



## Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound 2009 PIXEL AND BLUE JAY CHAMPIONSHIP

and

International Blue Jay Class Association

# 2009 BLUE JAY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

August 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2009

## American Yacht Club, Rye NY

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The 2009 Rules for Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound ("JSA") Events will apply to those boats competing for the JSA Pixel and Blue Jay Championship.
- 1.3 The 2006/7 Rules of the International Blue Jay Class Association will apply to those boats competing for the Blue Jay National Championship.
- 1.4 Rule 63.7 will be replaced with: "If there is any conflict between the sailing instructions and this notice of race, the sailing instructions shall apply."

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the official notice board at American Yacht Club.

## **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no fewer than 30 minutes before the harbor start on the day the changes take effect, except that any change in the harbor start or first warning signal will be posted no later than 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee signal boat at the dock at American Yacht Club.

- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 The harbor start will be signaled by the sound of one gun from the race committee signal boat as it prepares to depart the harbor at the times indicated in instruction 5.2, unless the AP is displayed ashore. No boat shall leave the dock until the harbor start has been signaled, or, if AP was displayed ashore, until the AP signal is lowered.

#### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 There will be up to eight races.
- 5.2 The complete schedule is as follows:

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Location
Sunday	Aug 9	1400-1800	Registration, Equipment Check, Blue Jay Measurement	Junior American Yacht Club (JAYC)
Sunday	Aug 9	1730	Dinner for competitors and instructors that are being housed	American Yacht Club grounds
Sunday	Aug 9	1830	Housing host pick-up	Front of Main Club
Monday	Aug 10	0800-0830	Late Registration Pixels Only	JAYC
Monday	Aug 10	0900	Competitors Meeting	Front Lawn
Monday	Aug 10	0930	Instructors Meeting	Front Lawn
Monday	Aug 10	1000	Harbor Start	
Monday	Aug 10	1100	Warning Signal	
Monday	Aug 10	Between Races	Lunch on the water	
Monday	Aug 10	1830	Dinner and social event for all competitors and instructors	American Yacht Club grounds
Monday	Aug 10	2030	Housing host pickup	Front of Main Club
Tuesday	Aug 11	0930	Harbor Start	
Tuesday	Aug 11	1030	Warning Signal	
Tuesday	Aug 11	Between Races	Lunch on the water	
Tuesday	Aug 11	1500	No warning signal will be made after this time	
Tuesday	Aug 11	Immediately after racing	Presentation of awards	Front Lawn

### 6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

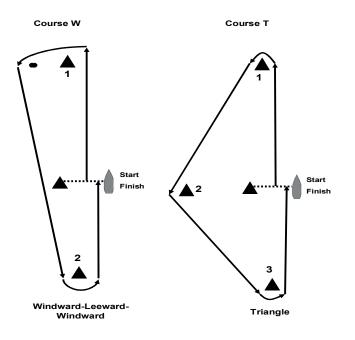
<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Pixel	Numeral Pennant 1
Blue Jay	Numeral Pennant 2

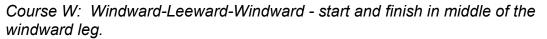
#### 7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the waters south of American Yacht Club, in the vicinity of "Scotch Caps" Bell Buoy 42 (Red).

#### 8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams with the identifying letters below show the courses, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.





Course T: Modified Triangle - start and finish in the middle of the windward leg.

- 8.2 For Course W, an offset mark approximately 25 yards and 90 degrees to port of mark 1 will be used.
- 8.3 For Course W, a gate designated as marks 2S and 2P will be used. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of mark 1 and round either gate mark.

- 8.4 The identifying letter of the course to be sailed will be displayed from the race committee signal boat before or with the warning signal for each class. The number '2' displayed next to or below the course letter means twice around.
- 8.5 No later than the warning signal the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

### 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 2S, 2P and 3 will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 The offset mark for course W will be a red ball.
- 9.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be yellow tetrahedrons with a black band.
- 9.4 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee boat at the starboard end and an orange tetrahedron at the port-end.

#### 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Boats shall not pass between the race committee signal boat and start/finish mark except when starting or finishing. The line between the signal boat and start/finish mark is to be treated as an *Obstruction* unless the boats are starting or finishing.

#### 11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using rule 26. A series of short sounds may be used to call attention just before a warning signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 11.5 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of all boats that are OCS. This adds to rule 29.1.
- 11.6 If code flag "I" and/or "Z" or the black flag has been displayed, the race committee will attempt to hail the sail number(s) of boats on the course side of the starting line during the minute before her starting signal.
- 11.7 Failure of the race committee's amplification system, the order of the hails, or failure of a boat to hear her number shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This instruction changes rule 62.1.

#### 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

<u>12.2</u> When the next leg of the course is changed, the race committee will signal the new direction with a green triangular flag or board for a change to starboard or a red rectangular flag or board for a change to port.

42.212.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

12.312.4 If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Substitute (with no sound) while boats are finishing.

#### 13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the nearby race committee boat and the port-end finishing mark.

#### 14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 For all classes, the time limit for the first boat to finish shall be two hours.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat in their class to sail the course and finish will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. They shall receive points equal to the sum of the number of finishers plus 2 points, but not worse than DNF. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

#### 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Immediately after finishing a race, without consultation with instructors, coaches or spectators, a boat shall notify the race committee finish boat of its intention to protest another boat and (if possible) provide the sail number of the protested boat.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at American Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat has docked.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at American Yacht Club, as soon as practicable.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.6 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of rule 62.2.
- 15.7 The JSA Arbitration Procedure (as described in Appendix C of the 2009 Rules for JSA Events) shall apply to protests involving Part 2 rules. (This changes rule 63.).

15.8 Only the race committee or protest committee may make protests under instructions 4.2, 17, 18 and 19.

#### 16 SCORING

- 16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.3 Blue Jays competing only in the Blue Jay Nationals will sail the same races as Blue Jays competing in both the JSA Championship and the Blue Jay Nationals and will be scored separately.

#### 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Before the first warning signal for each day, all boats shall check in with the race committee by sailing on starboard tack or towing past the stern of the anchored race committee signal boat and hailing their sail number until acknowledged by a race committee member.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

#### **18 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 18.1 Coaches, support personnel and spectators shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired, or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment.
- 18.2 Coaches and support personnel are required to monitor race committee VHF channel 71 and follow any safety instructions issued by the race committee.

#### 19 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support boats (not race committee boats).

#### 20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications of any kind. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

#### 21 PRIZES

- 21.1 For the JSA Pixel and Blue Jay Championships, prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each division. Equal prizes will be awarded to crew and helmspersons. Additional prizes may be awarded depending on the number of entrants in each division.
- 21.2 For the Blue Jay Nationals, prizes will be awarded as follows:
  - a.If there are fewer than ten boats competing, there will be five perpetual trophies ("National Division"), each with a keeper trophy, for the first, second and third

place helmsperson; for first place crew; and for highest finishing female helmsperson.

- b.If there are ten or more boats competing, prizes will be awarded as above plus an additional four perpetual trophies ("President's Division"), each with a keeper trophy, for the fourth, fifth, sixth place helmsperson and for the fourth place crew.
- 21.3 A sportsmanship trophy may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

#### 22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the American Yacht Club, the owner, helmsperson and each crewmember 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 American Yacht Club, Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound, International Blue Jay Class Association 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.

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