

**RULES OF THE  
BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION (BBYRA)  
MARSHALL SANDERLING FLEET**

**These rules are in effect from  
January 1, 2014 until December 31, 2014**

**2011 Sanderling Fleet Officers:**

Fleet Captain:	Brian Harris	SAYC
Fleet Measurer:	Mark Schleckser	LYC

**PURPOSE:**

To promote and regulate racing of Marshall Sanderlings on Barnegat Bay as well as individual yacht clubs that make up the BBYRA and to award trophies for outstanding performance through competition.

Any Sanderling owner is permitted to compete in BBYRA- sponsored races provided the owner belongs to one of the affiliated yacht clubs that make up the BBYRA and have paid their Fleet dues. BBYRA entry fees are included as part of your club membership dues. Fleet dues must be paid to the Fleet Secretary PRIOR to the racing season.

**PREFACE:**

The guiding principle of the BBYRA Sanderling Fleet is that racing should be **FUN**. These rules are designed to help make the races enjoyable by keeping **boats and rigging as uniform as possible** through limitations on special equipment, gadgets and "go-fasts". These rules are intended to ensure that insofar as is possible, seamanship, sailing skill and tactics are the decisive factors in race results. The Marshall Sanderling, with the cuddy cabin is the BBYRA class boat. The only acceptable modifications are those specified in these rules.

**MAINSHEET:**

- The mainsheet may be cleated anywhere in the cockpit. A block may be added.
- One extra block may be added to the boom bringing the total to three.

**HALYARDS:**

- The blocks for the peak and throat halyards may be installed on the deck.
- The end of the peak halyard may be dead-ended on the becket of the bridle block or the end of the gaff.
- Cam cleats are permitted on the cabin top.

## **GAFF:**

- The addition of a bridle to the gaff is permitted.
- An extended wishbone on the gaff is permitted.

## **HIKING STICK:**

- A hiking stick of unlimited length is allowed.

## **BALLAST:**

- A minimum of 500 pounds of lead **MUST** be carried on the boat at all times. A form must be completed by the boat owner and kept on file with the Fleet Secretary for **AT LEAST 5 YEARS**.
- Spot inspection of lead weights can be made by the Fleet Captain or the Fleet Measurer **AT ANY TIME** to assure compliance. If any boat is found to be missing any weights, that boat will be disqualified from competition for the entire season and the BBYRA officers and the competitors club officers will be notified to do so.

## **BOAT WEIGHT AND CREW WEIGHT**

- Boat weight is determined by the Marshall Marine Corporation. Whatever the boat weighs when it is purchased is its' weight.
- There is no minimum crew weight.

## **SAIL SPECIFICATIONS:**

- Sail making is open to all sail makers who will certify adherence to the BBYRA specifications listed below. The sail must display the yacht club initials and a sail number on both sides of the sail **AT ALL TIMES**.
- All new sails must be measured and stamped with the measurer's initials and date by the Fleet Measurer **PRIOR** to BBYRA or club competition.
- Detailed sail specifications are listed below.

## **SAIL MEASUREMENT RULE:**

- Only one new sail may be measured prior to each racing season with the following exceptions.
- 1. When a boat is purchased new from Marshall, two new sails may be purchased and measured prior to use.
  2. When a boat changes hands, any unmeasured sails included with the purchase may be measured prior to being used. The new owner may also purchase two new sails in the same year and have them measured before being used.

### **WIND LIMITS AND CANCELLATIONS OF RACES:**

- The minimum sustained wind speed for two minutes for a race to be started is **5 mph**.
- The maximum sustained wind speed for two minutes for a race to be cancelled is **19 mph**.
- If the wind is within our sustained limit but there are gusts of 25 mph or more, the races should be cancelled.

### **SAIL ADJUSTMENTS:**

- Adjustments to the halyards are allowed while racing.
- Adjustments to the boom outhaul are permitted while racing.
- All other adjustments such as, but not limited to, leechline, cunningham, etc. are not permitted.

### **BOTTOM PAINT:**

- The bottom of the boat, below the bootstripe, must be **COMPLETELY** covered with antifouling bottom paint so that no part of the boat bottom is seen through the paint at the start of the racing season. The color of this bottom paint **MUST** differ from the underlying gelcoat to enable visual conformance to this rule. However, if the paint wears off throughout the season in spots due to cleaning the bottom or normal wear and tear, this is acceptable.

### **CENTERBOARD:**

- The centerboard may be made thicker to reduce centerboard play.
- Shims may be added to the centerboard truck to reduce centerboard play.

