

**Beverly Yacht Club Summer 2021**  
**Sailing Instructions (SIs)**

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

**1. RULES**

1.1 All BYC races are governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* (RRS)

**2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Changes to the Race Calendar must be posted at least 24 hours prior to the first scheduled warning signal of a Series.

2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water by the race committee boat prior to the warning signal after displaying signal flag "L" and communicated via a radio announcement.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at <https://beverlyyachtclub.org/index.cfm?logout=y> under the Racing tab.

3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72

3.3 [NP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats

**4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

4.1 [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

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

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

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

**7. CLASS SIGNALS AND FLAGS**

7.1 Class signals will be displayed on placards before the course designation on the signal boat course board. 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/24	J/24 Insignia
J/80	J/80 Insignia
Bullseye	BE Insignia
H-12	H-12 Image

## **8. RACING AREA**

**8.1** 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.

## **9. COURSES**

**9.1** 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.

**9.2** 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).

**9.3** 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)

**9.4** The race committee may, but is not obligated to, use VHF CH72 to announce the course, the intended timing of warning signals, and the sail numbers of recalled racing boats.

## **10. MARKS**

**10.1** 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.

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

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

## **11. STARTING**

**11.1** Except for Lasers races will be started using RRS 26, with classes starting in the order in which their class signals are displayed on the course board.

**11.2** Races for Lasers will be started using the Sound Signal Starting System of RRS Appendix U. This changes RRS 26

**11.3** 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.

**11.4** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races

**11.5** A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **12. FINISHING**

- 12.1** The finishing line will be between the staff from which a blue flag is displayed on a race committee signal boat and the course side of the mark designated as the finish mark.
- 12.2** If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1** RRS Appendix V will apply

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1** Time limit for series races for Bullseye, H-12, Shields, J/22, J/24, J/80, PHRF, Lasers is 2 hours unless modified by the Racing Guide
- 14.2** Time limits for non-series races for Bullseyes and H-12s are: Moonlight Race—2.5 hours; Van Rensselaer, Sou'wester and Hurricane Cup—3 hours.
- 14.2** For one-design and PHRF races, a boat that finishes later than 30 minutes after the first boat in her class that sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 14.3** PHRF pursuit races (Van Rensselaer Memorial Trophy Race, Racer-Cruiser Weekend and Sou'wester) have a time limit of five hours.

## **15. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 15.1** Protests and requests for redress shall be written on hearing request forms available either on the BYC Racing webpage or at the BYC bar. Either type of form should be completed, photographed and emailed to [protest@beverlyyachtclub.org](mailto:protest@beverlyyachtclub.org) within 2 hours from the time the race committee finish boat returns to BYC (the Protest Time Limit). The paper copy may be deposited in the protest box on the BYC porch for reference.
- 15.2** Protest hearings will be held in accordance with the schedule in the BYC Racing Guide.
- 15.3** 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.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1** The scoring system set out in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) shall be used except as amended by the Notice of Race.
- 16.2** 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.

## **17. SAFETY**

- 17.1** 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.
- 17.2** Every competing boat, with the exception of dinghies, i.e. Lasers, Optimists and 420's, is required to carry a VHF radio and to monitor VHF radio channel 72 from the preparatory signal and while racing.
- 17.3** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity
- 17.4** All competitors shall wear properly fastened, USCG approved personal floatation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing clothing.

17.5 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.

