

BARNEGAT BAY  
YACHT RACING  
ASSOCIATION



By-Laws  
and Racing Rules

As Revised June 1965

BARNEGAT BAY  
YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

Organized 1914



Member Clubs

(Identifying Letters and "Lights"  
written from top to bottom)

BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB .....	BBR
BEACHWOOD YACHT CLUB .....	BRR
ISLAND HEIGHTS YACHT CLUB .....	RBW
LAVALLETTTE YACHT CLUB .....	BRB
MANASQUAN RIVER YACHT CLUB .....	RWB
MANTOLOKING YACHT CLUB .....	BWB
NORMANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB .....	BBW
OCEAN GATE YACHT CLUB .....	BWR
SEASIDE PARK YACHT CLUB .....	BBB
SHORE ACRES YACHT CLUB .....	RRB
TOMS RIVER YACHT CLUB .....	RBR

AND

Associate Member Club

METEDECONK RIVER YACHT CLUB .....	BRW
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## HISTORY

For many years prior to the inception of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association, yacht racing was the popular sport on the Bay. Commodore Herman Muller of the Seaside Park Yacht Club invited members of local yacht clubs to meet with him on February 21, 1914 to discuss the advisability of forming an association to foster and unify yacht racing on Barnegat Bay. Four clubs were represented at this meeting, Bay Head, Island Heights, Ocean Gate and Seaside Park. After agreement as to the name and purpose of the Association, Commodore J. V. A. Cattus of the Bay Head Yacht Club was unanimously elected Chairman and to serve with him, Commodore E. A. Lloyd, Jr., as Vice Chairman, Commodore Herman Muller, Secretary and Mr. M. R. H. Crowell, Treasurer. The first regular meeting was held March 11, 1914 at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at which time the original By-Laws were adopted and a racing schedule formulated, the first race being held at the Seaside Park Yacht Club on July 4 of that year. At this first meeting, the Association was enlarged by the election of the Mantoloking Yacht Club into its membership.

The first season's championship awarded by this new organization was in 1914. The first annual meeting was held on October 21 of that year and by this time, membership had grown to six Clubs by the addition of the Lavallette Yacht Club and an official Regatta Committee was appointed then known as "The Racing Commission." In 1922, the Toms River Yacht Club was elected to membership. The following Clubs were subsequently elected to Membership: Shore Acres Yacht Club (1941), Beachwood Yacht Club (1946), Metedeconk River Yacht Club (1946), Normandy Beach Yacht Club (1947), and Manasquan River Yacht Club (1962).

The development of this Association has been gradual but sound, and each and every group of officers for the past 51 years have contributed their time and energy to bring about an institution that should continue to prosper as long as the tide ebbs and flows on Barnegat Bay.

## PAST COMMODORES

JOHN V. A. CATTUS .....	1914-1915-1916-1917
GEORGE T. MERRILL .....	1918-1919-1920
J. R. SUCH .....	1921
FRANK E. SCHOFIELD .....	1922-1923
DAVID A. STORER .....	1924-1925
HORACE A. DOAN .....	1926-1927
ALBERT W. ATKINSON .....	1928
DAVID A. STORER .....	1929-1930
WILLIAM D. STANGER .....	1931-1932
WILLIAM J. ORCHARD .....	1933-1934
BENJAMIN ADAMS .....	1935-1936
CORNELIUS B. BOOOCK .....	1937-1938
BURTON WRIGHT .....	1939-1940
PHILIP R. VAN DUYN .....	1941-1942
VICTOR L. KING .....	1943-1944
LUDWIG C. LEWIS .....	1945-1946
ROWLAND HAZARD .....	1947-1948
HAROLD J. NICOL .....	1949-1950
JOHN M. WOOD, JR. ....	1951-1952
GEORGE A. EHRHARDT .....	1953-1954
F. THOMPSON BROOKS .....	1955-1956
EDWARD H. FEHSKENS .....	1957-1958
WILLIAM C. NEIL .....	1959
FRANK D. PELTIER .....	1960-1961
GEORGE M. NELSON .....	1962-1963
H. IRVING DUNN .....	1964-1965

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## BY-LAWS

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### NAME

No. 1

The name of this organization shall be the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association.

