

BBYRA CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

2020 GREEN COURSE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 60.1 is modified so that a boat may not protest another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the vicinity of the registration desk at the regatta headquarters for that week.
- 2.2 The Protest Notice Board shall be the BBYRA website (www.bbyra.org).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted at least two hours prior to the scheduled AM or PM First Warning Signal or on the water, communicated to each boat prior to her warning signal.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the regatta headquarters.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 See GREEN COURSE CLASS SIGNALS AND STARTING TIMES for race schedule and warning times.
- 5.2 For morning races, no warning signal shall be made after 1130.
- 5.3 For afternoon races, no warning signal shall be made after 1530.

6 THE COURSES

- 6.1 The Start and Finish boat will display a green color flag.
 - a) On race days hosted by yacht clubs north of the Mathis Bridge, the racing area will be the Green Island Course. On race days hosted by yacht clubs south of the Mathis Bridge, excluding the SPYC race day, the racing area will be the Wanamaker Course.
 - b) On SPYC race day, the racing area will be the Seaside Park Course.
- 6.2 Portable Mark Courses:
 - a) The course designator W, S, O or T and the number of legs shall be displayed on a placard on the Start Boat no later than preparatory signal for each fleet.
 - a) Course W is a windward/leeward course.
 - b) Course S is a windward/leeward course, where the windward mark is the short mark.
 - c) Course O is an Olympic triangle.
 - d) Course T is a triangle.
 - b) If the letter "S" is displayed following the number of legs, then the leeward mark is the short mark.
 - c) If the "C" flag is displayed on the stern of the Start Boat during the start sequence, the windward mark shall be the Change Mark as provided in SI 7.2b).
 - d) An offset may be employed at the weather mark. When present, boats shall round the offset mark to port while approaching and after rounding the weather mark.
 - e) When the letter "G" is signaled on the course placard, a gate may be set as the leeward mark on any windward-leeward course. When a leeward gate is set, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
 - f) If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark in position shall be rounded to port.
 - g) Examples:

- a) Example: W4G is a four leg windward/leeward course, finish downwind, with a gate as the leeward mark.
 - b) Example: S5G is a five leg windward/leeward course, finish to windward, with a gate as the leeward mark, and the short mark as the windward mark.
 - c) Example: W4S is a 4 leg windward/leeward course, finish to leeward, where the leeward mark is the short mark.
- 6.3 Fixed Mark Courses:
- a) Fixed mark courses are numbered courses using fixed marks. See UPPER BAY COURSE CHART and LOWER BAY COURSE CHART for a list of courses consisting of 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.
 - b) The number of course to be sailed will be displayed not later than the Preparatory Signal for each fleet. This modifies RRS 27.1.
- 6.4 Any special course, not included in these instructions, will be posted on the official notice board.
- 6.5 For a race with a club finish the last leg of the posted course is from the last turning mark to the host club.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 For fixed mark courses, permanent marks will be drums painted orange and white with identifying letters in black.
- 7.2 For Portable Mark Courses:
- a) The turning marks of the course will be large yellow balls.
 - b) The Change Mark as provided in SI 6.2c) and SI 10 will be a large ball with yellow and black alternating panels.
 - c) The short mark, when used as either the windward mark for course S, or as the leeward mark shall be a large yellow ball with a horizontal black stripe. This mark will be placed to leeward of the windward mark, and to windward of the leeward mark or gate.
- 7.3 A missing mark will be replaced either by an orange tetrahedron or boat displaying Flag M. Sound signals while displaying Flag M. Sounds may be omitted. This modifies RRS 34(b) and RRS Race Signals.

8 THE START

- 8.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Start Boat at the starboard end and an orange pin at the port end.
- 8.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. After starting and before finishing, a boat may not cross the start line.
- 8.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 8.4 The race committee may attempt to hail and broadcast sail numbers of boats that are OCS on VHF Radio. Failure 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 shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.5 A small limiting mark may be attached to the stern of the Start Boat, and if present shall be considered part of the Start Boat.