### **DUES:**

- Fleet dues will be \$10 per boat. You **MUST** be a member of the Fleet to race the BBYRA. Dues **MUST** be paid **PRIOR** to the start of the racing season. Dues will cover the cost of printing, mailing and any other miscellaneous expenses incurred by the Fleet. Anyone who does not pay the Fleet dues will not be considered part of the Fleet and will be disqualified from competition for the entire season and the BBYRA officers will be notified to do so.

### **FLEET MEETINGS:**

- The Fleet Captain **MUST** hold a Fleet meeting **AT LEAST** once a year, in the Fall, after all racing is completed but **BEFORE** the BBYRA Fall delegates meeting. At that time, rule changes will be discussed and voted on, the new officers will be elected and a list of racing change requests can be compiled to be submitted to the BBYRA officers.
- The Fleet Captain can call a "Special Meeting" of the Fleet at any time he/she feels an immediate decision needs to be made on an issue.

## VOTING:

- To be eligible to vote on Sanderling Fleet rule changes or any other issues pertaining to the Fleet, sailors must have **QUALIFIED** in the BBYRA races during the current season. **ONLY** the current season's skipper may vote.
- A voting ballot will be given to each eligible skipper to cast his/her vote either at the meeting or prior to the meeting by returning the ballot to the Fleet Secretary **AT LEAST** one week before the meeting.
- If the skipper is unable to attend the meeting or return the ballot, he/she may appoint someone to cast the vote for him/her. He/she **MUST** notify the Fleet Secretary in writing that he/she will be doing so.
- In addition, each Fleet Officer will get one vote. If a Fleet Officer also happens to be an eligible skipper for the current year, then he/she will only get one vote.
- Any items can be voted on at a Fleet meeting provided that all eligible skippers or representatives are present. If not all eligible sailors are present, the Fleet Secretary must send out a ballot for voting within two weeks of the meeting so that the ballot can be returned and the vote can count and be included in the following year's rules since the new rules will be effective on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- If the ballots that was sent out are not returned by the date specified, the vote will not count.
- Voting ballots should be distributed by the Fleet Secretary and **MUST** be kept on file for **AT LEAST 5 YEARS**.
- It will be the duty of the Fleet Secretary to make an effort to get a vote from each eligible person for that year in an effort to make the vote as fair as possible.
- When all votes have been counted, the majority will determine whether or not the issue is passed.

## RULE CHANGES:

- The rules will be in effect from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Changes can be made by submitting your request in writing to the Fleet Captain or Fleet Secretary at least two weeks **PRIOR** to the Fleet meeting to allow time for the requested changes to be distributed. The changes will be voted on at the Fall Fleet meeting. In order to cast a vote you should be present at the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, you must request a voting ballot from the Fleet Secretary **AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR** to the meeting. The ballot **MUST** be returned to the Fleet Secretary **ONE WEEK PRIOR** to the meeting to count. The Fleet meeting must be held **BEFORE** the annual Fall meeting of the BBYRA delegates in order to submit requested changes to the BBYRA.
- **ONLY** rules for which there is a requested change will be voted on each year. It will be assumed that all other rules will remain the same and will be effective the following year.

## **SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

The following safety equipment **MUST** be carried on board **AT ALL TIMES**:

1. A motor of **AT LEAST** 3.5 hp and gas **MUST** be carried on board while racing as a safety measure.
2. A pump or a minimum manual 4-quart bailer
3. An anchor and a towline solely dedicated to towing and/or anchoring and must be readily available for use at all times. The line must be **AT LEAST 24 FEET LONG**.
4. A life vest for each person on board **MUST** be carried and available at all times.
5. A throwable device
6. A **WORKING** whistle attached to the throwable device or to a life vest.
7. A portable safety ladder

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- The line used for the topping lift is optional.
- Boats must be wet sailed but may **ONLY** be hauled for bottom cleaning or to allow repairs.
- **US SAILING, BBYRA and class** racing rules apply.

## **FLEET CAPTAIN:**

The Fleet Captain must check to be sure that all competitors are in compliance with the Fleet and BBYRA rules **PRIOR** to the current racing season. The Fleet Captain has the right to check each competitor's boat prior to racing if there is a question or concern regarding a boat having the proper equipment and/or lead weights. The Fleet Captain may measure sails if the Fleet Measurer is not available.

## **FLEET MEASURER:**

The Fleet Measurer **MUST** measure all new sails for competitors **PRIOR** to using the sail. The Fleet Measurer also has the right to check each competitor's boat prior to racing if there is a question or concern regarding a boat having the proper equipment and/or lead weights.

## **FLEET SECRETARY:**

The Fleet Secretary will be responsible for sending out meeting notices, taking minutes at all Fleet meetings and distributing the minutes to all Fleet members, sending out any correspondence, updating approved rule changes, collecting Fleet dues, keeping the sail measurement and lead weight measurement forms for the Fleet and keeping any voting forms for **AT LEAST 5 YEARS**.