



OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB

Friday Night Bay Sailing

Sailing Instructions 2016

The Bay Series Race Program Is Intended To Be A Fun Family Sailing Event.

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 Bay Series racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS/US), the prescriptions of MAYRA, and by these sailing instructions
- 1.2 Any questions in regard to these Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing. The question and answer will be posted on the Ocean City Yacht Club (OCYC) bulletin board and website.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the OCYC bulletin board and the website.
- 2.2 Competitors need not be members of the OCYC to compete.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the OCYC bulletin board before 1530 hrs. on the day races are scheduled for 1830 hrs. and 1000 hrs on the day races are scheduled for 1300 hrs.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Ocean City Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag "L" is displayed ashore, an important message or additional notices are posted.

5.0 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 The schedule of races will be posted on the OCYC bulletin board & website.

6.0 **CLASS FLAGS**

6.1	Class flags	Code Flag
	PHRF A..... 1	“one” (white flag with red circle)
	PHRF B..... 2	“two” (blue flag with white insert)

7. **RACING AREA**

7.1 The racing area will be in the Greater Egg Harbor Bay off OCYC.

8.0 **THE COURSES – ALL CLASSES**

8.1 The basic course designation will be displayed on the dock at OCYC before or with the warning signal of the first fleet.

9.0 **MARKS**

9.1 Red, White and Orange balls , or “ no wake cans” will be used on all courses for marks except for red buoys as designated in course description.

10.0 **THE START**

10.1 Before the warning signal for the first fleet, **each boat shall sail past the dock at OCYC and indicate their intent to race**

10.2 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. The order of start will be:

1. PHRF “A”
2. PHRF “B”

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a goal post on the OCYC dock on one end and an inflatable buoy on the other.

10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after the starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". **This changes RRS A4**

10.6 Individual recalls will be as per RRS 29.1. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will also attempt to announce the sail number of over early boats on VHF 71. Should a general recall be signaled, the race start/s for succeeding classes will be postponed accordingly.

11.0 **RECALLS**

11.1 The following shall not be grounds for redress:

- A) Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.
- B) Failure of the Race Committee to broadcast numbers.
- C) A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast number.

12.0 **THE FINISH**

12.1 The finishing line will be the same as the start line.

13.0 **PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 RRS 44.3 Scoring Penalty will apply. The minimal penalty will be 2 places. A boat that has taken a penalty shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.

14.0 **TIME LIMITS**

14.1 Boats failing to finish within one & one half hours of their class starting time will be scored TLE (time limit expired) and scored points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus one unless no boat in the class finishes within the 1½ hours in which case the race shall be abandoned. **This changes RRS 35 and A4.1**

15.0 **PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 A boat intending to protest or seek redress is requested to notify and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee at the finish line after finishing and clearing, giving the name and number of the boat being protested. **This changes RRS 61.1.**
- 15.2 Protest forms and penalty acknowledgement forms are available at the OCYC Race Office. These shall be delivered to the Race Office at OCYC within the protest time limit which is 30 minutes after the last boat in each class has completed the race.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted as soon as possible but not later than 5 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Commodores Lounge of OCYC.
- 15.4 Breaches of instructions 10.4 and 10.6 shall not be grounds for protest.

16.0 **SCORING**

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System RRS A4.1 will be used. RRS A. 9 will apply.
- 16.2 A boats series score will be the sum of her scores according to the following schedule. 1-7 races – no throw out, 8 races – 1 throw out, etc. with maximum of 3 throw outs with 10 races sailed. If there are only 9 races, there will still be 3 throw outs. **This changes RRS A2.**
- 16.3 Only boats that are fully registered and have sailed in at least 3 races will be used in calculating the number of boats as described in RRS A9. **This changes RRS A9.**

17.0 **PROPULSION**

- 17.1 When grounded, a boat may use its propulsion engine to free itself in a manner least likely to advance on the course. **This changes USS 42.3.(g).**
- 17.2 Immediately after freeing itself a boat shall stop its engine and while under sail complete two penalty turns as per rule USS 44.2.

18.0 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1 All boats are required to carry all safety equipment as required by national, state or local regulation. VHF radios are encouraged but not required.

19.0 **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

19.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

20.0 **DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH**

20.1 Boats observed discharging waste or trash over the side shall be either disqualified from that race or from all races on the day of the infraction, or be subject to other disciplinary action or both.

21.0 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

21.1 Competitors participate in the bay series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for materials damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the series.

22.0 **RESPONSIBILITY**

22.1 The responsibility of the Race Committee is to provide a start and to record positions and times at a finish. The decision to start, continue or retire is the responsibility of the contestant.

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