

RACING RULES OF THE BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. All races held under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be sailed under the rules of the IYRU, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Sailing Instructions and these Rules. Inasmuch as no Rules can be devised to cover every situation, it shall be the duty of the Regatta Committee to decide all questions which may arise. In deciding such questions the Regatta Committee shall not act before satisfying itself that its action is as equitable as possible to all yachts concerned.
2. All races held under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be conducted by a Race Committee appointed by the Regatta Committee of the Association and chaired by the Vice Commodore.
3. Each year the Regatta Committee shall adopt Sailing Instructions which shall be provided to all entrants. The Regatta Committee should also cause appropriate race information not contained in these Rules and required by IYRR Part II, 2, "Notice of Race", to be published in the Annual Regatta Schedule.

B. ELIGIBILITY

1. A yacht entered for a race must be the bona fide property of a recognized yacht club or of the person in whose name she is entered, who must be a member of a yacht club of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association. A member chartering a yacht shall be deemed the owner provided said yacht has been chartered in good faith for a period of not less than thirty days.
2. Any class qualifying three or more yachts in the previous years series will be eligible for competition. Additional classes may be considered upon written petition to the Regatta Committee by at least six skippers representing a minimum of three member clubs. Such petition shall include a commitment from each skipper stating his/her intention to qualify for the championship. Those classes eligible for competition each year shall be designated by the Regatta Committee and published in the Annual Regatta Schedule.
3. 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 last day of the calendar year.
4. Skippers/Helmsmen are required to be members of the BBYRA, a member Club of said Association, and their respective class organizations. Class Representatives must furnish the Regatta Committee with a list of eligible skippers.

C. ENTRIES

1. A member of the Regatta Committee shall supervise the receipt of entries and fees in all classes.
2. Entries shall be made as required by the Regatta Committee.
3. An entry fee will be charged for the season or for each race of the championship series for all classes at rates established by the BBYRA. Entry fees are non-refundable.

D. RACING TRIM

1. All one-design and restricted classes must file with the Association Measurer a copy of their class rules and regulations which shall include restrictions, measurements and designations pertaining to the hull, mast, rigging, sails, and crew limitations as to weight and number, not later than two weeks prior to the date of the first championship regatta. These will remain frozen through the current Regatta season. No yacht will be entitled to start in any race unless the yacht meets the above mentioned requirements and conforms to the racing rules and regulations of the Association.
2. A record of class restrictions and designations including sails, crew limitations, equipment, etc., will be maintained by the Association Measurer.
3. All yachts must carry safety equipment as specified by their class, as may be required by the USCG and as set forth in Appendix 1. Deviations for any class may be granted by the Regatta Committee.

E. SCORING

1. Each season the Association will award the championship to the yacht in each class making the best score according to the method outlined below. The BBYRA may act to suspend the awards of a class's season championship series if the final outcome of its series is dependent on the outcome of an appeal.
2. Only those races designated for points in the championship series 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 Regatta Schedule.
3. In order to qualify for the championship a yacht must be classified as a starter in all but three races of those started for her class except as indicated in the Annual Regatta Schedule.
4. A yacht shall rank as a starter if she has entered in accordance with Section C. of these Rules and conforms to IYRR 74.5(a). No race shall be declared official unless there are two or more starters.
5. The championship record of a qualified yacht will be her total score divided by the number of points she would have received had she finished first in every race she ranked as a starter. The highest score wins.
6. A yacht shall score one point for finishing plus one point for each yacht beaten. All other yachts, including a yacht which finishes and thereafter retires or is disqualified, shall score 0 points except as otherwise provided in these Rules. All yachts ranking as starters shall be considered beaten whether or not they start, finish, or are disqualified. Yachts not starting or ranking as starters will not be scored.
7. Notwithstanding paragraphs 5 & 6, any class which so requests prior to March 15th, may be scored in accordance with IYRR Appendix B2A, The Low-Point Averaged Scoring System, except as modified by Paragraphs E.3 & E.9 of these Rules.
8. A yacht receiving a Scoring Penalty shall be scored in accordance with IYRR Appendix B1, Scoring Penalty.

