

EBYRA General Sailing Instructions and Local Rules

1. **RULES**

All EBYRA races shall be governed by, in the order of authority should a conflict arise, these General Sailing Instructions and Local Rules, the prescriptions and regulations of the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS), and the rules as defined and prescribed in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), including all published amendments by US Sailing. Should an event-specific Sailing Instructions document be published, the rules and prescriptions posted in that document shall have prevailing authority.

2. **EBYRA REPRESENTATIVES**

The EBYRA Board of Directors consists of the Commodore, Treasurer, and Secretary, as well as Primary and Alternate representatives from the four member yacht clubs. Any member of the EBYRA Board of Directors shall be considered an "EBYRA Representative."

3. **NOTICES**

All notices to competitors, changes and documents shall be posted on the EBYRA Website (ebyra.com).

4. **DEFINITION OF ENTRY**

An entry in an event shall pertain solely to the hull of the boat. Competitors shall not change hulls during the course of an event.

5. **IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS**

All entrants must have their entry-registered sail numbers on their main sail, overlapping headsail, and, if a spinnaker entry, their spinnaker. Entrants participating with alternate sail numbers on any or all sails for any race shall hail the race committee to provide their boat's name, registered sail number and which sail(s) is/are displaying an alternate number and identify that alternating number. Entrants shall not display alternate sail numbers that are already in use by another competitor for that day's race(s). EBYRA may require an entry to change sail numbers to avoid conflict with boats registered in the series and said boats shall display that number.

6. **DIVISIONS**

Divisions shall be determined based on entries received.

7. **OBLIGATIONS OF ENTRANTS**

Should an entrant's crew be called upon to perform Race Committee duty for a race of an event, three or four members of the entrant's crew shall be obligated to do so and follow the published EBYRA Race Committee Rules and Procedures. Failure of an entrant's crew to fulfill their obligations as stated shall result in a non-throwoutable DSQ for the entrant for that race and may result in a refusal of entry in future EBYRA events.

8. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 72 and will broadcast postponement, abandonment and other race-pertinent information.

9. **SEVERE WEATHER**

The Race Committee Principal Race Officer or an EBYRA Representative may, in the event of severe weather, cancel a race of an event from ashore by announcing same on VHF Channel 72 no later than 30 minutes prior to the first signal of that day's race(s).

10. **INTENT TO RACE**

Entrants sailing in the vicinity of the race course but not intending to race shall hail the Race Committee prior to their preparatory signal, and continue to do so until acknowledged by a member of the race committee or an EBYRA Representative, or risk being scored as a starter.

11. THE START

The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and the starting mark. The race committee boat, anti-barging buoy, buoy lines and fittings shall collectively constitute the starting mark. No boat may pass between the anti-barging buoy and the Race Committee boat. Boats must stay well clear of the starting line until their preparatory signal. Any boat not crossing the starting line within 4 minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class. The Race Committee will make every effort to do "rolling starts" but is not obligated to do so.

12. POSITION OF CREW

On boats without lifelines, crew position shall be restricted to prevent any portion of the torso from extending beyond the plane rising vertically from to the shearline.

13. POSITION OF EQUIPMENT

Boats equipped with asymmetrical spinnakers shall not begin to extend their sprits until they are one boat length from their windward mark. Additionally, boats equipped with asymmetrical spinnakers shall retract their sprits at the first reasonable opportunity after taking their spinnaker down.

14. RETIREMENT

Boats retiring from racing shall hail the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity and continue to do so until acknowledged by a member of the race committee or an EBYRA Representative.

15. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and the starting mark, or, in the event of a shortened course, the closest mark to the race committee boat.

16. SCORING SYSTEM

Finishing position for individual races in PHRF Divisions will be determined using the Time on Time method using the following formula: $CET=ET*(600/(480+PHRF))$. A score of DSQ resulting from a protest hearing shall not be thrown out.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, shall not apply. As provided in RRS 67, the race committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS 42 (Propulsion.)

18. PROTESTS

A boat protesting shall so inform the race committee upon or immediately after finishing. The protesting boat shall file its written protest with an EBYRA Representative within one hour and thirty minutes of finishing the last race for that day. Amended protests must be submitted in the evening of the incident. The race committee boat will not accept written protests on the water. Pending protests will be listed on the score sheet and posted on the EBYRA web site. Protest hearings shall be scheduled at a location determined by the protest committee (participants in the hearing shall be notified of the location in person, by telephone, by postal mail and/or email.) Once a hearing commences, none of the entrants involved may opt to withdraw from the race.

19. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Eastchester Bay Yacht Racing Association, Inc., P.O. Box 126, City Island , NY 10464 . The organizing authority may establish themselves as members of the Race Committee or a Protest Committee when necessary.

20. SAFETY

On any given race, the combination of wind, water and tide may mitigate against yachts of certain size and/or draft and it is the obligation of each yacht to decide when participating is both safe and prudent. All yachts, regardless of size, are required to meet navigation light requirements as specified in Coast Guard COLREGS for vessels greater than (7) seven meters.