

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
2017 JY15 North American Championships  
Duck Island Yacht Club  
Westbrook, CT  
September 23-24, 2017

Duck Island Yacht Club, JYCA and the JY Fleet 90 are co-organizing authorities (OA) for this event.

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 shall not apply.
- 1.3 The JY15 class rules except as changed by this document.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice board located at Duck Island Yacht Club and online at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=4229>

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at Duck Island Yacht Club
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signals AP

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 As many races will be sailed as are viable on each scheduled day of racing. A maximum of twelve (12) races may be sailed.
- 5.2 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100hrs on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and at 0930hrs on Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 5.3 No initial warning signal will be made after 1330hrs on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**6. CLASS FLAG**

Class flag will be the numeral pennant 1.

**7. RACING AREA**

The primary race course will be set up In Duck Island Roads, north of Duck Island.

**8. COURSES**

- 8.1 The courses will be windward-leeward (WL). The course for any given race will be designated by letters WL on the Race Committee boat. If the numeral 2 is added the course will be sailed twice around.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 The windward mark will be orange inflatable mark. It will have an offset that will be an orange ball.
- 9.2 The leeward mark will be an orange inflatable mark.
- 9.3 Change marks will be yellow.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 10.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.3 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the start signal, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel on channel 68. Failure to make, receive or errors in the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

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.

## **12. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the orange flag on the race committee finishing vessel and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 Penalties while racing: Except for preaches of RRS Part 2 rules that occur within three (3) boat lengths of a rounding mark or finishing mark, a two-turns penalty is replaced with a one-turn penalty.
- 13.2 Penalties after racing: RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply.

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1 and finish is 2 hours.
- 14.2 Boats still racing 20 minutes after the first boat in that class finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see SCORING). The race committee boat at the finishing line will lower the blue flag with a long sound signal when the 20 minutes period has expired. This changes RRS 35.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest and Scoring Inquiry forms will be available at Duck Island Yacht Club. Protests, requests for redress or reopening, or scoring inquiries shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit on the official notice board.
- 15.3 The race committee will post a list of boats with assigned starting or finishing penalties no later than the protest time limit.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 As soon as practical after the protest time limit, the protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule of hearings and arbitration meetings in which they are parties or named as witnessed. Hearings will be held at Duck Island Yacht Club.
- 15.6 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practical.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 One completed race shall constitute a regatta.
- 16.2 If less than 6 races are completed, a boat's regatta score will be the sum of all her races without a discard. If 6 or more races are completed, a boats score will be the sum of her races excluding her worst score.
- 16.3 Boats to be scored TLE and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

## **17. SAFETY**

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practical. [DP]
- 17.2 Each crew member (including skipper) shall be equipped with a personal flotation device (PFD)

## **18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 18.1 On the water, the race committee intends to provide information on VHF radio channel 68 as a courtesy. In all cases, race signals shall govern.
- 18.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

## **19. PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded to the top five boats as well as the highest placing boats in the following categories with at least 3 eligible boats: Husband /Wife, Parent/Child, Master skipper (50 and older as of Sept 23, 2017), Junior Skipper (18 years or younger as of Sept 23, 2017) and Female Skipper. A Team Trophy will be awarded to the fleet (or club) with he best combined finishes of three of its members.

## **20. MEDIA AND TELEVISION**

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage taken of themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event, to be published in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

## **21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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

## **22. COMPETITORS' CONDUCT**

The skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of the crew before, during and after racing. In case of conduct that the Race Committee considers to be a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship, destruction of property or failure to comply with a reasonable request by the Duck Island Yacht Club or the race committee, the boat whose crew was at fault may be disqualified and/or subject to protest by the Protest Committee under RRS 69. It is the Protest Committee's intention to invoke this Instruction and RRS 69 in appropriate cases.

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