9. A yacht which ranks as a starter in more than the minimum number of races required to qualify shall have that race most detrimental to her record excluded.
10. Points shall be awarded to a yacht and may not be transferred except by specific written permission of the Regatta Committee.
11. If two or more yachts tie in a race, the total points for the positions involved shall be divided equally between them.
12. If two or more yachts tie for first place in a race involving a trophy, the Regatta Committee may order a resale if possible, otherwise the trophy will be awarded to each yacht to be held an equal length of time.
13. 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 the winner. If this does not break the tie the yacht with the most firsts, then seconds, etc. shall be declared the winner.
14. A report of each championship race giving the identification of all yachts registered therein, their order of finish, together with the entry sheets, shall be filed with the Scorer of the Regatta Committee and kept for two years.
15. A suitable Point Accumulation Sheet will be maintained by the Scorer showing in detail the record of each yacht's activity for the current racing season. All scores shall be considered final fifteen days after they are published except as indicated in the Sailing Instructions or where a decision on a valid protest is pending. Final Point Accumulation Sheets shall be filed with the Secretary at the conclusion of each season.
16. First place individual regatta pennants will be awarded for each race of the championship series. Second place pennants will be awarded when there are between 4 and 6 starters, and third place pennants awarded when there are more than 6 starters.
17. Season championship flags and trophies will be awarded to the winning yacht in each class. Second place trophies will be awarded when there are between 4 and 6 qualifiers; third place when there are between 7 and 17 qualifiers; fourth place when there are between 18 and 27 qualifiers; and fifth place when there are more than 27 qualifiers.
18. Races not started and deemed "abandoned, not to be sailed", shall not be scored. The total number of races in the series shall be reduced by the number of "abandoned, not to be sailed", races.

F. PROTESTS, DISQUALIFICATIONS & APPEALS

1. Protests and Hearings shall be in accordance with current US SAILING procedures except as modified in the Sailing Instructions.
2. All decisions upon written protests shall be in writing and filed with the Scorer along with the original protest papers. The Scorer, after noting any adjustments to the scores of the yacht(s) involved, shall forward the original protest, decision and pertinent papers to the Secretary of the Association who shall keep them on file for a period of two years.
3. An owner or his representative or the Race Committee wishing to appeal a decision of the protest committee must signify that by filing a written appeal, postmarked not later than fifteen (15) days following receipt of the written decision, which shall be sent to the Scorer with copies to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee and the Chairman of the Regatta Committee of the BBYRA. A copy shall also be sent to the other yacht(s) involved, who appeared or were entitled to appear at the protest hearing. The written appeal shall contain the grounds for appeal. Appeals to the Appeals Committee of the Association shall be limited to interpretation of the rules.
4. The Appeals Committee of the Association may affirm or reverse the decision of the protest committee.
5. Decisions of the Appeals Committee shall be in writing and the grounds of each decision shall be specified therein. Copies thereof shall be sent to all parties to the infringement and appeal.
6. The Appeals Committee prescribes that anyone submitting an appeal shall include a payment of \$10.

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APPENDIX 1

SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT CHECK LIST

	<u>Paddle</u>	Manual Bailer Min. 4 qt. or <u>Pump</u>	<u>Anchor</u>	Anchor/ Tow <u>Line*</u>	Life <u>Vest</u>	<u>Cushion</u>
Blue Jay	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Cat Boat - All	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ensign	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
"E" Sloop	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flying Scot	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hobie	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Laser	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Laser II	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Lightning	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
"M" Sloop	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sneakbox	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

*All yachts must carry a tow line solely dedicated to towing and/or anchoring and readily available for use at all times. Line must be at least 24' long and of sufficient strength to tow a swamped boat.