



Sailing Instructions

Barrington Yacht Club Senior Circuit Series (the "Series")

Rules: The Series shall be governed by the *rules* as defined by the 2009-2012 The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS").

Registration and Eligibility: This is a Club event and all skippers and crew must be Active Members of the Club (as defined in Article III, Section 3(a) of the Club's Bylaws). Only the registered skipper will be scored. Entrants will be billed for the \$55 per person registration fee. Substitute crews in the 420 Class will be billed the \$55 registration fee if they intend to attend the banquet at the end of the Series and/or receive an event T-shirt. A sail by the Race Committee ("RC") boat to check in is required before a skipper's first race each night (a race shall be referred to as a "Race", and each night of racing shall be referred to as a "Night of Racing").

Notices: All updates to the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions or information pertaining to the Series will be posted on the RC bulletin board in the hallway 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 of Racing with no set number of Races. The Nights of Racing shall be **July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13 and 20, 2009**

Purpose: Friendly competition while adhering to and observing the Racing Rules Sailing

Classes: 420, Laser and Sunfish one-design boats will be used. In the 420 class, only Club owned boats may be used. In the Sunfish and Laser classes, boats must meet applicable Class regulations. (See the NOR regarding Sunfish dagger board.)

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. Yachts shall not cross the starting/finishing line except when starting, finishing, or restarting if over early.

Courses:

One of two courses will be used for each Race:

- a triangle (denoted by a "T" placard); or
- a windward/leeward/windward (denoted by a "W" placard)

The number 2 after the course shall mean the course is to be sailed twice around. The absence of a number 2 shall mean that the course is to be sailed one time around.

At the discretion of the RC, the final Race on a Night of Racing may finish at a spot (TBA) between the race course and the Club. The RC will announce the finish location verbally.

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 (which modifies RRS 26):

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| • Two long horns or whistles: | 2 minutes (Preparatory) |
| • One long and one short horn or whistle: | 1 minute, 30 seconds |
| • One long horn or whistle: | 1 minute |
| • Three short horns or whistles: | 30 seconds |
| • Two short horns or whistles: | 20 seconds |
| • One short horn or whistle: | 10 seconds |
| • One short horn or whistle: | 5,4,3,2,1 seconds |
| • One long horn or whistle: | Start |

General Recall: Two long horns or whistles. A new start sequence for that class will immediately follow.

Individual Recalls: Will be in accordance with RRS 29.1. The RC may attempt, but shall not be obligated, to hail numbers.

Protests: Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by the RRS that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire. The alternate penalty shall be a single 360-degree turn which shall include one tack and one gybe. This modifies RRS 44. Protests are discouraged. This changes rule 44.2.

Scoring: The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A2 of the RRS, will be used, with 1 point for first place, 2 points for second place, etc. To qualify for the Series, a skipper must be present for 50% of the Nights of Racing and race in at least one (1) Race each of such Nights of Racing. Completion of one (1) Race on a Night of Racing shall constitute a Night of Racing. A Race started but not completed shall constitute a Race. The score for the Series will be the arithmetical average of the skipper's individual Race scores. There shall be no throw-outs in the scoring of Races for a Night of Racing. For purposes of scoring the Series, with participation in seven (7) or more Nights of Racing, a skipper shall be entitled to have two (2) Races excluded; and with participation in at least five (5) Nights of Racing, a skipper shall be entitled to have one (1) Race excluded. Any exclusion of Races shall be limited to the worst score(s) obtained by the skipper, and such exclusion shall affect season standings only. A DSQ may not be excluded. For purposes of scoring the Series:

- a skipper who participated in less than all of the Races on a Night of Racing shall be scored in all of the Races conducted on such Night of Racing, and for each of the Races in which he/she did not participate, the skipper shall receive points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats participating in that Night of Racing;
- a skipper not participating in a Night of Racing shall not be scored for the Races during that Night of Racing (this modifies Rule A9 of the RRS);
- a skipper not finishing a Race shall receive points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats participating in that Race;
- a skipper disqualified from a Race shall receive points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats participating in that Race.

Prizes:

An overall trophy will be given for the Series. Individual awards may be given out each Night of Racing. The Co-Chairs of the Series reserve the right to provide additional awards as they see fit. An awards banquet is tentatively scheduled for August 27, 2009.