



**2017 Eastern Class E Scow Association
Championship Regatta - August 4-6, 2017
Organizing Authority: Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club, Beach Haven, NJ**

2017 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the 2017- 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and by the E Scow Class Rules, including the rules of the E Scow Eastern Association as revised.

2 Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The regatta is open to all Class E Scow yachts which meet the rules (see 1 Rules above) and who properly complete registration and measurement requirements.

2.2 Each yacht must keep the same crew throughout the regatta, unless a written declaration is made at registration to the Jury Chair specifying crew changes (including helmsman) and the specific times the changes will be made. If an emergency causes a crew member to be unable to sail, a substitute crew may be used only after receiving permission from the Jury Chair.

3 Notices to Competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the North Dock Head.

4 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0830 on the day it will be effective, and any change in the schedule of racing will be posted by 1900 the day before the change is effective.

5 Signals made ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore, other than the protest time flag (see 5.5 below) will be displayed from the flagpole at the foot of the North Dock, on the bay side of the North Dock Head.

5.2 The warning signal will be made not less than one hour after flag "AP" is lowered. This changes "Flag AP" in the RRS.

5.3 The Committee Boat will sound the harbor gun (a horn) one hour before the first warning signal, and display the blue Race Committee Flag.

5.4 The blue race committee flag will be lowered, with a sound signal, five minutes before the first warning signal. The orange starting line flag will be raised once the blue race committee flag is lowered.

5.5 The blue race committee flag will be displayed from the Committee Boat docked on the North Dock ("Kindred Spirit, the red hulled signal boat) with a sound signal after the Committee Boat has returned to shore, indicating that protest acceptance time has begun. When lowered an hour later, protest time has expired. The protest time will be noted on the bulletin board.

6 Schedule

6.1 Seven races are scheduled.

Thursday - August 3rd

12:00 - 18:00 Check in. Registration and measurement

13:00 - Practice race Harbor Gun

14:00 - Practice race - weather permitting

Friday - August 4th

9:30 - Skippers meeting

10:00 - Harbor gun

10:55 - Attention Signal

11:00 - First warning signal - sail 3 races

Saturday - August 5th

9:30 - Harbor gun

10:25 - Attention signal

10:30 - warning signal - sail 3 races

Sunday - August 6th

9:30 - Harbor gun

10:25 - Attention signal

10:30 - Warning signal - 1 race if 6 races have already been sailed. Up to 3 races can be sailed to get the total to 7. No race will be started after 14:00 unless there have only been two races sailed. In that case the warning signal may be extended to no later than 17:00.

7 Racing Area 7.1 The racing area will be on Little Egg Harbor, approximately two and one half miles northwest of the LEHYC clubhouse.

8 The Course

8.1 Windward-leeward courses will be sailed with an offset mark at the windward mark, and two gate marks at the leeward end of the course. See Appendix One - Course

8.2 The number of **legs** and the magnetic bearing to the windward mark will be displayed from the Committee Boat.

9 Marks

9.1 The windward and gate marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. The offset mark will be a yellow cylinder.

9.2 The pin end of the starting line mark will be a staff on which an orange flag is displayed. The starboard end of the starting line will be a staff flying an orange flag which will be on the committee boat.

9.3 The pin end of the finishing line mark will be an orange cylinder, and the other end of the finish line will be a staff flying an orange flag which will be on the committee boat.

9.4 If marks are moved the new moved mark or marks will be orange tetrahedrons. If moved again, yellow, etc.. If the windward mark is moved, the new offset mark will be a yellow cylinder. Marks which remain in place except for minor adjustment (a gate mark adjusted to be square with the wind or the offset adjusted) after a mark or marks are moved, will remain the same color.

10 The Start

10.1 The blue race committee flag will be lowered, with a sound, five minutes before the warning signal for each race and the starting signals will be as in RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between the staffs displaying an orange flag on the signal Committee Boat (starboard end), and the orange flag on another race committee boat (port end).

10.3 There may be a mid line starting line mark, and it is part of the starting line. If placed, it is not to be used to clear the "around-the-ends" starting penalty.

10.3 If a float is attached to the Committee Boat, it is not part of the boat, and hitting it does not require a penalty turn.

10.4 Yachts starting later than five minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS.

10.5 The RC will hail the sail number of any yachts in violation of RRS 29.1 on VHF radio channel 66. Failure to hear the hail, or the order of hails, will not be grounds for redress.

11 Changing Course

11.1 A new mark will be layed if the course is changed, and the change will be signaled at the turning mark ahead of the changed mark. Other course marks, and the finishing line if affected, will be adjusted without signal to conform to the wind direction.

12 Time Limits

12.1 A Race shall be abandoned if no yacht reaches the windward mark within thirty minutes of the starting signal, or if no yacht finishes the course within two hours of the starting signal.

12.2 Any yacht failing to finish within thirty minutes of the first yacht to finish shall be scored one point more than the number of yachts finishing within that time.

13 The Finish

13.1 If finishing to leeward, the finishing line will be between a mark (orange cylinder) on the starboard end of the line and the staff flying an orange flag on the committee boat. (Note: **if the course is shortened to finish to leeward, the finish is through the gate, not** between the Committee Boat taking the finish nearby and one of the gate marks.)

