

2004 Wednesday Night Race Series Sailing Instructions

SCHEDULE AND LOCATION - Races take place in and around Eastchester Bay each Wednesday from May 19, 2004 to September 15, 2004. The starting line will be in the vicinity of 46A and the first gun will be at 7:05 PM.

ELIGIBILITY AND DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS - The series is open to all sailing boats, spinnaker and non-spinnaker, with valid 2004 YRALIS or local (EBYRA) PHRF certificates. Division assignments are posted on the EBYRA website and on the scratch sheet.

RULES - The series shall be governed by the daylight Racing Rules of Sailing 2001-2004, the prescriptions of US Sailing, Notice of Race and by these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. All boats shall comply with YRA of LIS PHRF regulations. YRALIS crew weight limitations will not be in effect. Boats not equipped with lifelines shall restrict crew position to prevent any portion of the torso from extending beyond the plane perpendicular to the shearline. Boats shall not violate the right of way of commercial traffic or other vessels not racing.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Notices to competitors and changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the website, www.EBYRA.com, by 2100 the evening before each race day and announced on VHF radio channel 72 at 6:45 and at 7:00 PM.

STARTING AND FINISHING - The starting line will be between a white or orange flag on the committee boat and the "S" mark. Use of the "Z" mark as an alternate start-finish mark will be announced on channel 72. 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. This modifies rule A4.1. The RC 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.

RESTRICTED AREAS - The restricted areas depicted on the Sailing Instruction chart are: The triangle bounded by R "2" Fl R 4s "Big Tom", N "4", and Belden Point, the triangle bounded by Stepping Stones lighthouse, N "2", and N "4", and between Fl R 4s "46" and the southern tip of Hart Island. Boats shall not sail through these areas except when rounding "B" as a specified mark of the course. After starting and before finishing, a boat shall not sail through the finish line. Any boat violating a restricted area or crossing the finish line while racing and not starting or finishing shall correct her error by sailing out the same side from which she entered.

STARTING TIME - The starting sequence shall be according to Rule 26 with the first warning signal at 7:05 PM. 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.

SIGNAL	FLAG	SOUND (informative)	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class Flag (1-6) up	1 sound	5
Preparatory	Preparatory flag up	1 sound	4

One minute	Preparatory flag down	1 long sound	1
Start	Class flag down	1 sound	0

DIVISION START SEQUENCE - The highest numbered division shall start first then next lower numbered division and continue until all divisions have started.

RACE MARKS, BUOYS AND COURSE SIGNALS - Courses will be signaled from the committee boat using the group code and course letters. See chart side of these Sailing Instructions for race marks, buoys and courses to be sailed.

COURSE CHANGE - All changes to the posted course codes will be announced with a postponement and on channel 72 and signaled by the "C" flag. This modifies Rule 27.1.

POSTPONEMENT - Postponement will be signaled by the answering pennant and two sound signals. Lowering of the postponement signal will be accompanied by one sound signal. The next warning signal will be made 1 minute later, accompanied by the appropriate class flag.

INDIVIDUAL RECALL - The race committee shall display the "X" flag and make one sound signal. The race committee will attempt to hail premature starters using VHF channel 72. Failure to notify a boat does not relieve the boat of her obligation to make a proper start.

GENERAL RECALL - The race committee shall display the "First Substitute" flag, make two sound signals and announce the recall on channel 72. The warning signal for the recalled division shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is lowered. The starts for succeeding divisions shall follow in regular order.

TIME LIMIT - The first boat in each division must finish by 9:45 PM. The remaining boats in that division have until 10:00 PM to finish. Those boats not finishing will be scored DNF.

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 fifteen minutes of finishing. 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, www.ebyra.com. Protest hearings are scheduled for the following Wednesday, after racing, at a location determined by the protest committee (participants in the hearing shall be notified of the location by telephone and/or mail and/or email.)

RETIREMENT - Boats retiring from racing are requested to notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

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

THROWOUTS - A boat will earn one throwout for every two races beyond nine in which she starts provided there is a finisher in her division. A score of DSQ resulting from a protest hearing shall not be thrown out.

SPECIAL NOTE TO COMPETITORS - Boats sailing in the vicinity of the racecourse but not intending to race shall notify the Race Committee prior to their preparatory signal, or risk being scored as a starter.