redress must be filed with the race committee no later than twenty (20) minutes after the race committee boat docks for any break or at the conclusion of the series. This changes RRS 61.3 & 62.2.
- 17.3 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform competitors under rule 61.1(b).
- 17.4 Notices will be posted within 10 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.5 Protest hearings for races prior to any break will be held in the Founders Room of the MCYC clubhouse beginning ASAP after the Race Committee Signal boat docks. Protest hearings following the conclusion of the series will be held in the Founders Room of the MCYC clubhouse beginning thirty (30) minutes after the Race Committee Signal boat docks.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, modified so that each Competitor's series score will be the total of his/her race scores. No exclusions. This changes RRS A2.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 All competitors shall wear, while on the water, a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD, except for brief periods (two 2 minutes or less) while changing clothing. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing, including foul weather gear, and be properly secured except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging on lines and equipment.
- 19.2 A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20. BREAKDOWNS

- 20.1 Boats and breakdown flags will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way.
- 20.2 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat. The penalty for not complying with this instruction will be protest & disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
- 20.3 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Race Committee immediately after finishing that race. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be protest and disqualification from the race most recently sailed.
- 20.4 A breakdown boat(s) will be in close proximity to the racing area at all times during the event so as not to delay the event if a breakdown boat is needed.
- 20.5 Competitors may request replacement of lost gear, replacement of their boat, or repair to their boat by conspicuously displaying the breakdown flag during the race, and shall notify the race committee upon finishing of their request. At the discretion of the principal race officer, a competitor may be advised to continue to race if it is determined that the loss or breakage of equipment does not materially affect the competitor's safety or performance.
- 20.6 If a competitor requests breakdown points in a race, he/she shall conspicuously display the breakdown flag at the earliest opportunity during the race, and shall notify the race committee upon finishing. Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests using the standard US Sailing protest form.



21. DAMAGE

- 21.1 Any Competitor found responsible for a collision that results in serious damage and is disqualified by the Protest Committee will be scored DNE (Disqualification Not Excludable). An additional damage deposit will be required of that competitor to continue in the event.
- 21.2 Immediate withdrawal from the race in progress and assistance to any affected parties may mitigate the DNE stipulation. NOTE that the intent here is to recognize that while accidents do happen, bad sportsmanship and reckless behavior is a choice that will not be taken lightly. Borrowed boats are the sustenance of this event. Every effort to avoid damage to these boats should be exercised by the competitors AT ALL TIMES.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1 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 connection with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23. DISPOSAL OF TRASH

- 23.1 Boats observed purposefully discharging trash on the water will be protested.

Attachment 1

Courses will be indicated by placard on the signal boat.

- W** Windward/Leeward with an offset and gate, marks to port except at the gate where boats will pass through the gate from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark before proceeding to windward. Finish at the windward mark.
- WD** Same as W except finish at the starting line. The gate marks are not marks of the course on the finishing leg.
- T** Triangle, marks to port. Finish at the windward mark.

A numeral placard following the course placard/placards will indicate the number of laps.