

# REGULATIONS OF THE BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

## CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

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### A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. All races held under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be sailed under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and US SAILING Prescriptions.
2. The Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association, Board of Trustees is the Organizing Authority for the Championship Series.
3. The Race Committee for the Championship Series, shall be appointed by the Regatta Committee of the Association, chaired by the Vice Commodore.
4. The Vice-Commodore shall have the prerogative of appointing Principal Race Officer(s) who shall be US Sailing Certified.
5. Each year the Regatta Committee shall adopt Sailing Instructions (SIs) that shall be provided to all entrants. The Regatta Committee shall additionally recommend a Notice of Race (NOR) for approval by the Board of Trustees (OA).
6. The Regatta Committee shall publish an approved Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions on the BBYRA website on or before May 15th.
7. Appropriate committees shall be appointed as stated herein. Other committees may be added as necessary.

### B. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. There shall be a Regatta sub-committee of the BBYRA, known as the **Sailing Instructions Committee**, charged with the responsibility to annually update the sailing instructions and charts, to be proposed to the Regatta Committee. The Vice Commodore shall appoint the Chairperson and committee members within one month of the annual meeting. The Committee shall work in cooperation with the Class Liaison Committee, Measurer, and the Vice Commodore, in their race management and Regatta Committee functions. It is recommended that at least one member of the committee be a Certified US Sailing Judge. The committee shall publish the SIs in the BBYRA's Year Book and on BBYRA's website.
2. The Sailing Instructions Committee shall additionally be tasked to provide a class schedule of races. Each class shall be scheduled to compete at least two days on each BBYRA race venue (Upper and Lower Bay).

### C. PROTEST

1. There shall be a Regatta sub-committee of the BBYRA known as the **Protest Committee**, whose chairperson shall be US Sailing Certified Judge, appointed by the Vice Commodore within one month after the annual meeting of the BBYRA. The chairperson shall form a suitable committee from among the general membership of the association, using US Sailing Certified Judges whenever possible. Written results of protest hearing shall be delivered to the scorer. The Vice Commodore will be advised of the results of hearings.

## **D. SCORING**

1. There shall be a Regatta sub-committee of the BBYRA known as the **Scoring Committee**, whose chairperson shall be appointed by the Vice Commodore within one month of the annual meeting, and whose title shall be Scorer. The Vice Commodore may appoint one or more assistant scorers. The committee shall be responsible for scoring the Championship Series and other events as requested. The committee shall publish the results on the BBYRA's website. The Committee shall further provide a final detailed copy of all races scored and posted during the series to the Secretary at the Annual Meeting for archiving.

## **E. ELIGIBILITY**

1. There shall be a Regatta sub-committee of the BBYRA known as the **Class Eligibility Committee**, whose chairperson and members shall be appointed by the Vice Commodore within one month of the annual meeting. The committee shall review the annual performance of each class and investigate the credentials of applicant classes. It shall make recommendations concerning old and new class eligibility to the Regatta Committee. The Committee shall maintain the following guidelines for series eligibility and recommend any future changes.
  - a. Any existing class qualifying three or more boats in the previous year's Championship Series will be eligible for competition.
  - b. Additional classes may be considered upon written petition to the Regatta Committee by at least six skippers representing a minimum of three member clubs. Such petition shall be submitted no later than November 15 of the prior year for which eligibility is being requested and shall include (as a minimum) the following information for consideration:
    - i. A commitment from each skipper stating his/her intention to qualify for the championship.
    - ii. Identification of Class Liaison Representative (including pertinent contact information).
    - iii. Listing of any and all racing preferences (i.e. morning or afternoon, bye weeks, preferred courses, etc.).
2. Proposed age limit or gender restriction (if applicable). Any new class accepted shall be considered "provisional" for a period of at least one year with provisional status to be reviewed annually by the Class Eligibility Committee. Provisional classes are not eligible for championship awards. Those classes eligible for competition each year shall be designated by the Regatta Committee and published on the BBYRA website on or before May 15 .
3. In junior classes with an age limit, a contestant will be considered eligible when his/her age limit birthday will not have been reached on the last day of the calendar year.
4. A sailing instructor actively employed by a BBYRA member club may be permitted to enter and/or skipper a boat provided he/she is a member of US Sailing and his/her respective class organization, and pays the usual entry fees for the class in which he/she is entered. Entry will be at the discretion of the Regatta Committee and shall be denied if not in the best interest of the Association.

