

BREAKWATER YACHT CLUB

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Sailing Instructions

2024 OZ Trophy Race



Wednesday July 3rd, 2024

1. RULES

- 1.1 The U.S. Sailing Association's Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024 edition will govern this regatta.
- 1.2 The Round-an-End Rule shall be in effect at all times, (whether or not the "I" flag is displayed). This changes Rule 30.1.
- 1.3 No boat shall approach the race committee boat (RC boat) until she is on station. The RC boat is considered to be on station when the line flag is raised. The race committee has the sole right to protest this infraction. Remedy for infringement, after an appropriate hearing has been held, is disqualification from the race.
- 1.4 Once the RC boat is on station each boat shall check-in in accordance with SI 9.1 below.
- 1.5 The next leg of a course may be changed to be to the Finish Line by signaling all boats before they begin the leg by displaying flag "F" with repetitive sounds. The new leg will then be directly to the Finish Line, compliant with S.I. 7.4. This changes RRS 33 and Race Signals.
- 1.6 (1) The bowsprit shall be retracted at all times except when the gennaker is being set, is set, or is being retrieved, and shall be retracted at the first reasonable opportunity after the retrieval. (2) An extended bowsprit shall not be considered part of the boat for the purposes of 1) establishing an overlap, or 2) establishing right of way, unless the gennaker is set.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 All Breakwater YC Summer Series entrants need not submit any fees or paperwork, except letting Sean Elliott know the name of your female skipper and if you are racing in a different division from your Summer Series division.
- 2.2 All **other** competitors must:
 - 2.2a Have registered on Breakwater OZ Trophy Yachtscore Page
 - 2.2b Have paid the \$20 visitors entry fee.
 - 2.2c Have boat insurance covering racing.
 - 2.2d Have **acquired a current ELIYA/ECSA PHRF certificate.**
- 2.3 All entrants **MUST** have a female helmsman from the warning to the finish.
- 2.4 No competitor will be scored without fulfilling all eligibility requirements.

3. FEES

- 3.1 This race is free for all entries in the Summer Series
- 3.2 \$20 for any vessel that is not entered in the Summer Series

4. DIVISIONS

- 4.1 Division I: Spinnaker boats having PHRF of 150 or less
- 4.2 Division II: Spinnaker boats having PHRF of 151 or more
- 4.3 Division III: Non-Spinnaker boats
- 4.4 Division IV: J-70 One-Design
- 4.5 The Race Committee reserves the right to classify certain boats as it sees fit.

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1 All registration must be done on Yachtscore. Please include the name of the female at the helm in the "Owner's Name" section.
- 5.2 If you have any questions, contact the Sailing Director (Sean Elliot) at Sailingdirector@BreakwaterYC.org or at 631-725-4604.
- 5.4 If you have not registered on Yachtscore with the Female name in the "Owner/Skipper" location by the **Tuesday July 2nd then please notify Sean (even if by phone, 631-725-4604 before 11am on Wednesday July 3rd, so that he can get your boat onto the timesheet.** Then, if you are not in the BYC Summer Series, be sure to pay on YachtScoring before the racing starts on Wednesday.

6. START

- 6.1 The start shall be in the area west of Majors Cove in Shelter Island Sound, although the RC boat reserves the right to move the start.
- 6.2 The RC shall attempt to sound the first gun at 1800 hrs local.
- 6.3 The division's code flag will be raised at the warning signal of that division's starting sequence. The "U" code flag shall be used for a uniform start. The course board on the Starboard side of the RC boat will display the division and course for each division. The starting sequence of the divisions will be indicated on the course board from top to bottom. The exception is a uniform start.
- 6.4 Attention is drawn to US Sailing Racing Rule 22.1: "If reasonably possible, **boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that is racing.**" and to the definition for "Racing": "A boat is racing from her preparatory signal..."

7. COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1 Courses will be displayed on the course board on the starboard side of the RC boat when on station.
- 7.2 All marks shall be left to port unless, if shown within a circle, then they shall be left to starboard.
- 7.3 Government marks may be listed on the course board and also, the following BYC set marks may be listed:
 - "A" – denoting the pin end of the starting line ("A" may also be used as a mark of the course);
 - "B" – denoting the windward mark;
 - "C" – placed in Smith's Cove;
 - "D" – placed in Northwest Harbor;
 - "L" – denoting the leeward mark

- 7.4 All government marks must be honored except during use as a mark of the course, and except N "14" and Junction Buoy GR C "SH".
- 7.5 When a course includes C "S" as a mark of the course, all boats shall sail from the course mark indicated prior to C"S", pass between C"S" and Mashomack Point, and then to the following mark of the course.
- 7.6 The default finish at the Breakwater (BW) shall be between FI G "3SH" (BW) and the yellow flag on the RC boat.
- 7.7 **After a boat has started and left the starting area, a boat shall not cross the starting/finishing line unless she is finishing. The starting/finishing line is an obstruction.**

8. **SCORING**

- 8.1 The handicap system used to score individual placement of boats in a race is the Time-on-Time System. The Time Correction Factor (TCF) is multiplied to a boats elapsed time to get their corrected time. The formula for TCF is: $TCF = 650 \text{ divided by } (550 + PHRF)$.

9. **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 9.1 Boats shall check in with the race committee once the RC boat is on station and before the first warning signal by sailing by the RC boat stern to bow on the starboard side and hailing their class, sail number and name and receiving acknowledgement.
- 9.2 A boat that retires from a race and/or leaves the racing area shall notify the RC boat as soon as possible.
- 9.3 Penalties for violations of this SI 9 will be at the discretion of the race committee.

10. **CHANGES**

- 10.1 Changes to the NOR and the Sailing Instructions may be posted on the YachtScoring page, and Skippers may be notified by email.
- 10.2 Sailing Instructions may be changed on the water by the race committee making suitable announcement(s) on VHF Channel 72 and/or raising code flag "L" on the RC boat and hailing the announcement(s).

11. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 11.1 The RC boat will monitor and make all on water radio communications on VHF Channel 72.
- 11.2 For recalls, the RC boat will attempt to hail or broadcast on VHF Channel 72, the sail numbers or the names of OCS boats after the starting signal.
- 11.3 Failure to make a recall broadcast or hail, or to make it in a timely manner will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes US Sailing Racing Rule 62.1(a).

12. **PROTESTS**

- 12.1 Boats are strongly encouraged to exonerate their infractions on the water (rule 44) and to formally protest only as a last resort.
- 12.2 Protests will be allowed in accordance with part V, section A of the U.S. Sailing Association's Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 12.3 It is the protesting skipper's responsibility to **communicate his intention to the race committee on the water before the RC boat leaves its station at the finish.**
- 12.4 It is the protesting skipper's responsibility to communicate his intention to the RC Chair or Sailing Director within 1 hour of the RC boat docking. **RC Chair: Tim Culver – email: TCulver@culverlaw.com cell: 617-233-2011**
- 12.5 Protests must be submitted on a US Sailing protest form (keep one on your boat or get one from the "Offshore Racing Info" section on the ELIYA website: www.elisailing.org) by **noon the day following the race** to: **Sailing Director Sean Elliot - email: Sailingdirector@breakwaterYC.org** or dropped at the BYC Clubhouse.
- 12.6 The RC Chair or Sailing Director will assign or act as an arbitrator to attempt to resolve the protest amicably.
- 12.6a This arbitration is mandatory.
- 12.6b This arbitration is nonbinding and the arbitrator will not serve on the committee for this protest.
- 12.6c If a hearing is unavoidable every effort will be made to hear the protest at the earliest possible convenience of the protest committee and the skippers involved.

13. **PRIZES**

- 13.1 Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place will be awarded in each division with at least 3 boats entered in that division.
- 13.2 A plaque will be placed on the Perpetual OZ Cup for the boat(s) with the best corrected time(s).

14. **CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY**

- 14.1 Each racing skipper shall be responsible for all the actions of his or her crew and guests.
- 14.2 In the event of a serious breach of conduct, sportsmanship, property damage, or failure to comply with a race officer, the skipper/owner may be subject to disqualification.
- 14.3 **All skippers should take the time to familiarize themselves with the U.S. Sailing Association's Racing Rules of Sailing and these Sailing Instructions.**
- 14.4 **All skippers should strongly encourage their regular crew to be members of Breakwater Yacht Club.**

15. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 15.1 Notices to competitors may be posted on the Breakwater YC 2024 Oz Trophy YachtScoring page including a copy of these Sailing Instructions. Skippers may also be notified by email.