

## REGULATIONS OF THE BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

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### A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. These Regulations are to serve as guidelines for Regatta Committee policies, procedures and planning.
2. All races held under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be sailed under *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Sailing Instructions, NOR and class rules as applicable by fleet.
3. The Championship Series, held under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be conducted by a Race Committee appointed by the Regatta Committee of the Association and chaired by the Vice Commodore.
4. Each year the Regatta Committee shall adopt Sailing Instructions (SIs) that shall be provided to all entrants. The Regatta Committee shall also cause appropriate race information not contained in the SIs or these Regulations and required by RRS J1, "Notice of Race Contents", to be published on the BBYRA website on or before May 15th.

### B. ELIGIBILITY

1. Any existing class qualifying three or more boats in the previous year's Championship Series will be eligible for competition. Each class shall be scheduled to compete at least two days on each BBYRA race venue (Upper and Lower Bay).
2. 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<sup>th</sup> of the prior year for which eligibility is being requested and shall include (as a minimum) the following information for consideration:
  - a) A commitment from each skipper stating his/her intention to qualify for the championship.
  - b) Identification of Class Liaison Representative (including pertinent contact information).
  - c) Listing of any and all racing preferences (i.e. morning or afternoon, bye weeks, preferred courses, etc.).
  - d) 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<sup>th</sup>.

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. Member Clubs (upon request from the Association) are required to provide verification that any Championship Series entrants 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. Member Clubs shall also (upon request of the Association) provide a certified count of their membership in order that the Treasurer can properly bill for Member Club Dues in the Association.
5. 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.

### C. ENTRIES

1. A member of the Regatta Committee shall supervise the receipt of entries and fees in all classes.
2. Entries shall be made as required by the Regatta Committee.
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. Entry fees are non-refundable.

### D. RACING TRIM

1. 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. No boat will be entitled to start in any race unless the boat meets the above mentioned requirements and conforms to these Regulations.
2. A record of class restrictions and designations including sails, crew limitations, equipment, etc. will be maintained by the Association Measurer.

#### **E. QUALIFICATION and SCORING**

1. Each season the Association will award the championship to the boat in each class making the best score as prescribed in the sailing instructions.
2. Points shall be awarded to a boat and may not be transferred except by specific written permission of the Regatta Committee.

#### **F. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

1. The BBYRA may act to suspend the awards of a class's season championship series if the final outcome of its series is dependent on the outcome of an appeal.
2. A report of each championship race giving the identification of all boats registered therein and their order of finish shall be filed with the Scorer of the Regatta Committee and kept in the Association archives.

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