### OBJECTS

No. 2

The objects of this Association shall be to encourage sail boat racing on Barnegat Bay; to supervise the racing; to establish uniform rules for the government of open races; to approve the Courses selected by the various member Clubs; to adopt a fair and consistent system of measuring boats; to measure the courses and recommend an intelligent system of marking same; to recommend a system of Club lights whereby the various Clubs and docks may be immediately recognized by yachtsmen; to assist in obtaining better general conditions for pleasure boating on the Bay by untiring efforts with the Federal, State and Municipal authorities; to consider and settle by means hereinafter mentioned, all disputes arising between Clubs in connection with open or inter-Club races; to sanction open and inter-Club races and allot dates for the holding of such events.

### MEMBERSHIPS

No. 3

Any Yacht Club located between Manasquan Inlet and Barnegat Inlet on Barnegat Bay, or waters tributary thereto, shall be eligible for membership in the Association.

Membership will be in two classes, Active and Associate.

Active membership shall be composed of the Clubs herein listed as members of the B.B.Y.R.A. and Associate Clubs that may be elected at a future date to active membership by a three-fourths vote of the Executive Committee. No Club shall be elected to Active Membership unless it has been an Asso-

State member for at least two years immediately preceding the application.

Associate membership will be those Clubs that are elected to this class by a three-fourths vote of the Executive Committee of the B.B.Y.R.A.

To be eligible for Associate membership, a Club must present to the Secretary of the Association a written application stating that it has at least five yachts of a class or classes now scheduled in the Association regattas. It shall be signed by an elected officer of the applicant Club and also by an officer of an active Club in the Association.

Yachts of Associate member Clubs will have all the rights and privileges of yachts of Active member Clubs and will be represented on the Regatta Committee of the Association in the same manner as provided for in the Active membership.

Associate member Clubs will not be required to sponsor a regatta.

## REPRESENTATION

### No. 4

**Section 1.** Each Club in the Active membership of the Association shall be entitled to three delegates, of whom the Commodore or Vice Commodore shall be one. The names and addresses of these delegates, who will represent the Club at the annual meeting, must be sent to the Secretary of the Association not later than Labor Day of each year.

**Section 2.** Each Associate member Club shall be entitled to one delegate. The name and address of this delegate, who will represent the Club at the annual meeting, must be sent to the Secretary of the Association not later than Labor Day of each year.

## OFFICERS

### No. 5

**Section 1.** The officers of the Association shall be a Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary,

Treasurer and Measurer. They shall be elected at the annual meeting of the new delegates. The Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Rear Commodore, shall be elected from the delegates; the Secretary, Treasurer and Measurer may be elected from the membership of any Club belonging to this Association. A Fleet Captain shall be appointed by the Commodore, to function as an executive assistant and may be selected from the membership of any of the Association's Member Clubs.

**Section 2.** There shall be an Executive Committee of eleven members or more, composed of the officers of the Association, and additional members to be elected at the annual meeting from the delegates of the Active membership whether present or not, and so chosen that each Active Club shall have at least one and not more than three, on this Committee.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS

### No. 6

**Section 1.** The Commodore shall preside at all meetings of this Association and shall be ex-officio member of all Committees.

**Section 2.** The Vice-Commodore shall assist the Commodore and preside in his absence.

**Section 3.** The Rear Commodore shall assist the Commodore and the Vice-Commodore and shall preside in the absence of both.

**Section 4.** The Secretary shall keep a correct roll of the members and complete records of each meeting; promptly notify Clubs of their election to membership and perform the usual duties of such office.

**Section 5.** The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due the Association and have custody of all Association funds, pay all just obligations of the Association which have been duly authorized by the delegates or by the Executive Committee between meetings of the delegates; keep a correct account of all receipts and disbursements of the Association; and make a complete report of the financial condition of the

Association at the annual meeting, or at such other times as the Executive Committee may request. His accounts shall be audited prior to the annual meeting.

**Section 6.** The Association Measurer shall receive and keep a record of all yachts as measured by the Fleet Measurers. He shall receive appeals from the decision of any Fleet Measurer, his decision to be final.

