

Sonar Atlantic Coast Championship
June 23-24, 2012
Sailing Instructions
Sonar Class Association
Hosted by the Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. Notices To Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located opposite the front desk inside the Eastern Yacht Club.

3. Changes In Sailing Instructions

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Casey flagpole at the water side of the Eastern Yacht Club

4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'.

5. Courtesy Broadcasts

The race committee may make courtesy broadcasts on VHF Channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast, the timing of the broadcast or a boat's failure to hear a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

6. Schedule of Races

Racing is scheduled as follows:

Friday, June 22

All Day Launching (high tide at 1400)

Saturday, June 23

0800-1000 Launching (low tide at 0830)

0900-0930 Skipper's Meeting

0900-1000 Check in (hand in waivers)

1030 Harbor Start

1130 First Warning Signal

1900 Regatta Dinner (casual attire)

Sunday, May 20

0900 Harbor Start

1000 First Warning Signal

1430 Last Warning Signal

After racing Awards and Refreshments

7. Racing Area

7.1 The racing area is expected to be located in the vicinity of Halfway Rock.

7.2 In the event of inclement weather, an inshore racing area may be used.

7.3 Use of the inshore area will be indicated by code flag "I" displayed ashore over the class flag, accompanied by two guns no less than one hour before the warning signal.

8. Courses

8.1 Windward/leeward courses will be sailed.

8.2 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark and the course to be sailed.

9. Marks

9.1 The starting marks will be a boat flying an orange flag and a green tetrahedron.

9.2 Rounding marks will be orange tetrahedrons.

9.3 The finish marks will be a boat flying a blue flag and a green tetrahedron.

9.4 All offsets marks will be orange.

10. The Start

10.1 Races will be started using rule 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between a signal boat flying an orange flag and a green tetrahedron.

11. Change Of Course

10.1 A change of course will be signaled in accordance with rule 33. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

12. The Finish

The finishing line will be between an anchored boat flying a blue flag and a green tetrahedron.

13. Abandonment & Time Limit

14.1 The time limit for a race will be 2.5 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35 and A4.1.

14. Measurement & Equipment

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment is in compliance with the Sonar class rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the regatta. The protest committee may check boats for safety gear and measurements at any time during the regatta.

15. Protests

15.1 Protest forms are available at the Eastern Yacht Club front desk.

15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee finish boat has docked.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit has expired to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

15.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16. Scoring

16.1 The series will be sailed over two days.

16.2 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 When five or more races have been sailed, a boat's worst score will be discarded. This changes rule A2.

17. Coach, Support and Spectator Boats

Coach, support and spectator boats shall remain 50 yards outside of the starting signal boat, the finish boat, the finish pin and the starting pin.

18. Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications while racing that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and similar devices.

19. 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, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20. Trophies

20.1 Trophies will be awarded based on the number of boats entered.

20.2 If 25 or less boats enter, prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew of the boats in first, second and third place in the series.

20.3 If more than 25 boats enter and start, prizes will also be awarded to the skipper and crew of the boat in fourth place in the series.

20.4 If more than 35 boats enter and start, prizes will also be awarded to the skipper and crew of the boat in fifth place in the series.

21. Contact Information:

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Attachment A