9 THE FINISH

- 9.1 For upwind finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape on the Finish Boat and an orange ball on the port side of the finish boat.
- 9.2 For downwind finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape on the Start Boat and an orange ball on the starboard side of the start boat.
- 9.3 For club finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape at the host club and an orange mark.

10 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 During the race, marks may be repositioned without signal for minor changes in the course. This shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 33 and RRS 62.1.
- 10.2 When a change in course is signaled, the new mark shall be the change mark as provided by SI 7.2b). If a subsequent change is signaled, the new mark shall be the original mark.
- 10.3 RRS 33 is modified such that:
 - a) Paragraph a) is modified to read "If the direction of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and the new course displayed on a course board."
 - b) Paragraph b) is deleted.
- 10.4 When a change in course is signaled prior to the start as noted in SI 6.2c), only flag "C" will be displayed. This modifies RRS 33 a).

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 may either take a penalty as prescribed in RRS 44.1 or a Scoring Penalty as prescribed in RRS 44.3.
- 11.2 For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe) replaces the Two-Turns Penalty.

12 POSTPONEMENT AND ABANDONMENT

- 12.1 A postponement signaled before 1200 does not apply to afternoon races. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 12.2 Flag N over A over first substitute will Abandon All Races for the Morning. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 If no boat has finished a race within two hours the RC shall abandon the race.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within two hours, or within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, or by 1230 for the morning races (whichever is earlier), shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This modifies RRS 35 and A4.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 A boat shall inform the race committee finish boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat. This changes RRS 61.
- 14.2 Protest forms are available at regatta headquarters, start boat, finish boat or online at www.bbyra.org. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit either:
 - a) In person to the Protest Committee Chairman or Secretary, Area PRO, or BBYRA Flag Officer, or
 - b) Electronically at www.bbyra.org
- 14.3 The protest time limit is 2000 on the day of the race in question, except on the last scheduled racing day when the protest time is 45 minutes from the time the Green Course Start Boat docks. This modifies RRS 62.2.
- 14.4 Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time limit on the official Protest Committee notice board at www.bbyra.org. Hearings will be held at Regatta Headquarters commencing at 1600 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 hearings will be held immediately following the races.
- 14.5 Breaches of Instructions SI 8.3, 16.1, 16.2, 16.3, 17 and 18 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

15 SCORING

- 15.1 In order to qualify for the Championship, a boat must check in with the Start Boat in at least 50% of the races started for her class.
- 15.2 RRS A.9 (Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta) shall apply.
- 15.3 For all classes, RRS A2 is modified so that:

- a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - c) When from 7 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
 - d) When from 9 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
 - e) When from 13 to 15 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores.
 - f) When more than 15 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her five worst scores.
- 15.4 The last sentence of RRS A9 is changed to read "A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored the points equal to the number of boats that came to the starting area plus one point."
- 15.5 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.2, A5 and A11.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Changes in registered skipper (person in charge) or sail number must be reported at the registration desk or reported to the late entry boat in the vicinity of the Start Boat or the Start Boat prior to the boat's warning signal. The skipper need not be the helmsman but must be on board while racing.
- 16.2 A boat that either retires from a race, or retires prior to starting a race shall notify either by VHF or in person, the race committee or a patrol boat prior to leaving the race area.
- 16.3 All single-handed competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while afloat. This changes RRS 40 and the Part 4 preamble.

17 SAFETY EQUIPMENT CHECKS

A boat may be inspected by the race committee at any time for compliance with the required safety equipment for her class (see NOR APPENDIX 1 for required safety equipment per class). When Flag L and a class signal are displayed at the finish line, boats in the signaled class shall proceed immediately to the inspection boat flying the same signal in the vicinity of the finish line for a mandatory safety inspection. Boats must remain in the area of the inspection boat until dismissed. While awaiting inspection, contact with other boats is prohibited. A boat that fails to comply with this sailing instruction, or does not display the required safety equipment to the inspection boat, shall be protested by the Race Committee. The penalty for breaking this sailing instruction shall be DSQ for the race immediately preceding the inspection.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 18.2 VHF radio channel 68 will to be used for emergencies and communication of race information.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.