

## **RULES**

Should a conflict arise, all EBYRA races shall be governed by, in the order of authority, the Sailing Instructions, the EBYRA Definitions, 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 2013-2016 (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.

## **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. For the purposes of communication, any member of the EBYRA Board of Directors shall be considered an "EBYRA Representative".

## **NOTICES**

All notices to competitors, shall be posted on the EBYRA Website (<http://www.ebyra.com>) and Yachtscoring (<http://www.yachtscoring.com/>)

## **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.

## **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.

## **DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS**

PHRF, IRC, level and one-design divisions shall be determined based on entries received. To the extent possible, the sailing characteristics and PHRF or IRC rating of the boat will be considered.

## **OBLIGATION TO SERVE ON RACE COMMITTEE**

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 Directions of the PRO or other provided directives. 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.

## **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).

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 opportunity after taking their spinnaker down.

## **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.

## **SCORING SYSTEM**

Finishing position for individual races in PHRF Divisions will be determined using the Time-on-Time correction factors derived using the following formula:  $CET=ET*(600/(480+PHRF))$ . Series scoring for all divisions will be determined by the Cox-Sprague scoring system. Cumulative scores will be calculated to the third decimal place. Ties will be broken in favor of the yacht that beat the other yacht more times regardless of throwouts.

## **QUALIFYING**

Boats will need to be scored in half of the races sailed, rounded down, plus 1 to qualify for the series. Races started but with no finishers in division will count as races not sailed, and will therefore lower the number of races needed to qualify. Committee Duty will count toward qualifying as long as there is a finisher in the division of the yacht doing committee duty.

## **THROWOUTS**

All yachts will earn one throwout for the series upon qualifying. The scoring program will discard the race that results in the highest cumulative score for the series. A DSQ or withdraw as a result of a protest hearing may not be discarded. See Protests.

## **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.)

## **PROTESTS**

A boat protesting shall so inform the race committee upon or immediately after finishing. The protesting boat shall file its protest with an EBYRA Board member within one hour and thirty minutes of finishing the race. The protest may be a hard copy delivered to a EBYRA board member within the time limit. The protest may also be a FAX or digital document transmitted or emailed to an EBYRA representative within the time limit. Amended protests must be delivered to EBYRA Protest Triage Person and all parties involved 24 hours in advance of the protest hearing. Competitors may not attempt to pass written protests to any member of the Race Committee while they are on the committee boat.

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 without sustaining a non-throwoutable DSQ.

## **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.