

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 Races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Racing Rules of the BBYRA and by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 ADDENDUM TO THE BBYRA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUB 420, LASER RADIAL, AND AM SUNFISH will apply to these Classes and when in conflict supercedes these BBYRA Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the vicinity of the registration desk at the regatta headquarters.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hours prior to the scheduled AM or PM Warning Signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the regatta headquarters.

4.2 When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'.

5. ACCOUNTABILITY

5.1 Changes of registered skipper (person in charge) or sail number must be submitted in writing at the registration desk or a late entry boat prior to a boat's applicable warning signal. The skipper need not be the helmsman but must be on board while racing.

5.2 Any registered boat sailing in her starting area between her warning and starting signals will be considered a starter. A boat that comes to her starting line and elects not to race must so advise a late entry boat before her warning signal.

5.3 The committee will endeavor to account for all entered boats. If a boat does not start or fails to finish, the skipper shall report personally or by radio directly to the Regatta Committee or Patrol Boat flying a patrol flag before leaving the course. Any boat withdrawing from the race without prompt notice may be disqualified for the next two races.

6. CLASS SIGNALS AND STARTING TIMES

See inside

7. THE COURSE

7.1 The course chart shows the approximate location of marks, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7.2 The Class placard and number of course to be sailed by that Class will be displayed at its Preparatory Signal. This modifies RRS 27.1.

7.3 When courses 0 through 8 are signaled, the PORTABLE MARK COURSE ADDENDUM will apply.

7.4 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

7.5 Any special course will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least two hours prior to the scheduled Warning Signal.

8. MARKS

8.1 Permanent marks will be drums painted orange and white with identifying letters painted in black.

8.2 Temporary marks will be as noted in paragraphs 9.3, 11.2, 18, 24, 26, and AA on the Course Chart.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 When back-to-back races are scheduled for a class, AM or PM, the warning signal for the second race will be made as soon as practical. To alert boats that the second race will begin soon, Flag Q will be displayed for at least 4 minutes and lowered one minute before the warning signal is displayed. If more than one class has back-to-back races, Flag Q will be displayed over the class flags of the competing fleets. The sequence of the class flags, top to bottom, will indicate the order of start.

9.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Signal Boat at the starboard end and a large orange conical inflatable mark at the port end.

9.4 An orange ball attached to a Signal or Finish Boat is considered a part of the boat.

9.5 Boats sailing on a leg of the course may not cross the start line except to start.

9.6 A boat shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal.

10. RECALLS

When there is an individual recall, the race committee may hail the sail number of the recalled boat(s) on VHF channel 68 and loud hailer. The following changes rule 62.1(a) and will not be grounds for redress: failure of the race committee to hail or broadcast any sail numbers; failure of a boat to receive the recall hail or broadcast; a boat's position in the sequence of hail or broadcast numbers; promptness of the hail or broadcast.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 For fixed mark courses the Race Committee will attempt to establish a windward finish and a patrol boat at the last turning mark may display a placard indicating the approximate bearing to the finish. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.

11.2 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Finish Boat and a large orange conical inflatable mark, except as indicated in the PORTABLE MARK COURSE ADDENDUM.

12. TIME LIMIT

12.1 The time limit will be 2 hours. A boat finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat of her class finishes will be scored "Did not finish". This changes RRS 35 & A4.1.

12.2 For morning races, no Warning Signal will be made after 11:30 AM. For afternoon races, no Warning Signal will be made after 3:30 PM.

13. PROTESTS

13.1 All alternative penalties taken and intent to protest or file for redress should be reported to the Regatta Committee immediately after finishing.

13.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the regatta headquarters or line, finish, or signal boat, or online at www.bbyra.org. Protest forms may be lodged:

- a) In person to the Protest Committee Chairman or secretary, or a BBYRA Flag Officer, or
- b) Electronically at www.bbyra.org.

All protests whether lodged in person or electronically must be submitted by 2000 hrs. on the day of the race in question, except on the last scheduled racing day when the protest time shall be 1 hour from the time the Signal boat docks.

13.3 Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time limit on the official Protest Committee notice board at www.bbyra.org. Protests will be heard at Regatta Headquarters commencing at 0700 on the next scheduled race day, or at a location and time agreed upon by the protest committee and interested parties, except on the last race day when protests will be heard immediately following the races.

13.4 The time limit for any redress filings on the last scheduled day shall be the protest time limit. This modifies RRS 62.2

14. PENALTIES

14.1 The Two-Turns Penalty, RRS 44.2 will apply except that instead of two turns the penalty is one turn including one tack and one jibe. This modifies RRS 44.2.