**Section 7.** The Executive Committee shall have general executive powers between meetings of the Association. It may approve or reject applications of Clubs for membership. No change in the racing rules of the Association shall be submitted to the membership until it has first been approved by the Executive Committee. It shall perform such other duties as are assigned to it herein.

## MEETINGS

### No. 7

**Section 1.** The Commodore shall call the annual meeting of the Association, to be held on the first Saturday in October. In the event of failure to elect officers at such meeting, a special meeting for this purpose shall be called by the Commodore and held within one month thereafter. He shall also call a Spring meeting of the Delegates which shall be held prior to the first Association Regatta of the season.

**Section 2.** The Commodore may at his discretion call a special meeting of the delegates and/or of the Executive Committee and he shall call a special meeting at any time upon the request of the delegates of two Clubs.

**Section 3.** A quorum shall consist of ten delegates; provided they shall represent seven active member Clubs.

**Section 4.** At least five (5) days' notice of all meetings of the Association shall be given in writing to each delegate and all others whose attendance is required.

## VOTING

**Section 1.** The Commodore shall appoint at the Spring meeting of the Delegates, a nominating committee composed of Past Commodores of the Association which shall submit a slate of nominees for officers and Executive Committee at the following annual meeting.

**Section 2.** Each Club shall be entitled to one vote for each delegate which may be cast by the delegate or delegates attending the meeting; with the exception that, in electing the officers of the Association, voting may be done by proxy.

**Section 3.** A majority shall determine all questions, except as otherwise provided herein.

**Section 4.** All officers shall be elected by ballot.

## DUES

**Section 1.** The yearly dues for Active Member Clubs shall be Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for their first fifty enrolled members or fraction thereof and Five dollars (\$5.00) for each additional twenty enrolled members or fraction thereof, with a maximum of One hundred dollars (\$100.00) per annum as determined herein.

**Section 2.** The yearly dues for Associate Member Clubs shall be Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for their first fifty enrolled members or fraction thereof and Ten dollars (\$10.00) for each additional twenty enrolled members or fraction thereof, with a maximum of Two Hundred dollars (\$200.00) per annum as determined herein.

**Section 3.** Each voting member counts as one enrolled member, a family membership shall count as two enrolled members. All other types of membership, including auxiliary, to be counted on the basis of three members being equal to one enrolled member.

**Section 4.** Clubs shall notify the Secretary of the Association prior to the annual meeting, the number of their total enrolled membership as outlined above.

**Section 5.** The Treasurer of the Association will bill each Club prior to May 1st, on which date all dues are payable.

**Section 6.** If dues of any Club remain unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days after same shall become due, the Treasurer shall so notify the Club in writing; if such Club shall fail to pay its dues within a further period of thirty (30) days, it shall stand suspended until restored to membership by the Executive Committee.

## **WITHDRAWALS AND SUSPENSION**

### **No. 10**

**Section 1.** Any Club may withdraw from the Association after the payment of all indebtedness to the Association by giving written notice to the Secretary.

**Section 2.** A Club may be suspended for cause by a two-thirds vote of the delegates, provided such Club shall have at least thirty (30) days' notice in writing and an opportunity to be heard.

**Section 3.** When a Club has been suspended, either for cause or non-payment of dues, it shall forfeit all rights of membership until restored by payment of the dues and upon action of the Executive Committee.

## **REGATTA COMMITTEE**

### **No. 11**

**Section 1.** There shall be a Standing Committee known as the Regatta Committee of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association, appointed by the Commodore of the Association within one month after the annual meeting. It shall consist of the Vice-Commodore of the Association who shall act as chairman and the Rear Commodore of the Association who shall act as vice-chairman, and who, unless they are also representing their Clubs, shall have no vote, except in case of a tie; and one representative from each Club. Such repre-

sentative may or may not be a delegate to the Association; but he must be a member of the Club he represents. The Commodore of the Association shall also appoint one alternate from each Club, who will act only in the absence of the original representative.

