

Hyannis Yacht Club
490 Ocean Street
Hyannis, MA 02601
One Design Race
Sailing Instructions
2018

Hyannis Yacht Club is the organizing authority

1. Rules

1.1 The 2018 One Design Racing Season, including June, July, August, September and October series as well as Special Events, will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the US Sailing prescriptions.

1.2 Racing rules will be changed as follows:

Racing Rule 40 will be changed - All One Design Competitors are required to wear an approved PFD at all times while racing.

Racing Rule 44.1 will be changed - For boats racing in Lewis Bay; a boat may take a one turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing rather than the prescribed two turn penalty.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside the race committee office and/or on line. The Schedule of Races will also be posted on the Official Notice Board, on line and in the Notice of Race.

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.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect on the official notice board located outside the race committee office.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the HYC yardarm located on the dock.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1" minute is replaced with not less than 30 minutes. Boats are requested not to leave the harbor/anchorage until this signal is made.

4.3 Flag E with a sound means that the J-22 class will not fly spinnakers in the first race of the day. The race committee may, at its discretion, allow spinnakers in subsequent races that day if weather permits.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1 The schedule of races is defined in the Notice of Race.

5.2 First warning Thursdays, 1800, J22, followed by lasers

First warning Sundays June, September, October, 1000 J22's followed by lasers

First warning Sundays July and August, 1200 J22's followed by lasers

First warning, special events, 1000 J22's followed by lasers

6. Class Flags

Class Flags will be used only for races conducted outside of Lewis Bay.

J-22 Flag - "J"

Laser Flag - Pennant "1"

Laser Radial Flag - Pennant "2"

7. Venue

Racing areas are described in the Notice of Race.

8. Courses

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat will display the course and, excepting courses in Lewis Bay, the approximate compass bearing and length of the first leg.

8.3 When more than one class is racing, a boat shall not cross the starting line except to start or to correct a starting error.

8.4 The race committee may set an offset mark near the windward mark. When there is an offset mark, boats shall round the weather mark and offset mark, leaving each mark to port.

9. Marks

Marks will be either inflatable cylinders, pyramids or spheres.

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10. The Start:

10.1 Starts for Thursday Night- 3 Minutes - Lasers and J22

Starts for Sundays June, September, and October 3 Min - Laser and J22

Starts for Sundays July and August 5 Min RRS 26 - Outside or Inside - Lasers and J22

J22 Special Events - 4th of July, Labor Day RRS 26

Columbus Day Regatta - Oktoberfest - 3 Min

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat (Starboard end) and the starting mark (port end).

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during

the starting sequence for other races.

10.4 A boat starting more than three (3) minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start- DNS” without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

10.5 The race committee will hail OCS boats on a “best effort” basis. Failure to make a hail or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

11. Change of the next leg of the course

To change the next leg of the course the race committee will move the original mark or the finish line to a new position or if the mark is missing or adrift replace it with a mark of the same shape while displaying the C flag.

12. The Finish

12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby mark. The starting line may be different from the finish line.

12.2 If a boat is unreasonably delaying the completion of a race, the Race Committee may, at its discretion, order that boat’s race terminated and score the boat points equal to last place in that race.

13. Penalty System

For all classes, rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed in Lewis Bay so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required.

14. Time Limits

14.1 For classes in Lewis Bay, boats failing to finish within one (1) hour of the race start time, or 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14.2 For boats racing outside Lewis Bay, boats failing to finish within two (2) hours of the race start time, or 30 minutes after the first boat finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. Protests and Requests for Redress

15.1 A boat intending to protest another boat shall inform the race committee as soon as possible after finishing the race. Protests shall be delivered to the PRO or race committee member. Boats involved in a protest will be contacted by the PRO and notified of the time and place of the protest hearing.

15.2 For each class, the protest time is 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat has docked.

16. Scoring

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A will apply, except that a boat’s worst score will be discarded after completing every five races. This changes Appendix A2.

16.2 In the event that only 2 boats in a class compete in a race, they will be scored, but no prizes will be awarded.

16.3 The following modifications will be applied to the Low Point Scoring System for finish conditions:

- A. DNF (did not finish) be scored as one more point than the number of competing boats
- B. DNS (did not start: other than DNC and OCS) be scored as two more points than the number of competing boats
- C. 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
- D. DNC (Did not start: did not come to the starting area) be scored as three more points than the number of competing boats
- E. DSQ (Disqualification) be scored as one more point than the number of competing boats

17. Equipment and Measurement Checks

17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class Rules and sailing instructions. USCG approved Life Jackets for all crew members shall be worn while racing.

17.2 During the Thursday night series in Lewis Bay, spinnakers shall not be used.

18. Cancellation of Races

At the discretion of the Race Committee, races may be cancelled if winds exceed the following

J-22 25 kts, sustained

Laser 20 kts, sustained

Laser Radial 18 kts, sustained

Optimist 15 kts, sustained

19. Good Sportsmanship

The Hyannis Yacht Club encourages good sportsmanship. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty or retire. The basic principal is often described as “Corinthian”, but no matter what words you use to describe the concept, it is fundamental to how our sport operates. Good sportsmanship is expected of all competitors. Foul and abusive language on the race course by a member of a boat’s crew or skipper, may result in protest by the race committee and disqualification from the entire series.