



International Blue Jay Class Association



2012 BLUE JAY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

July 13, 14 and 15, 2012

Centerport Yacht Club, Centerport, NY 11721

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), the current rules of the JSA of LIS and as amended herein.
- 1.2 Each skipper and crew under the age of 16 must wear a non-inflatable U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket at all times while on the water.
- 1.3 Each boat must carry the safety equipment specified by the Blue Jay association.
- 1.4 Part 5 Section B is changed to provide for arbitration of protests of Part 1 rules.

2. REGISTRATION

Each competitor shall register on line through the Yacht Scoring registration program (www.yachtscoring.com). Competitors must check in, in person at the Centerport YC (CYC) registration desk pursuant to the schedule of the Notice of Race.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be made available via email and posted on the CYC bulletin board located on the front porch of the club house.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes will be posted no less than 30 minutes before the harbor start on the day they take effect.

5. SKIPPERS' AND INSTRUCTORS' MEETINGS

- 5.1 A skippers' meeting will be held at 0830 hrs. Saturday, July 14 at CYC on the lawn by the flag pole.
- 5.2 The regatta committee may schedule additional skippers' and/or instructors' meetings. Notices will be posted on the official notice board.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the front lawn.
- 6.2 Harbor starts will be signaled at 0930 hrs. on the first morning and 0900 hrs. on the subsequent morning with the hoisting of code flag 'H' (white and red vertical bands) and one gun.
- 6.3 Postponement, flag AP (red and white vertical bars) and two guns:
 - a) signaled at 0930 hrs. on the first day and 0900 hrs. on the second day – all racing postponed.
 - b) The first warning signal after postponement ashore will be made not less than 60 minutes after the removal of the AP flag.
 - c) Code flag "N" (blue and white check) over code flag "A" (white and blue with swallow tail) with 3 guns – no more racing today.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 The regatta committee intends to run multiple races. The number of races conducted is at the sole discretion of the race committee. No race warnings will be made after 1500 hrs.
- 7.2 If the race committee intends to run another race that day, code flag "R" (red field with a yellow cross) will be displayed during the finish of the race in progress.

8. RACING AREA

Blue Jays will race in the waters of Northport Bay, or Centerport Harbor, or Huntington Bay.

9. COURSES AND MARKS

- 9.1 The courses will either be windward/leeward, gold cup or triangle as outlined in the SI att. The courses will be indicated from the race committee boat as follows:

W – 1, 2 or 3, whereby the numeral represents the number of laps to be sailed;

G – as indicated in the SI course illustration;

T – 1, 2, 3, whereby the numeral represents the number of laps to be sailed.

- 9.2 Course lengths are at the discretion of the regatta and race committees.
- 9.3 Marks of the course will be yellow or orange inflatable shapes.
- 9.4 All marks shall be rounded to port.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race each day, all boats shall check in by the stern of the race committee boat by sailing on starboard tack and hailing its sail number until acknowledged by a member of the committee. Boats not checking in may not be scored.
- 10.2 Races will be started and signaled according to RRS 26. Class starts may be signaled at five minute intervals by displaying a class flag at the start of the preceding class, i.e., the start of the preceding class shall be the warning for the next class.
- 10.3 The number of classes and the class assignments will be at the discretion of the regatta committee and will be announced at the skippers' meeting. Class flags will be numeral pennants.
- 10.4 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and the mark to port of the race committee.
- 10.5 Until the warning signal, boats shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 10.6 Code flag "K" (yellow and blue rectangles) displayed with a class's preparatory signal means all boats shall not fly spinnakers in that race.
- 10.7 Any boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A 4.2.

11. RECALLS

The race committee will endeavor to identify recalled boats by sail number using a loud hailer. Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification and the order and timing of such hail shall not be grounds for redress.

12. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and an inflatable shape to its starboard.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in that division will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE) and may be towed back to the starting area. This changes rule 35.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1 A boat intending to protest shall report their intent to the race committee promptly after finishing that race.

- 14.2 Written protests shall be delivered to the regatta committee official on the CYC front porch no later than 45 minutes after the committee boat docks.
- 14.3 Protest forms are available at the front desk of the club.
- 14.4 The expiration time for filing protests and the list of protests in the approximate order in which they will be heard will be posted on the official notice board. Hearings will begin as soon as practicable.
- 14.5 Parties and witnesses shall remain in the protest room area. If a witness is not available when called, that witness may not be heard, however the protest may still be heard.

15. ARBITRATION

- 15.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule in Part 2 – When Boats Meet, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5 Section B of the RRS.
- 15.2 After a written protest is filed, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.
- 15.3 A boat that accepts fault at the arbitration hearing shall receive a penalty of 40% of the number of entries (rounded upward 0.5) added to her finish position, except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF.
- 15.4 The arbitrator is neither the race nor protest committee; therefore, decisions made during arbitration cannot be grounds for redress and cannot be appealed.
- 15.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest but may be permitted to observe testimony presented and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).