**Section 2.** The Regatta Committee of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association shall have entire control of inter-Club yacht racing on Barnegat Bay. It shall receive and pass on all requests for allotment of racing dates, sanction of races, and submit at the annual meeting a preliminary schedule of races for the following season. Not later than March 1st of each year it shall issue a final schedule of races for the ensuing season. It shall decide all questions referring to Course Charts, Signals, Buoys, Measurements and allied subjects. It shall receive appeals from the decisions of Local Regatta Committees, and its decision on such appeals shall be final, excepting in case of a tie or when a decision is sustained by a bare majority, when it may be appealed to the Executive Committee for final decision. Association Regatta membership representing 7 clubs shall constitute a quorum. It will be considered a bare majority, for the purpose of the above rule, when the changing of one vote will reverse the decision.

**Section 3.** A Local Regatta Committee shall be established for each Regatta, comprised of 2 members of the Club sponsoring the Regatta and one member of the Association Regatta Committee. This Local Committee shall have entire charge of entries and decide all protests.

Appeals from the decision of the Local Regatta Committee may be made to the Association Regatta Committee. The actual operation of the races, the selection of the courses, and the official scoring will be in charge of the Association Regatta Committee.

The Club sponsoring a Regatta shall provide course charts, starting signals, signal gun with shells and other required equipment for the operation of the race.

**Section 4.** An official Scorer and an assistant shall be appointed each year by the Commodore of the Association within one month after the annual meeting. They may be appointed from the membership of any Club belonging to the Association and may or may not be members of other Committees, but shall work under the jurisdiction of the Regatta Committee of the Association. They will receive the complete record of each Regatta and compute the championship score therefrom.

## AMENDMENTS

No. 12

Amendments to these By-Laws may be made at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the Association; provided, notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing to each Club at least thirty (30) days prior to meeting.

## RACING RULES

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The Racing Rules of Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association shall be the same as the Racing Rules of the North American Yacht Racing Union as they may be amended from time to time, except as they are inconsistent with the following:

### A. MANAGEMENT OF RACES

#### I. General Instructions

(a) The Racing Rules of Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association shall govern all races held under the jurisdiction of the Association; but as no rule can be devised capable of meeting every incident and accident of sailing, it shall be the duty of the Regatta Committee to decide any questions which may arise, not covered by the rules, and to discourage all attempts to win a race by other means than fair sailing and superior speed and skill.

(b) All reference to the Regatta Committee shall be construed to mean the Regatta Committee of Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association unless otherwise specified as the Local Regatta Committee.

(c) Corinthianism in yachting is that attribute which represents participation for sport as distinct from gain, and which also involves the acquirement of nautical experience through the love of sport, rather than through necessity or the hope of gain.

(d) The Regatta Committee shall accept as a Corinthian a person who teaches small boat handling, sailing and yacht racing tactics in the performance of his duties as a director of junior activities during summer months and shall exclude a person both as a skipper and crew who accepts remuneration, directly or indirectly, for participating in a race, or, who obtains a major proportion of his or her livelihood by sailing or operating boats.

## 2. Ownership

(a) A yacht entered for a race must be the bona fide property of a recognized yacht club or of the person(s) in whose name(s) she is entered, who must be a member(s) of a Yacht Club of Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association or other recognized Club, upon the approval of the Regatta Committee. And further, she must be sailed by a member of the Club for which she is entered. Exception to this rule may be made for any class upon written petition to the Regatta Committee filed by 85% of its yacht owners, or in classes of less than seven yachts by all but one owner. Any exceptions allowed will be for the current season only.

(b) A member chartering a yacht shall be deemed the owner. No yacht which has been chartered shall be entered for a race unless she has been chartered in good faith for a period of not less than thirty days.

(c) Two or more yachts owned wholly or in part by the same person shall not be entered in the same class, unless one of such yachts be under charter to another person in whose name she is entered.

## 3. Racing Trim

(a) A chart of class restrictions and designations including sails, crew limitations, equipment, etc., will be found in printed form and displayed in a prominent place at all member clubs.

(b) Floors must be left down, bulkheads left standing and water tanks kept in place. Trimming by dead weight shall not be allowed after the preparatory signal. A race postponed or resailed shall, so far as regards this rule, be considered a new race. No outrigger or other mechanical device for carrying live ballast outboard shall be allowed unless sanctioned by class rules.

