



**Barrington Yacht Club**  
**2018 Thursday Night Adult Racing**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, and August 2, 9, & 16, 2018**

**1. RULES**

- a. The Series shall be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:**

- a. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Club.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted prior to 1600 on the day they take effect.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- a. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flag pole at the Barrington Yacht Club.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- a. The Nights of Racing shall be June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3, 10, 17 2017
- b. The first warning will be at approximately 1830 on each Night of Racing, weather permitting.
- c. There will be multiple races each Night of Racing (each such race shall be referred to as a "Race") with no set number of races.

**6. CLASSES FLAGS/INDICATORS**

- a. Racers should stay close to the committee boat to hear the announcements.
  - i. "420", "Laser", "Sunfish", "RS Vision"
- b. A decision about the use of spinnakers will be made each night by the competitors in RS Vision fleet.

**7. RACE AREA**

- a. The race area will be:
  - i. to the South West of Warren Town Beach;
  - ii. to the West of North Farm;
  - iii. in Smith's Cove.
- b. The rendezvous point will be in the area to the South West of Warren Town Beach.

**8. COURSES**

- a. Courses will be announced by the RC prior to the starting sequence.
- b. Courses will be:
  - i. Triangle or Windward / Leeward
  - ii. once or twice around
- c. The Race Committee reserves the right to add an offset mark to the windward mark. If used, it will be left to port after rounding the windward mark. If used, it is a mark of the course and will be announced by hail

**9. MARKS**

- a. Marks will be set marks or government marks.
  - i. Set marks will be pink balls.

**10. START / FINISH**

- a. The starting/finishing line will be between a set mark and the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the RC boat.
- b. The Starting sequence will be a modified Appendix S Sound Signal Starting System
  - i. The sequence shall be as follows, which modifies rule S-3:
    - 1. Rapid horns or whistles shall be used to signal a warning that the starting sequence of a Race is about to begin.
    - 2. Two long horns or whistles: 2 minutes (Warning and Preparatory)
    - 3. One long and three short horn or whistle: 1 minute, 30 seconds
    - 4. One long horn or whistle: 1 minute
    - 5. Three short horns or whistles: 30 seconds
    - 6. Two short horns or whistles: 20 seconds
    - 7. One short horn or whistle: 10 seconds
    - 8. One short horn or whistle: 5,4,3,2,1 seconds
    - 9. One long horn or whistle: START
- c. Whistles or horns will be used for the start and finish.
- d. Individual Recalls will be one long horn. The RC will attempt to hail numbers.
- e. General Recall: Two long horns or whistles.
  - i. A new start sequence for that class will immediately follow.

**11. CHANGE OF COURSE**

- a. After the start, the RC may change the course by moving a mark or marks without signaling to maintain its original configuration as long as no competitor is on that leg of the course.

**12. PENALTIES and PROTESTS**

- a. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- b. The hail "protest" from one racer to another puts the "hailee" on notice. Flags are not required.
- c. Rules T2, T3 and T4 will apply to all protests
- d. The protest time limit shall be 30 minutes following the RC signal boat docking.
- e. Protests will be heard immediately following the race, at BYC.

**13. SCORING and QUALIFICATION,**

- a. The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the rules, as modified below, will be used for scoring the nightly results.
  - i. There shall be no exclusions in the scoring of Races for a Night of Racing.
  - ii. 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.
- b. The Low Point Averaged Scoring System will be used for the season.
  - i. To qualify for inclusion in the final series results 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.
  - ii. Completion of one (1) Race on a Night of Racing shall constitute a Night of Racing.
  - iii. A Race started but not completed shall constitute a Race.
  - iv. The skipper shall be scored in accordance with rule A9, for each race not raced.
  - v. A skipper who "did not come to the starting area" will not be scored. This changes rule A9.

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- vi. Races Raced Credit is available for one evening per season for race committee duty or for one evening per season sailing on a RS Vision.
  - 1. Racers seeking credit can apply directly to the race committee, in writing, for each specific situation.
- c. The series score for each boat will be the sum of her race scores divided by the number of races for which she is scored.
  - i. The qualified boat with the lowest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.
  - ii. An experimental High Point CHIPS Scoring, APPENDIX A, will also be used for reference only.
- d. Exclusions
  - i. With participation in seven (7) or more Nights of Racing, a skipper shall be entitled to have two (2) Races excluded
  - ii. With participation in at least five (5) Nights of Racing, a skipper shall be entitled to have one (1) Race excluded.
  - iii. Any exclusion of Races shall be limited to the worst score(s) obtained by the skipper, and such exclusion shall affect season standings only.
  - iv. Any DSQ resulting from an incident with contact shall be scored as DNE. The boats involved may club assets and thus contact, however minor, is not permitted.

### 14. AWARDS

- a. Overall trophies will be given for the Series.
- b. Individual awards will be given out each night of racing.
- c. All awards will be based on number of entries per class.
- d. There will be an awards banquet at the end of the season; date and time are TBD.

### 15. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. In accordance with rule S-1, all instructions concerning the race, course, safety, etc. are verbal; Redress shall not be granted concerning this information or the lack or timeliness of same. It is the responsibility of each competitor to remain close enough to the signal boat when announcements may be made. This changes rule 62.1(a). A yacht receiving this information from the RC does not break rule 41.
- b. Life Jackets are to be worn at all times by all competitors.