

**2018
HYANNIS YACHT CLUB
OCEAN RACE
BEERCAN SERIES**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2. EQUIPMENT

All boats shall minimally comply with the World Sailing Offshore Regulations Appendix B. Requirements can be downloaded at:

<http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2016AppB15122015-%5b19842%5d.pdf>

All boats shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER). Requirements can be downloaded at:

http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/US_SER_2016_corrected_numbers.pdf

Additionally, all personnel on deck shall wear personal flotation while starting and finishing without exception and at all other times except when the Captain of the boat directs that it may be set aside. Working navigation lights are required for all boats.

3. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in these events are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this event. By participating in these events, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Ocean Race Notice Board located at the south end of the patio.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Ocean Class Notice Board located on the south end of the patio at least two hours before the starting sequence of the first scheduled race, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect. Flag Lima will be flown at the dock.

Oral changes may be given on the water. Each boat will confirm receipt of any oral change.

boats, or the order of boats hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

13. **THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel and the course side of a nearby mark. The finish line may not be the same as the starting line. It may be to the starboard side of the Race Committee vessel. In this case, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee vessel and the course side of a nearby mark.

If a boat is unreasonably delaying the completion of a race, the Race Committee, at its discretion, may order that boat's race terminated and score that boat's corrected time to equal last place. This changes RRS A4.

Any boat withdrawing or retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF 68 or by hail and receive their acknowledgement.

12. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

The Penalty at the time of an incident (Rule 44) will be a One-Turn Penalty for breaking rules in part 2 and Rule 31. This changes Rule 44.1. If a boat elects to take a Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, while racing, the penalty will be two places.

12. **TIME LIMIT**

If no boat rounds the first mark within one hour from their start, the race shall be abandoned. The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be two hours after the start. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in her Class sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF, (Did Not Finish). This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

12. **PROTESTS**

A boat intending to protest another boat shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing. Written protests shall be delivered to the Principal Race Officer (PRO) or designated Race Committee member, within 60 minutes after the Race Committee Finish vessel docks. That docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Boats involved in a protest will be contacted by the PRO and notified of the time and place of the Protest Hearing.

12. **SCORING**

RRS Scoring will be the time on distance method. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply with the following modifications for Finish Conditions:

DNF (Did not finish)

be scored as one more point than the Number of Competing Boats.

DNS (Came to the starting area, but did not start: other than DNC or OCS)

be scored as two more points than the Number of Competing Boats.

OCS (Did not start: on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and failed to start)

be scored as two more points than the Number of Competing Boats.

DNC (Did not come to the starting area. Did not start.)

be scored as three more points than the Number of Competing Boats.

19. **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**
See Attachment A Marks of the Course.
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20. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
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