(c) No person shall board or leave a yacht after the preparatory signal for her class has been made except in case of accident or injury to a person on board.

(d) Each yacht must display a racing number of not less than fifteen inches in height and a letter of the same height designating its club or class above the number. Both number and letter must be clearly contrasting colors and are to be displayed on each side of the sail at different levels, preferably on the leach. Where a class is divided into more than one group, the second group shall be indicated by a horizontal strip of same material and color, twelve inches long and three inches high, attached to both sides of the sail directly below the racing number and a third group shall be indicated by a similar strip above the number.

The above paragraph does not apply to boats with registered number in a recognized national class. Where such a class is divided into more than one group, the second group shall be indicated by the flying of an approved orange pennant and the third group shall be indicated by the flying of an approved green pennant on the after-stay, roach of sail or end of boom.

## 4. Safety

(a) It shall be the sole responsibility of the skipper of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or to continue a race.

(b) All yachts must carry safety equipment as specified by their class, which shall include not less than a paddle, bucket or pump, anchor and line and one U.S.C.G. approved life preserver for each member of the crew. All yachts are subject to the inspection and disqualification for failure to carry specified equipment.

(c) It is recommended that an approved vest type life preserver be worn by all non-swimmers and juniors under the age of 15 years when hazardous conditions prevail.

## 5. Entries

(a) All one design and restricted classes must file with the Secretary of the Association or Regatta Committee a copy of their class rules and regulations. No yacht will be entitled to start in any race in such class unless the yacht



conforms to the rules and regulations of Barneget Bay Yacht Racing Association. Skippers of national class yachts are required to be members in good standing in their respective class organizations.

(b) Entries shall be made as required by the Regatta Committee in the notice of the race.

(c) No race shall be started with less than two entries and no race shall be declared finished unless there are at least two starters in a class.

(d) The Regatta Committee may refuse to recognize any entry made after the time of closing and may, if it considers it expedient, reject any entry.

(e) A member of the Local Regatta Committee shall be on duty on the day of the race at a suitable place, prepared to receive entries and take fees in all classes from 9 A.M. until the start of the last morning race and from 1 P.M. until the start of the last afternoon race.

(f) New entries shall not be received for any re-sailed race. A yacht which has been disqualified in the original race shall be eligible to start in the re-sailed race. A yacht which, although duly entered, did not start in the original race, may, at the discretion of the Regatta Committee, be allowed to compete in the re-sailed race.

(g) An entrance fee of Two dollars (\$2.00) shall be charged for point races in Senior Classes and a fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) in Junior and Intermediate Classes.

(h) In Junior Classes with an age limit, a contestant will be considered eligible when his age limit birthday will not have been reached on the day of the first regatta.

Class "A" Sneakboxes must be sailed by a skipper and crew less than 20 years of age and must conform with class specifications. Boats built after 1952 must have measurement certificates.

Class "B" Sneakboxes must be sailed by a skipper and crew less than 16 years of age, must conform with class specifications, and shall have a horizontal stripe of black or red cloth, twelve inches long and 3 inches wide, attached to both sides of the sail directly below the racing number. Boats built after 1952 must have measurement certificates.

Junior Comets and Junior Jets must be sailed by a skipper and crew less than 18 years of age.

Junior Penguins must be sailed by a skipper and crew less than 15 years of age and Intermediate Penguins must be sailed by a skipper and crew less than 18 years of age.

(i) The owner of each yacht entered for a race shall be furnished at the time of the entry, or as soon thereafter as possible, with written or printed instructions as to the conditions of the race along with a chart of the possible courses, the designating letters for the classes and key numbers for the course.

(j) A letter designating the next class that is to start, together with the course number for that class, will be displayed on the Signal Board after the preparatory signal and retained until the starting signal of each class.

(k) No change in the course shall be made after the preparatory signal for the race. At its discretion, the Regatta Committee may shorten or cancel any or all races at any time after the start if in its opinion foul weather might endanger the yachts or the wind has become too light.

## 6. Starting and Finishing Line Rules

(a) A yacht must be free and clear of all docks, moorings, and other boats at the time of her preparatory signal.

