



Black Rock Yacht Club

Junior Big Boat Regatta

July 29, 2022

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024; the prescriptions of US Sailing; the Minimum Equipment & Safety Recommendations of the Y.R.A. of Long Island Sound: Category C; and the current Rules for JSA Events, except as modified by the sailing instructions.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on shore on the regatta bulletin board at the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at BRYC prior to 0900 the day of the race.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 No signals will be made ashore with the exception of a postponement or an abandonment in which case signals will be made from the BRYC flag pole with courtesy announcements on VHF 68.

5. INTENDED SCHEDULE

- 5.1. 0900 All crew and advisors meeting on BRYC main deck
- 0930 Harbor start
- 1000 Rendezvous with the committee boat SE of the entrance to Black Rock Harbor
- 1030 First gun

6. CLASSES

6.1 Boats will all be assigned divisions depending on entries received.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area is the waters of Long Island Sound approximately 1.0 nm Southeast of Black Rock harbor.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The courses shall be windward/leeward courses with a leeward gate. Inflatable yellow marks shall be used.

8.2 The course will be displayed as follows (example only):

W
2

(Windward/leeward course twice around the course with finish to starboard of the RC boat).

The start and finish lines are “OPEN” and may be passed through while racing downwind for example or upwind on a W2 course.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26 (5 minute starts).

9.2 The starting line will be between a floating mark or an anchored pin boat with flag displayed and a white flag on the Committee boat. The pin boat may hail boats over early.

9.3 No boat shall start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

9.4 No Warning signal shall be made after 1600 hours (4 PM).

10. RECALLS

10.1 Rule 29.1 is hereby modified to allow that, in the event of an Individual Recall, infringing boat(s) may be recalled by name or sail number, by loud hailer or over channel 68. The pin boat may also hail boats over early. Failure to hear such hail or the timing and order of such hail shall not be grounds for redress.

10.2 A boat that starts prematurely (OCS) and fails to return or hear a hail shall be scored OCS.

11. TIME LIMITS

11.1 There is a two hour time limit for the first boat to complete a race.

11.2 Boats that do not finish within 20 minutes of the first boat in their division will be scored "TLE."

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a white flag on the RC boat and a mark or mark boat located to starboard of the RC boat (the finish line is NOT the starting line).

12.2 The race may be shortened at any mark of the course. This will be announced by VHF channel 68 in addition to course signals.

12.3 The display of code flag "R" at the finish indicates another race is intended to be run.

13. PENALTIES

13.1 On the day of the race and until all boats finish and clear the finishing area, any boat whose crew engages in activity, which in the opinion of the RC could be dangerous or harmful to another yacht or its crew, is subject to penalty or disqualification by the RC.

14. PROTESTS

14.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the RC when finishing or withdrawing. This adds to rule 61.1 (a).

14.2 Protests shall be written on standard forms and delivered to Black Rock Yacht Club no later than 30 minutes after the RC posts the time of day cut off for protests to be filed on the Notice Board .

14.3 Protests will be heard at Black Rock Yacht Club promptly after the expiration of the time limit for filing protests.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

15.1 Boats shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts, with the following exceptions: in emergencies, in response to contact initialized by the RC, or when notifying the RC after retiring or when finishing.

15.2 The RC will monitor VHF Channel 68. BRYC Launch monitors VHF 14.

15.3 The US Coast Guard monitors VHF Channel 16 and reached by phone at: 203-468-4403.

16. PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be awarded for the top finisher.

17. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Black Rock Yacht Club, the owner, owners representative, helmsperson and each crew member agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. Each of them waives all claims, which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Black Rock Yacht Club and the JSA of LIS and each of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea, and weather conditions rests with each competitor, as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel aboard them is at the risk of the participant. Black Rock Yacht Club bears no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to yachts or their personnel arising from any cause during the race.

17.1 The Advisors/Owners/Owners Representatives are not considered crewmembers and shall not assist the sailors with boat handling, trimming, racing strategies and steering except when a safety issue is involved. Any such safety issue shall be logged and reported to the Race Committee as specified in 17.2 below.

17.2 If safety is a factor, the Owner/Advisor/Owners Representative may take the helm, issue orders, use the engine, or take any appropriate action. Any such intervention should be recorded, in detail, in the log. Immediately upon finishing, the yacht shall inform the race committee that an Owner/Advisor intervention has occurred and describe the incident summarily. The judges will evaluate the situation to determine if a time adjustment or other penalty is required. Such action will not be grounds for automatic disqualification.

18. SCORING

- a. Time on Time PHRF Scoring will be used.
- b. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- c. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a Regatta.
- d. There will be NO throw-out races at this event – all races sailed will count in the scoring for each participating yacht.

19. SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START

After the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course (display flag S with two sounds) or abandon the race (display flag N, N over H, or N over A, with three sounds), as appropriate.

If the race committee signal boat, or mark boat shortens course (displays flag S with two sounds), the finishing line shall be at a rounding mark.

20. PFD's must be worn at all times

PFD's shall be worn by all junior sailors at all times while on the water. This modifies rule 40.

21. TAKING A PENALTY

The "Two-turns" penalty is hereby modified to be one-turn including one tack and one jibe. This modifies rule 44.1.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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