

# 2018 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

# BEVERLY YACHT CLUB, MARION, MA

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## 1. RULES

All BYC races will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) with US SAILING Prescriptions including Appendix V, except as changed by the BYC Racing Guide or the BYC Sailing instructions.

1.1 RRS, rule 61.1(a)(2) will be changed as follows: Racing rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted for the Bullseye and H-12 Classes.

1.2 Under RRS 87, H Class Rule under By Law II, Purpose 1, will be changed to allow The Cape Cod Shipbuilding version of the H-12 to participate in all BYC Series racing and Special races. (see Class Letter on the Official Notice Board)

1.3 Under RRS 87, H Class Rule under "Ballast and Weight Limit," the wording "and crew shall not be less than two persons" will be deleted to allow single handing. (see Class Letter on the Official Notice Board)

1.4 Genoas are not permitted for the Bullseye Class, unless a specific race event page, in the BYC Racing Guide, allows for its use.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the BYC porch.

## 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the Sailing Instructions or Schedule must be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 24 hours prior to the first scheduled warning signal of a Series or the first scheduled warning signal of a Special Race. Changes to the Sailing Instructions, excluding the schedule of races, may also be posted on the Race Committee boat prior to the warning signal and after displaying signal flag "L" and a radio announcement by the Race Committee on VHF c 72.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the BYC flagpole.

4.2 Flag AP displayed ashore means "The races are postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered." This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Time of the first warning for each series race is shown below. See the BYC Racing Guide for the racing calendar and the schedule for other events.

<u>Series</u>	<u>Time of First Warning</u>
Sunday Fall Series	1000
Sunday Series	1400
Tuesday Twilight Series	1800
Wednesday Twilight Series	1800
Thursday Ladies' Series	1400
Thursday Twilight Series	1800
Saturday Series	1400

## 6. CLASS SIGNALS AND FLAGS

Class signals will be displayed on placards before the course designation on the signal boat course board. Except for handicapped boats and H-12's, the class flag will be the class insignia. Handicapped boats shall display their class flag (numeral pennant) from their backstays while racing.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Signal</u>
Handicapped	Numeral pennants
Shields	Shields Insignia
Laser	Laser Insignia
J/22	J/22 Insignia
J/24	J/24 Insignia
J/80	J/80 Insignia
Bullseye	BE Insignia
H-12	H-12 Image

## 7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Sippican Harbor or Buzzards Bay off Marion. See the attached Race Chart. Consult the BYC Racing Guide for specific rendezvous locations.

## 8. COURSES

8.1 For courses using the marks described in the Mark List at the bottom of the Race Chart, the course will be designated by displaying placards on the signal boat course board. The rounding and finish marks will be displayed in the order of rounding, after the class designation.

8.2 A green or red placard will be displayed under each rounding mark's placard to designate the side of the boat on which each mark is to be left: starboard (green) or port (red).

8.3 To designate that a "Drop Mark" course will be sailed, code flag O will be displayed from the signal boat, and a placard with the letter of the course will be displayed next to the class designation on the course board. The course designation will be followed by placards indicating the number of legs, and optional placards indicating the use of gate, offset, and alternative finish marks. (see diagram)

8.4 The race committee may, but is not obligated to, use VHF c.72 to announce the course, the intended timing of warning signals, and the sail numbers of recalled racing boats.

## 9. MARKS

9.1 Marks are described on the attached List of Marks. Permanent marks are either government marks or yellow BYC buoys. When a portable windward mark is used, its approximate distance and bearing from the starting line will be displayed on the course board.

9.2 Except when indicated as turning marks, all racing boats shall pass to the East of marks "5", "3", and "E" and to the South of marks "F" and "I".

9.3 Portable marks will be Orange, Yellow, and Red inflatable Tetrahedrons, Cylinders, and Balls.

## 10. STARTING

10.1 Races for all classes except lasers will be started using RRS 26, with classes starting in the order in which their class signals are displayed on the

course board.

10.2 Races for Lasers will be started using the Sound Signal Starting System of RRS Appendix U.

10.3 The race committee may call attention to an unscheduled warning signal by making repetitive sound signals prior to the warning signal.

