



## BARRINGTON YACHT CLUB

# Mugwumps Racing

### Sailing Instructions

#### **RULES:**

The series will be governed by the *rules* as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012.

**REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY:** This is a club event and all skippers and crew must be active members of the Club.

**START TIME AND NUMBER OF RACES:** The first warning will be at approximately 1830 on each night of racing weather permitting; there will be multiple races each night with no set number of races. The nights of racing shall be July 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3 of 2011.

**PURPOSE:** The series of races is designed to give the children/adults a chance to race under friendly terms subject to the rules of racing. They will be supported by STP instructors with the intent of providing a safe environment for the competitors.

**CLASSES:** Club 420's, and Opti's will be used. There will be two fleets of Opti racers, Green Fleet for Beginner/Intermediate sailors and White Fleet for more advanced sailors. The Opti's must meet applicable Class regulations

**START/FINISH:** The starting /finishing line will be between a set mark (typically an orange marker) and the orange flag on the RC boat in the proximity of the Warren River. Whistles or horns will be used for the start and finish. Boats shall not cross the starting /finishing line except when starting, finishing or restarting if over early.

**COURSES:** One of the two courses will likely be used although the RC has discretion to set other "fun" courses

- A triangle (to be hailed prior to racing)
- A windward/leeward windward ( to be hailed prior to racing)

**STARTS:** Rapid horns or whistles shall be used to signal a warning that the starting sequence of a race is about to begin. The sequence shall be as follows:

- Two long horns 2 minutes(Prep)
- One long and three short horns 1 minute, 30 seconds
- One long horn 1 minute
- Three short horns 30 seconds
- Two short horns 20 seconds
- One short horn: 10 seconds
- One short horn 5,4,3,2,1 seconds
- One long horn: Start

**PROTESTS:** Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by the racing rules of sailing (RRS). A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they take a penalty. A penalty involves a single turn (360) which shall include one tack and one gybe. Protests are discouraged.

**SCORING:** The low point scoring system, Appendix A2 of the RRS, will be used. There will be no throw outs in the scoring of Races for a night of racing. For the purposes of scoring the season, with participation in 5 or more nights of racing, a skipper shall be entitled to have (2) races excluded and with participation in at least (4) nights of racing, a skipper shall be entitled to have (1) race excluded. To qualify for the Series, a skipper must be present for 50% of the nights of racing and race in at least one race each of such nights racing. A DSQ may not be excluded.

**PRIZES:** An overall trophy will be given for the Series. Individual awards will be given out each night of racing. Awards will be given to the top three sailors in each class.

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