14.2 Notwithstanding paragraph 14.1, a competitor may elect to accept a Scoring Penalty, as prescribed in RRS 44.3.

14.3 The penalty for Failed Inspection is DSQ without a hearing. This modifies the last sentence of RRS Appendix A5.

15. SAFETY

15.1 All Club 420 and single handed competitors shall wear personal buoyancy at all times afloat except for brief periods (e.g. changing clothes). This changes RRS 40. and the Part 4 preamble.

15.2 E Sloops shall deploy mainsail flotation at all times while racing.

15.3 Safety inspections will be conducted at the discretion of the Regatta Committee. Flag "L" and a class signal displayed at the finish line will indicate a mandatory inspection. Boats are required to respond by checking in with a safety patrol boat flying flag "L" and the class signal on station in the vicinity of the finish line. Boats must remain in the area until inspected and dismissed by the inspection team. While awaiting inspection, contact with other boats is prohibited. Failure to comply with this instruction is DSQ without a hearing. This modifies the last sentence of RRS Appendix A5.

16. POSTPONEMENT SIGNAL ("AP", Answering Pennant)

This signal made before NOON does not refer to afternoon races. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

17. COME WITHIN HAIL SIGNAL (Flag "L")

Flag "L", when displayed afloat to indicate "Come within Hail", is mandatory. Failure to respond will be grounds for disqualification. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

18. MARK MISSING ("M")

A missing mark will be designated either by a black and yellow buoy or a buoy or vessel displaying Flag M. Sound signals while displaying "M" may be omitted. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

19. ABANDONMENT SIGNALS ("N" & "N" over "A")

Flag "N" over "A" means, "All races including those not started are abandoned and will not be sailed." This signal made before 12:20 PM does not refer to afternoon races. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

20. SHORTEN COURSE SIGNAL (Flag "S")

Flag "S" means "RRS 32.2 is in effect".

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all competitors, or use a mobile telephone. Transmission from these devices is only allowed for emergencies. The Race committee will monitor VHF Channel 68 for emergency transmissions. The channel may also be used by competitors to report withdrawal from a race. The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast sail numbers of boats that are OCS for individual recalls on Channel 68

22. Scoring

22.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. RRS A.9, Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta, replaces RRS A4.2.

22.2 The number of scheduled races is as shown on the Class Schedule.

22.3 a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed for her class, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

b) When 5 to 6 races have been completed for her class, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

c) When 7 to 8 races have been completed for her class, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

d) When 9 to 11 races have been completed for her class, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

e) When 12 or more races have been completed for her class, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores.

22.4 Qualification for the season Championship will be as prescribed in Racing Rules of the BBYRA.

PORTABLE MARK COURSE ADDENDUM

The following instructions are applicable ONLY to courses 0 - 8:

23. THE COURSE

23.1 The diagrams show the courses, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which the marks are to be left.

23.2 A gate may be employed on any windward-leeward course. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. Use of a gate will be signaled by display of placard "G" following the course number.

23.3 A short leeward mark may be used and will be signaled by placard "S" following the course number.

24. MARKS - Marks will be yellow inflatables. New marks, as provided in instruction 25, Changing the Next Leg of Course after the Start, will be orange inflatables. The Initial Mark (IM) will be a large green inflatable. The short leeward mark will be a yellow inflatable with a black band.

25. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE - 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.

26. THE FINISH - The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Finish Boat displaying the flag/flags designating the class/classes using this finish line and an orange ball to weather of the windward mark except Courses 7 and 8 that will finish between a Finish Boat and an orange ball in the vicinity of the leeward mark.

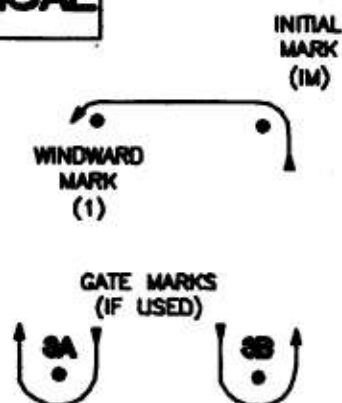
USE OF AN "INITIAL MARK"

On portable courses, the BBYRA is using a green INITIAL MARK (IM) located to windward of the starting area. Boats must leave this mark to port prior to assuming the posted course. The initial mark will be placed approximately 100-200 yards to the right of the first portable mark. See Diagrams.

USE OF A "SHORT LEEWARD MARK" (SI 23.3)

If a SHORT LEEWARD MARK is used it will be a yellow inflatable with a black band placed to windward of Mark 3.

TYPICAL



PORTABLE MARK COURSES

Note particularly SI 7.3, 11.2, 23, 24, 25 & 26