16. SCORING

- 16.1 If fewer than seven races for each class are completed, a boat's series score will be the cumulative total of her race scores. If seven or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the cumulative total of her race scores excluding her worst score subject to rule 90.3(b).
- 16.2 Two completed races constitute the regatta.
- 16.3 Boats scored Time Limited Expired "TLE" will receive 2 points more than the number of finishers in that race but will not be scored worse than DNF.
- 16.4 Breakdown points will not be granted unless rule 62.1(b) or 62.1(d) applies. Unless boats have been given explicit written permission from the regatta committee for the following irregularities, they may be scored "DNC."
- 16.5 Sail numbers:
- a) Sail numbers must match the number registered for entry.

- b) Sail numbers must be legible to the race committee.
- c) Different mainsail and spinnaker numbers can only be used if granted permission by the organizing authority.
- d) Mainsail or spinnaker numbers must be complete and clearly visible to the regatta committee from both sides of the sails.

This changes rule 63.1 and G4.

17. SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support boat personnel shall not be in the racing area from the time of the first warning signal for the first class until all boats have finished or the regatta committee signals a postponement or abandonment. Support boats shall not be anchored after the harbor gun without expressed permission from the organizing authority. Spectators and instructors are subject to coaching restrictions prescribed in the current rules of the JSA of LIS. In addition, no coaching is permitted following a general recall.

18. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

All Blue Jays will be wet-sailed during this regatta. No boat may be hauled out without the expressed permission from the regatta committee.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded following the conclusion of racing on Sunday on the CYC lawn.

19.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class. Additional prizes may be awarded depending on the number of entrants 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:
 - i) Each of the first, second and third place helmsperson;
 - ii) For the first place crew;
 - iii) and 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:
 - i) Each of the fourth, fifth, sixth place helmsperson
 - ii) and for the fourth place crew.
 - iii) Additional prizes will be awarded as outlined in 13.1 of the NOR.

19.3 A sportsmanship trophy may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

20. CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

20.1 The skipper/owner shall be responsible for all actions of his or her crew or guests. In the event of a breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member or gent of the Centerport Yacht

Club, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her boat shall be subject to protest and disqualification at the sole discretion of the Centerport Yacht Club, its Race Committee, or Regatta Committee.

- 20.2 The Centerport Yacht Club is not responsible and will not accept any liability for bodily injury, death or property damage suffered from any cause. Each participant, including skipper and crew, participates in the regatta entirely at his/her own risk and waives any and all claims, including those arising from negligence or lack of due care, which he/she may have against the Centerport Yacht Club, its regatta committee, and its officers, trustees, committee members, members, agents, or employees. Responsibility for evaluating the wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each participant as does responsibility for the safe condition of the boat, including safety equipment and rigging and for deciding when to wear life jackets. Patrol boats or other assistance will not likely be available. Assistance, if any, from the regatta committee or other Centerport Yacht Club vessels, or other patrol boats, from any personnel operating them, is entirely at the risk of the participant.

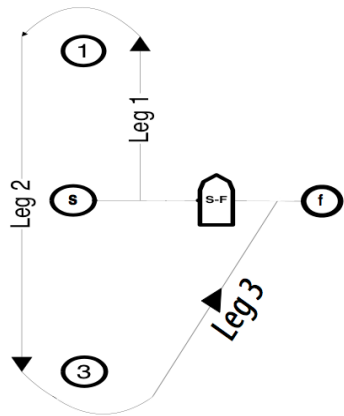
PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER
Christopher Schneider

EVENT COMMITTEE CHAIR
John M. DiMatteo

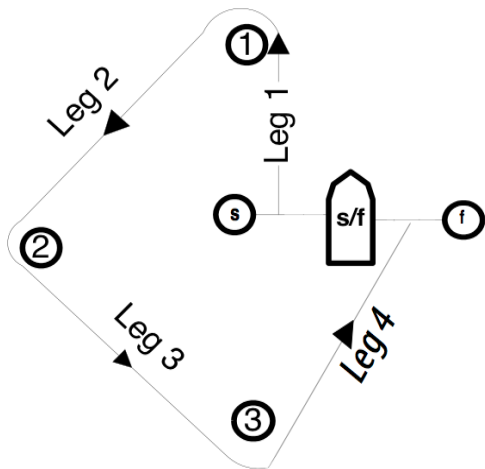
CYC REGATTA CHAIR
Richard Rubel

ATT A: COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

Windward/Leeward



Triangle



Gold Cup