10.4 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the signal boat and the course side of the nearby mark.

10.5 A keep-away buoy may be deployed off the stern of the race Committee boat.

10.6 Competitors are reminded of RRS 24.1: If reasonably possible, a boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat racing.

10.7 A boat that starts later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

## 11. FINISHING

The finishing line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a race committee signal boat and the course side of the mark designated as the finish mark.

## 12. PENALTIES

RRS Appendix V will apply in its entirety. (This alters RRS 41.1)

## 13. TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limits for series races are: Bullseye, H-12, Shields, J/22, J/24, J/80, PHRF: 2 hours Laser: 1 hour.

13.2 The Tower Race has no time limit.

13.3 The Van Rensselaer Trophy Race, the Racer-Cruiser Weekend Races, the Sou'wester Regatta and the Hurricane Cup have a time limit of five hours.

13.4 For all one-design races, a boat that finishes later than 30 minutes after the first boat in her class that sails the course in accordance with RRS 28.1 finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

## 14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be written on forms available at the BYC bar and deposited in the protest box on the BYC porch within two hours from the time the race committee finish boat returns to the BYC.

14.2 Protest hearings will be held in accordance with the schedule in the BYC Racing Guide.

14.3 A boat requesting redress based on her scores shall do so within seven days of the posting of the scores. This changes RRS 62.2.

## 15. SCORING

15.1 The BYC low point scoring method, described in the BYC Racing Guide, is used.

15.2 Course distances for handicapped racing will be compiled using the locations of permanent marks shown in the BYC Racing Guide and the GPS locations of portable marks. The length of each leg of the course will be determined by the race committee to the nearest tenth of a nautical mile.

## 16. SAFETY

16.1 When Flag L is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat before a warning signal, boats shall check in by sailing past the signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their numbers until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

16.2 VHF c. 72 is the hailing channel for the Race Committee. The Race Committee will monitor VHF c. 72 and will provide safety information on VHF c. 72. As part of the BYC Racing Safety Plan, with the exception of dinghies, i.e. Lasers, Optimists and 420's, every competing boat is required to carry a VHF radio and to monitor VHF c. 72 from the preparatory signal and while racing, and shall notify the Race Committee on VHF c. 72 if they retire from racing.

16.3 All one-design competitors shall wear properly fastened, USCG approved personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing clothing.

16.4 All other competitors shall wear properly fastened, USCG approved personal flotation devices while starting and finishing, without exception, and at all other times except when the captain directs that the devices may be set aside.

16.5 When flag V (Red X on White Background) is displayed not later than the warning signal or at a rounding mark, spinnakers shall not be used for the balance of the race.

## On-the-Water Safety and Emergency Response

The obligation to assist a person or boat in danger is the first obligation of all boats and competitors (see RRS 1.1). The safety of participants is the priority; boats and property are secondary.

- With the exception of (dinghies) Lasers, Optimists and 420's, every competing boat is required to carry a VHF radio and to monitor VHF c.72 from the preparatory signal and while racing. The Race Committee will monitor VHF c.72 and will provide any safety information on VHF c. 72.
- Before the first warning and when there may be storms, low visibility or high wind, the Race Officer may require all competitors to wear PFDs [Y with one sound]. (See RRS 27.1.)
- If a boat retires from racing, it shall inform the race committee as soon as possible on VHF c.72 or by hailing the race committee alongside.
- In the event of an emergency on the water, call **COMMODORES** immediately on VHF c.72.
- **COMMODORES Driver** will coordinate the response to a person or boat in danger until the Harbormaster has responded or the situation has been resolved.
- **COMMODORES Driver** will report every incident where a person or boat is in danger to the Harbormaster and BYC Base on VHF c.16, or cell phone if radio hails do not establish communications.
- **In emergencies, if the Harbormaster cannot be reached on VHF c. 16, use 911.**
- Where **COMMODORES**, another race committee boat or other boat on-scene can provide immediate assistance, **COMMODORES Driver will designate the boat to respond.**
- Where a person needs emergency medical assistance, **COMMODORES Driver** will consult with the Harbormaster for direction on transfer of the person to Marion Fire/EMS.