

# 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 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 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 boats 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 RSS M1, "Notice of Race Contents", to be published in the Annual Regatta Schedule.

## B. ELIGIBILITY

1. A boat 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 boat shall be deemed the owner provided said boat has been chartered in good faith for a period of not less than thirty days.
2. Any class qualifying three or more boats 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. Any new class accepted shall be considered "provisional" for a period of at least one year. Provisional classes are not eligible for championship or race awards. 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. Member Clubs are expected to furnish the Regatta Committee with a membership list and a list of BBYRA contributing members prior to June 15th of each year.

## 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 boat will be entitled to start in any race unless the boat 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 boats 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

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Each season the Association will award the championship to the boat 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 boat. 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 boat 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. Points shall be awarded to a boat and may not be transferred except by specific written permission of the Regatta Committee.
5. A boat shall rank as a starter if she has entered in accordance with Section C. of these Rules and comes to the starting line. No race shall be declared official unless there are two or more starters. Boats not ranking as starters will not be scored.

### RACE SCORES

6. a) Each boat starting and finishing in a race, and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified, shall score one point for finishing plus one point for each boat beaten. All other boats which rank as starters shall score 0 points except as otherwise provided in these Rules. All boats ranking as starters shall be considered beaten whether or not they start, finish, retire, or are disqualified.  
b) Notwithstanding paragraph a) any class which so requests prior to March 15th, may be scored in accordance with RRS A2.2, Low Point System, modified so that all boats ranking as starters that do not start, finish, retire, or are disqualified will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the total number of starters. When such request is granted, it shall remain in effect until a new request is received.

7. A boat taking a Scoring Penalty shall be scored in accordance with RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty.
8. 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.
9. When a race is started and subsequently "abandoned, not to be sailed", only boats ranking as starters will be entered for purposes of qualification in accordance with Par. E.3 & E.11.

#### SERIES SCORES

10. The championship record of a qualified boat 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 except as modified by Paragraphs E3 & E11 of these Rules. When scored in accordance with 6.a), highest score wins; with 6.b), lowest score wins.
11. A boat 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.

#### TIES

12. a) Modifying RRS A1.4 a), if two or more boats tie for first place in a race involving a trophy, the Regatta Committee may order a resail if possible, otherwise the trophy will be awarded to each boat to be held an equal length of time.  
b) Modifying RRS A1.4 b) and A2.3, in the event that two or more boats tie in the final championship standings, the boat that has finished ahead of the other boat the greater number of times in the championship shall be considered the winner. If this does not break the tie RRS A2.3 will apply.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

13. A report of each championship race giving the identification of all boats registered therein and their order of finish shall be filed with the Scorer of the Regatta Committee and kept for two years.
14. A suitable Point Accumulation Sheet will be maintained by the Scorer showing in detail the record of each boat's activity for the current racing season. All scores shall be considered final eight days after they are posted on the official notice board except that they shall be considered final at 0830 on the day of the final regatta and unless a decision on a valid protest or appeal is pending.
15. First place individual regatta pennants will be awarded for each race of the championship series. Second place pennants will be awarded when there are at least four starters and third place when there are at least seven starters.
16. Season championship flags and trophies will be awarded to the winning boat in each class. Second place trophies will be awarded when there are at least four qualifiers, third place when there are at least seven qualifiers, fourth place when there are at least 18 qualifiers and fifth place when there are at least 28 qualifiers.

#### 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 boat(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 boat(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>	<u>Manual Bailer Min. 4 qt. or Pump</u>	<u>Anchor</u>	<u>Anchor/ Tow Line*</u>	<u>Life Vest</u>	<u>Cushion</u>
"A" Cat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Blue Jay	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Club 420	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Ensign	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
"E" Sloop	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flying Scot	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Laser	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Lightning	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
"M" Sloop	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sanderling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sandpiper	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sneakbox	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

\*All boats 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.