(b) A yacht starts when, after her starting signal, her mast crosses the starting line in the proper direction; a yacht finishes when her mast crosses the finish line in the proper direction.

(c) A yacht shall keep clear of the starting area and the first leg of the course before her preparatory signal and of the finish line and the last leg of the course after finishing.

(d) A yacht starting after the signal for the start of the next class has been made shall, in starting, keep clear of and give way to yachts starting during their specified starting intervals.

### 7. Time Limit

(a) No race shall be declared finished where the elapsed time of the winning boat is more than the length of the course in miles multiplied by thirty minutes.

### 8. Courses and Marks

(a) The limit of the distance for Point Races shall be fixed by the Committee in charge according to climatic conditions unless established by a Deed of Gift.

(b) The turning markers shall consist of 55 gallon drums painted bright orange secured with suitable moorings such as 25 lb. mushroom anchors or concrete blocks 18" x 18" x 6".

Each turning marker must have painted in black on its top an identifying letter(s) of the member Yacht Club establishing and maintaining same. The letter(s) must appear within a square having a 1 inch black border. For those Yacht Clubs having a two letter identification the square must have an inside measurement of 6 inches; for those Yacht Clubs having a one letter identification the square must have an inside measurement of 4 inches. Identifying letters shall be as set forth below:

Bay Head Y.C.	BH	Seaside Park Y.C.	SP
Mantoloking Y.C.	M	Ocean Gate Y.C.	OG
Shore Acres Y.C.	SA	Island Heights Y.C.	IH
Normandy Beach Y.C.	NB	Toms River Y.C.	TR
Levallette Y.C.	L	Beachwood Y.C.	B

Each turning marker must have a 1 inch white boot top. Turning marker numbers are to be painted in black on each end.

No flagpole or stick of any sort is to be mounted on the marks except for stake boats—they to display Code Flag

"M". Government marks and aids to navigation are not marks of the course unless designated as such on the course sheet.

(c) Should any mark be missing or moved from its proper position during the race, the Regatta Committee shall, if possible, replace it or substitute the mark with a stake boat displaying the Code Flag "M". Failing thus to re-establish the mark, the race may be ordered re-sailed or not at the option of the Regatta Committee.

### B. SCORING

1. Each season the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association will award the championship to the yacht in each class making the highest score according to the method outlined below.

2. Only those races designated for points in the championship series in the annual Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association Schedule of Races, and no other, will be considered in computing the record of each yacht. No new class shall be added to the race program for championship purposes after the issuance of the annual Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association Schedule of Races.

3. In order to qualify for championship a yacht must be classified as a starter in both of the last two season races and all but two of the other races scheduled for her class, except as specified to the contrary in the annual Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association Schedule of Races.

4. A Skipper may not qualify the same yacht for Championship in both Junior and Senior Classes and if he sails such yacht in both classes he must state in which class he elects to qualify and compete for trophies on his entry card for his first race of the season.

5. The championship record of a qualified yacht will be the percentage which the total number of points to her credit at the end of the season bears to the total number of points she would have had if she had won every race in which she started.

6. In each championship race a yacht shall be credited with as many points as the number of starters she defeats with one point added for completing the course.

7. Points shall be awarded to yachts only and not to skippers. In the event that a yacht is sold during the course of racing season, her accumulation of points shall be disregarded and the new owner shall start as though purchasing a brand new yacht. If the original owner buys a new yacht, his former scores will not carry over to the new yacht.

8. If two or more yachts tie in a race, each shall receive full place-points for that place. Succeeding yachts not in the tie shall receive their place-points as though there had been no tie; i.e., as though the tied yachts had finished separately.

9. If two or more yachts tie for first place in a race involving a trophy the Regatta Committee may order the yachts to sail off the tie if possible, otherwise, it will be decided by the toss of a coin.

10. In the event that two or more yachts tie in the final championship standings, the yacht that has finished ahead of the other yacht the greater number of times in the championship shall be considered as being ahead of the other. If this does not break the tie the yacht that finished ahead of the other in the last championship race shall be considered as being ahead of the other in the series.

