

BARRINGTON YACHT CLUB

Mugwumps Racing

Sailing Instructions

June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, and 16, 2017

RULES: The series will be governed by the rules as defined by 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. Sailors should sign up with the STP staff in order to insure boat availability.

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 June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, and 16, 2017. There will be a skipper's meeting held under the tent at 17:30, boats should be rigged and ready to go **before** the skipper's meeting.

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 and committee members with the intent of providing a safe environment for the competitors. Sailors must be capable of sailing out of the harbor and to the race course on their own. If parents have a question regarding the ability of their sailor, they should check with their child's STP instructor.

CLASSES: Club 420, Opti, RS Vision and other one design classes (at Race Committee discretion) 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 two classes will start together unless instructed differently by the RC, but will be scored separately. The Opti's must meet applicable Class regulations. Club boats used for parent/child(ren) sailing may be used by a qualified skipper at the STP's staff discretion.

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. The RC has the option of a separate start and finish line. Racers will be notified if that is the case. 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 class will be announced. Non starters should clear the line. 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 strongly discouraged.

SCORING AND QUALIFICATION: The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the rules, as modified below, will be used for scoring the nightly results. There will be no throw outs in the scoring of races for a night of racing. For the purpose of scoring the Series, a sailor must be present for 3 nights of racing to qualify for the Series or the number of nights that are scored less than 3. They must race in at least one race each of such nights racing in the same class boat. If a sailor qualifies for the season, that sailor may exclude the worst individual score for the season. A DSQ may not be excluded.

PRIZES: An overall trophy will be given for the Series in Club 420 and Opti. Individual awards will be given out each night of racing. Awards will be given out each night of racing to the top sailors in each class.

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