

BBYRA CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

2017 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), NOR, these Sailing Instructions, and class rules as applicable by fleet.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the vicinity of the registration desk at the regatta headquarters.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hours prior to the scheduled AM or PM First Warning Signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the regatta headquarters.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 See CLASS SIGNALS AND STARTING TIMES.

5.2 When back-to-back races are scheduled for a class, the warning signal for the second race will be made as soon as practicable.

6. THE COURSES

6.1 There will be two Race Areas on all race days, AM and PM.

- a) The race areas will be designated Rose and Green.
- b) On all race days, AM and PM, the Start Boats will display a solid color flag corresponding to their Race Area
- c) On race days hosted by yacht clubs north of the Mathis Bridge, the Rose area will be south of the bridge. On race days hosted by yacht clubs south of the Mathis Bridge, excluding SPYC, the Rose area will be the Green Island Course. On SPYC race day, the Rose area will be the Wanamaker Course.

6.2 For Portable Mark Courses:

- a) The course will be windward-leeward (W) or triangle (T) with all marks rounded to port.
- b) The course W or T and the number of legs will be displayed on a placard not later than the Preparatory Signal. This modifies RRS 27.1
- c) An offset mark will be employed at the weather mark. Boats shall round the offset mark to port after rounding the weather mark.
- d) A gate may be employed on any windward-leeward course. When there is a gate boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. Use of a gate will be signaled by display of the letter "G" on the course placard.
- e) If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark in position shall be rounded to port.
- f) A short leeward mark may be used and will be signaled by letter "S" on the course placard.

6.3 For Fixed Mark Courses:

- a) The course chart shows the approximate location of marks, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- b) The number of course to be sailed will be displayed not later than the Preparatory Signal. This modifies RRS 27.1

6.4 Any special course will be posted on the official notice board.

7. MARKS

7.1 Permanent marks will be drums painted orange and white with identifying letters in black.

7.2 Temporary marks will be as noted in paragraphs 7.3, 7.4, 8.1, 8.5, 9.1, 9.2.

7.3 For Portable Mark Courses:

a) The turning marks of the course in the Rose race area will be yellow balls.

b) The turning marks of the course in the Green race area will be yellow tetrahedrons.

c) Offset marks will be an orange ball.

d) A short leeward mark may be used in any Race Area and it will be the Area's turning mark with a black band.

7.4 A missing mark will be replaced either by a black and yellow buoy or boat displaying Flag M.

Sound signals while displaying Flag M may be omitted. This modifies RRS 34(b) and RRS Race Signals.

8. THE START

8.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Start Boat at the starboard end and a large orange mark at the port end.

8.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. After starting and before finishing, a boat may not cross the start line.

8.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

8.4 The race committee may attempt to hail and broadcast sail numbers of boats that are OCS on VHF Radio. Failure to hail or broadcast any sail numbers; failure of a boat to receive the recall hail or broadcast; a boat's position in the sequence of hail or broadcast numbers; promptness of the hail or broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and RRS 62.1(a).

8.5 A small limiting mark *may* be attached to the stern of the Start Boat, and if present shall be considered part of the Start Boat.

9. THE FINISH

9.1 For upwind finishes the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape on the Finish Boat and an orange ball on the port side of the finish boat.

9.2-For downwind finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape on the Start Boat and an orange ball on the starboard side of the start boat.

9.3 These instructions modify RRS Race Signals.

10. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

During the race, gate marks may be repositioned without signal for minor changes in the course. This changes RRS 33. Repositioning marks shall not be grounds for redress.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 may either take a penalty as prescribed in RRS 44.1 or a Scoring Penalty as prescribed in RRS 44.3. For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe) replaces the Two-Turns Penalty.

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1 The time limit for each race will be two hours.

12.2 Boats still racing (and that do not subsequently retire, get disqualified, or get redress) 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). See SI 14.5.

12.3 For morning races, no Warning Signal will be made after 1130.

12.4 The time for the conclusion of morning races is 1230. Boats still racing after 1230 (and that do not subsequently retire, get disqualified, or get redress) will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired), see SI 14.5 This changes Instruction 12.1 & 12.2.

12.5 For afternoon races, no Warning Signal will be made after 1530.

12.6 Postponement signalled before 1200 does not apply to afternoon races. This changes RRS Race Signals.

12.7 Flag N over A over the First Substitute will Abandon All Races for the morning. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

12.8 For afternoon E-Sloop races (with the exception of SPYC race day), the Warning Signal will be made one hour after the last boat finishes the last morning race, but in no case before 1200. On SPYC race day, the Warning Signal for the afternoon E-Sloops will be at 1315.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 A boat is required to inform the race committee finish boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat, and provide the sail number of the protested boat. This changes RRS 61.

13.2 Protest forms are available at regatta headquarters, start boat, finish boat or online at www.bbyra.org.
Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit:

- a) In person to the Protest Committee Chairman or Secretary, Area PRO, or BBYRA Flag Officer, or
- b) Electronically at www.bbyra.org

13.3 The protest time limit is 2000 on the day of the race in question, except on the last scheduled racing day when the protest time is 1 hour from the time the Start Boat docks. This modifies RRS 62.2.

13.4 Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time limit on the official Protest Committee notice board at www.bbyra.org. Hearings will be held at Regatta Headquarters commencing at 0700 on the next scheduled race day or at a location and time agreed upon by the protest committee and interested parties, except on the last race day when hearings will be held immediately following the races.

13.5 Breaches of Instructions 8.3, 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 16, 17, & 18 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

14. SCORING

14.1 Qualification is described in the NOR. The number of scheduled races is shown on the Class Schedule.

14.2. RRS A4.2 is replaced with RRS A.9, Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta.

14.3 For all fleets RRS A2 is changed so that:

- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When from 7 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- (d) When from 9 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- (e) When from 13 to 15 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores.
- (f) When more than 15 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her five worst scores.

14.4 Boats that did not compete (DNC) shall be scored points equal to the number of boats that came to the starting area plus one point. This changes RRS A9.

14.5 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5, A9 and A11.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 Changes in registered skipper (person in charge) or sail number must be reported at the registration desk or reported to the late entry boat in the vicinity of the Area Start Boat or the Start Boat prior to the boat's warning signal. The skipper need not be the helmsman but must be on board while racing.

15.2 Any registered boat sailing in the starting area between her warning and starting signals will be considered a contestant for the purpose of determining Championship Series qualification.

15.3 If a boat does not start or fails to finish, the skipper shall report personally or by VHF radio directly to the Area Regatta Committee or a Patrol Boat before leaving the race course.

15.4 All Sunfish and single-handed competitors shall wear personal buoyancy at all times while afloat. This changes RRS 40 and the Part 4 preamble.

15.5 E Sloops shall deploy mainsail floatation at all times while racing. This modifies E Sloop Class Rules.

16. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected by the race committee at any time for compliance with the rules and the sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. When Flag L and a class signal are displayed at the finish line boats shall proceed immediately to the Area patrol boat flying the same signal in the vicinity of the finish line for a mandatory safety inspection. Boats must remain in the area until dismissed by the inspection team. While awaiting inspection, contact with other boats is prohibited. A boat that fails to comply with the rules or this instruction will be protested.

17. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones, pagers, radios, etc. Transmission from these devices is only allowed for emergencies. VHF radio channels to be used for emergencies and communication of race information are as follows: Rose Area VHF channel 71, Green Area VHF channel 68.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.