11. Starters in any class shall be such yachts that are properly entered on the day of the race and have properly crossed the starting line.

12. Upon appeal by the skipper of a properly entered yacht which is unable to start by reason of circumstances unquestionably beyond its control, such as immediate irreparable damage suffered through the action of another yacht or person, the Regatta Committee, at its discretion, may allow such a yacht to withdraw its entry and receive a special cut for that race.

13. A yacht that starts and does not finish will receive no points, but will be counted as a defeated yacht in awarding points to yachts which complete the race.

14. A disqualified yacht shall be considered as a starter, but will receive no points and will be considered as a defeated yacht in awarding points to other yachts in her class.

15. A report of each championship race giving the identities of all yachts starting therein, their order of finish, together with the entry sheets, shall be filed with the Scorer of the Regatta Committee.

16. A suitable Point Score Accumulation Sheet will be maintained by the Scorer showing in detail the record of each yacht's activity each racing season.

### C. PROTEST, DISQUALIFICATION AND APPEALS

1. Any yacht that fails to observe these rules or fouls a competing yacht or a mark of the course shall be disqualified.

2. Intention of filing protest must be indicated by the displaying Code Flag "B" (red) as soon as reasonably possible after the alleged foul is committed. If this signal is not plainly visible to the Regatta Committee on crossing the finish line, any subsequent protest will be disallowed. Disabled yachts that fail to cross the finish line must make known their intention to protest with the Regatta Committee.

3. A protesting yacht must give the identity of the yacht or yachts protested to the Regatta Committee immediately after crossing the finish line and must try to notify the yacht or yachts protested of its intention to protest as soon as reasonably possible.

4. All protests must be made in writing on approved forms, signed by the Skipper and must name the rule or rules alleged to have been infringed and contain a statement of the facts. They must be filed with the Local Regatta Committee within one hour after crossing the finish line. A copy of the protest should be given to the skipper of the protested yacht so that he is afforded an opportunity to prepare his defense.

5. The Local Regatta Committee will hear the protest as soon as possible and will render a decision forthwith. Failure of principals or witnesses to appear will not postpone the hearing and decision will be made on evidence at hand. The decision must be in writing and filed with the Scorer along with the original protest papers. Notice of intention to appeal the decision of the Local Regatta Committee to the Regatta Committee of Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association must be given at once and written appeal mailed to the Scorer, postmarked not later than seventy-two hours following the decision of the Local Regatta Committee. Appeals will be received by the Regatta Committee only on the basis of interpretation of the rules or the introduction of new evidence.

6. Should the measurements of any yacht be protested, such protest must be made in writing to the duly appointed Measurer of the class to which the protested yacht belongs, accompanied by a cash fee of Ten dollars (\$10.00) and a copy sent to the Secretary of Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association. Should this protest be allowed, the fee will be returned and proper action taken by the Regatta Committee against the offending yacht. Should it not be allowed the fee will be forfeited and used to defray the expenses involved in the measurement. Any balance remaining to be paid over to the Treasurer of Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association. Appeal from the decision of the Class Measurer may be made to the duly elected Measurer of Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association, whose decision will be final.

#### D. DISQUALIFICATION WITHOUT PROTEST

1. Should it come to the knowledge of the Regatta Committee, or should it have reasonable ground to believe that a competitor has infringed the Rules, it may disqualify such competitor without protest, but only after notice has been given and after a hearing by the Local Regatta Committee, at which time the Skipper of the yacht involved shall have the right to be present and submit such evidence as he may deem necessary.

2. Should a gross breach of these rules be proved against any participant, he may be disqualified by the Regatta Committee from sailing in any race held by the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association for such time as it may deem proper.

3. Any Skipper withdrawing from a race without prompt notice to the Regatta Committee or one of the Regatta Patrol Boats flying a numbered Patrol Flag, shall, upon notification of the Regatta Committee to the Commodore or other representative of the Skippers' Club, be disqualified for the next two races. The Skipper, however, shall have the right to appeal within seventy-two hours to the Regatta Committee, which Committee should it affirm the disqualification, shall have the right to increase or decrease the penalty. The appellant shall have the right to continue to race pending decision by the Regatta Committee.