## F. MEASUREMENT AND RACING TRIM

1. There shall be an **Association Measurer** appointed by the Vice Commodore within one month of the annual meeting. The Measurer shall work with the Liaison Committee and receive and keep a record of all yachts as may be required to have measurement certificates by their fleet measurers, and maintain copies of each classes' current scantlings as required by such classes association, if any.
2. All one-design and restricted classes must file with the Association Measurer a copy of their class rules and regulations which shall include restrictions, measurements and designations pertaining to the hull, mast, rigging, sails, and crew limitations as to weight and number, not later than two weeks prior to the date of the first Championship regatta. These will remain frozen through the entire Championship series.
3. A record of class restrictions and designations including sails, crew limitations, equipment, etc. will be maintained by the Association Measurer.
4. No boat will be entitled to compete unless the boat meets the above mentioned requirements and conforms to these Regulations.
5. Alleged measurement violations shall be submitted as "Measurement Protests" to the Protest Committee.

## G. CLASS LIAISON

1. There shall be a Regatta Sub-committee of the BBYRA known as the **Class Liaison Committee**, chaired by the Rear Commodore. The committee shall meet at least once a year with the elected representatives of each class then being sailed in the championship series. The committee will receive the recommendations of the class representatives and report to the Regatta Committee their suggestions for the improvement of racing on Barnegat Bay, preferred schedules and other matters within the BBYRA's racing activities.
2. The Rear Commodore shall be tasked to give notice to all season registrants at least 60 days before a scheduled Liaison meeting of their ability to hold a fleet meeting to elect a representative to this committee. Electronic communications shall be acceptable. The BBYRA does not appoint Class Representatives, and will continue to invite the prior year's representative if not given notice of a change of representative by the fleet.

## H. EQUIPMENT

1. There shall be a Regatta sub-committee of the BBYRA known as the **Equipment Committee**, chaired by the Rear Commodore. It shall be the function of the Equipment Committee to store, inventory and maintain the equipment of the BBYRA and to make same available to the Regatta Committee or other event whenever and wherever requested by the Commodore or Vice Commodore.

## I. SAFETY

1. There shall be a Regatta sub-committee of the BBYRA known as the **Safety Committee**, chaired by the Fleet Captain. It shall be the function of the Safety Committee to coordinate and implement an on-water and off-water safety program for regatta competitors and personnel. The Safety Committee shall be responsible for maintaining radio communications and obtaining appropriate annual “Permits for Marine Events” from the Marine Police, Coast Guard or as required by the State of New Jersey.

## **J. TRAINING**

1. There shall be a standing committee of the BBYRA known as the **Training Committee**, chaired by the Fleet Captain. It shall be the function of the Training Committee to provide training by organizing seminars, meetings or other event in furtherance of the BBYRA’s goals in fostering amateur sailing competition.

## **K. ENTRIES**

1. Entries shall be made as required by the Regatta Committee.
2. A member of the Regatta Committee shall supervise the receipt of daily entries and fees in all classes.
3. An entry fee will be charged for the season or for each race of the championship series for all classes at rates established by the BBYRA Board of Trustees (OA). Entry fees are non-refundable.
4. Member Clubs (upon specific request from the Association Treasurer) are required to provide verification that any Championship Series entrant(s) registering from that Member Club are bona fide members in good standing of that club. This is in order to facilitate monitoring of Registration eligibility.
5. Points shall be awarded to an entered boat and may not be transferred except by specific written permission of the Regatta Committee.

## **L. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

1. Changes to these Regulations shall be approved by the Board of Trustees as the Organizing Authority at any regular or special meeting. Notice of a proposed change shall be given to the Secretary, with at least 30 days, notice to the Board. Proposed changes may be submitted by any applicable Committee Chairperson or by any other member of the Board of Trustees.
2. It is suggested but not required that proposed changes be reviewed and recommended by the Regatta Committee prior to submission.