13.2 If finishing to windward, the finishing line will be between the pin end of the finishing line mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on a Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line.

14 Consecutive Races

14.1 Blue race committee flag displayed on the Race Committee Boat on finish station indicates that another race will follow. The second race of the day will be started as quickly as possible after the completion of the first race.

14.3 If a third race will be started, there will be a twenty minute waiting period between the last yacht to finish the second race and the third race warning signal.

15 Penalties

15.1 RRS Rule 44.1 is changed - the required turn for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be one turn, not two, including one tack and one gybe.

16 Protests

16.1 As soon as possible after finishing or withdrawing from the race in which an alleged breach occurs, the protesting yacht shall notify the Committee Boat at the finishing line of the number of any yachts she intends to protest.

16.2 Any yacht making penalty turns shall notify the Committee Boat at the finishing line of any penalty turns performed.

16.3 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Jury at the North Dock Head area once ashore.

16.4 Time and location of protest hearings shall be posted on the notice board within five minutes of the end of protest time, and the notice will include the yacht numbers of parties to the protest and names of witnesses. This information shall also be broadcast over VHF channel 66 at the end of protest time.

17 Withdrawing From A Race

17.1 Any yacht withdrawing from a race shall inform the Committee Boat in person, or on VHF channel 66, as soon as possible.

18 Scoring

18.1 Seven races are scheduled - three races scored will constitute the regatta.

18.2 Low point RRS Appendix A scoring shall be used, and modified so that if six or more races are scored, each yacht's worst score shall be excluded from her total score.

19 Safety

19.1 Competitors shall wear or carry appropriate personal flotation devices at all times while afloat.

20 VHF Radio Use

20.1 The Race Committee will communicate the starting sequence, any yachts OCS, and any information it believes useful to the fleet on VHF channel 66.

20.2 The only communication devices that may be used by competitors are: a weather monitor, a VHF radio tuned to channel 66, and a cell phone. Using the cell phone, or the VHF radio, for anything but an emergency (except for simply listening to VHF channel 66) will result in disqualification from the regatta.

20.3 Failure to receive a VHF hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails, or to receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress.

21 Prizes

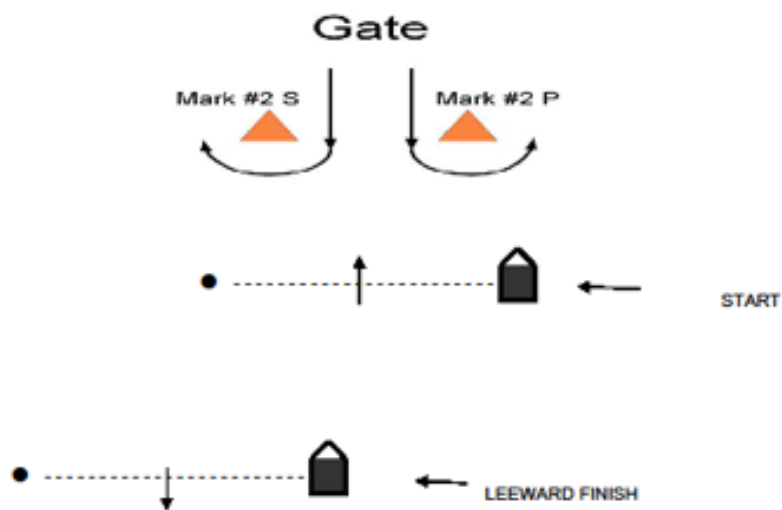
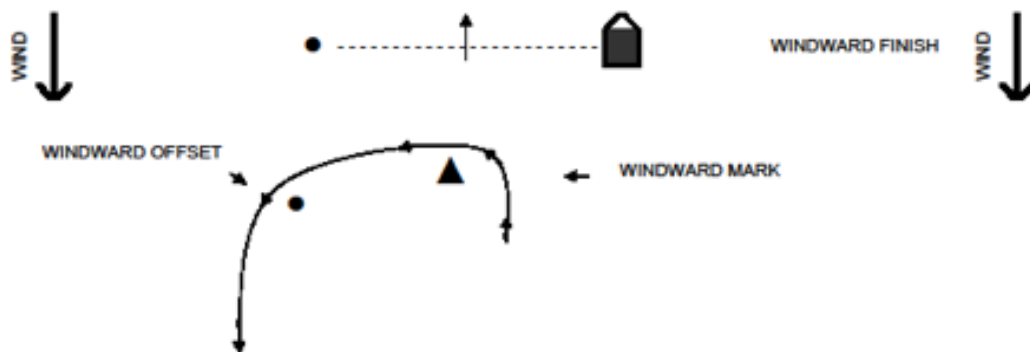
21.1 Prizes will be awarded for skipper and crew for each of the top five finishers, the top rookie skipper, the top master (65 or better on 8/4/17) skipper, and the top vintage yacht (built prior to 2007) skipper

22 Participation

22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Please see RRS 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, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23 Tides

23.1 Low tide is approximately 1:40 pm on Friday, 2:25 pm on Saturday, and 3:10 pm on Saturday.



Appendix #1

Race Course Diagram