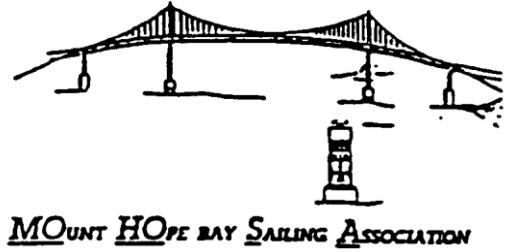


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MOHOSA RACE WEEK

FEATURING

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORLDS

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 10, 2011
and

MOHOSA REGATTA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2011

General Conditions & Sailing Instructions

Sponsored by:

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2011 MOHOSA Race Week – Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)*, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. It is recommended that all yachts...
 - 1.2.1. comply with the OCR Special Regulations Category 4 safety equipment requirements; and
 - 1.2.2. Carry on board an *RRS* copy for interpretation of flag signals and rule reference.
- 1.3. Other documents that are required prior participation in any race are:
 - 1.3.1. A validated PHRF of Narragansett Bay Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker Rating Certificate.
 - 1.3.2. A valid, signed Entry Form including a liability waiver by all participants with full payment of fees.
 - 1.3.3. All participants shall meet rule 77 (Sail Numbers).

1.4. Racing rules will be changed as follows:

- 1.4.1. The rules of *RRS Part 2* are replaced with the right-of-way rules of state and federal regulations governing inland navigation when encountering commercial traffic.
- 1.4.2. Rule 29 is changed by the Instructions for RECALLS.
- 1.4.3. Rules A4.1 and A8 are changed by the Instructions for SCORING.
- 1.4.4. Rule 33 is changed by the Instruction for CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE.

1.5. NON-SPINNAKER CLASS

- 1.5.1 To qualify as a non-spinnaker class yacht; the yacht shall not fly sails other than:
 - A. One Mainsail or similar on each mast on the yacht, and;
 - B. One headsail retained in close proximity to the head stay by either an extruded foil or a series of hanks. Two (2) such headsails may be flown temporarily when conducting a sail change.
 - C. Staysails, mules and bloopers are not permissible in the non-spinnaker classes unless as part of the original sail plan of the yacht's rigging and included in her PHRF rating.
- 1.5.2 Spinnaker poles and/or whisker poles may be used to boom out the clew of a non-spinnaker class headsail.
- 1.5.3 Non-spinnaker yachts shall race using their 2011 PHRF-NB non-spinnaker ratings.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the bulletin boards at Bristol Yacht Club, Tiverton Yacht Club and SIRA, Swansea Marina, and on the Bristol Yacht Club web site, on the MOHOSA page under the RACING section: www.bristolyc.com/racing/mohosa.php

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions or scratch sheet will be posted before 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpoles at the Bristol Yacht Club and the Tiverton Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

- 5.1. The “Wednesday Night Worlds” will be on Wednesday, August 10, 2011, and the scheduled time of the warning signal is 1830 hours.
- 5.2. The “Regatta” will be held on Sunday, August 14, 2011, and the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first of two scheduled races is 1100 hours.
- 5.3. The warning signal for the final Regatta race will be at least 5 minutes after the conclusion of the first race of the day.
- 5.4. Prior to the first warning, or following a long postponement, a flurry of sounds will be made to alert the boats 30 seconds before the warning signal.
- 5.5. For the Sunday Regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1430.
- 5.6. The Post Regatta Party and Awards Ceremony will be held at Bristol Yacht Club at 1730 hours. The registration fee for the regatta includes 2 meal tickets.

6. CLASS FLAGS:

Class A	RED letter / WHITE field	Class C	GREEN letter / WHITE field
Class B	RED letter / BLUE field	Class D	YELLOW letter / GREEN field

7. RACE AREAS, COURSES, AND MARKS

The course information included herein is different for each of the two race dates. **PLEASE BE SURE YOU IDENTIFY AND ADHERE TO THE COURSE INFORMATION FOR THE DATE(S) YOU ARE RACING AS FOLLOWS:**

- 7.1. **Appendix A** describes the racing areas, courses and marks for the **Wednesday Night Worlds ONLY**.
- 7.2. **Appendix B** describes the racing areas, courses and marks for the **Sunday Regatta ONLY**.

8. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The following marks shall be observed at all times, unless identified as a turning mark in the specific course:
 - 8.1.1. R”4” BELL Common Fence Point Mt Hope Bay – pass to the north
 - 8.1.2. Mt. Hope Bridge – Pass through the center span only
 - 8.1.3. Observe mark R “6” South of Mt. Hope Bridge West of Portsmouth shore
 - 8.1.4. Do not sail between Hog Island and Hog Island Shoal Lighthouse
 - 8.1.5. Observe RN “2” SW Bristol Point – Pass to SW
 - 8.1.6. Spar Island – shall not pass between the halves

9. THE START

- 9.1. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2. The starting line will be between an orange, inflatable buoy and a staff displaying an orange or white flag on the Race Committee signal boat.

- 9.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.4. The starting sequence for all classes will be a 5-minute rolling start. The warning signal for subsequent classes will be the starting signal for the preceding class.

10. RECALLS

- 10.1. All premature starters must round an end of the starting line before restarting.
- 10.2. General Recalled class(es) will start after Class D, in the order in which they originally started. This changes Rule 29.2

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. After starting, the Race Committee may shorten the start/finish line by moving the pin or relocating the finish boat(s) to another mark without signaling. This changes rule 33.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange or white flag on the race committee boat and the anchored finish mark, which is described in Appendices A and B.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. The first finisher in a class must finish within the time limit for a race to be scored for that class.
- 13.2. A yacht finishing outside of the time limit, OR more than 30 minutes after the first finisher of a scored race for their class, shall be scored DNF (Did Not Finish).
- 13.3. In the Wednesday Worlds, the first finisher in a class must finish by 2045 for the race to be scored for that class.
- 13.4. In the Sunday Regatta, the time limit for all courses is 2.5 hours.

14. CANCELLATIONS and POSTPONEMENTS

- 14.1. Abandonment Signals will be in accordance with RRS Race Signals. A postponement will be signaled by hoisting the Answering Pennant (AP) with two sound signals.
- 14.2. After a postponement has been made, the Answering Pennant will be lowered with one sound signal followed one minute later by the Warning Signal. The Race Committee may precede the lowering of the Answering Pennant by a flurry of sounds to call attention to it.
- 14.3. The abandonment of all races will be signaled by hoisting flags N over A with 3 sound signals.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. A yacht shall notify the Race Committee of her intent to protest and identify the yacht that is the subject of the protest as soon as possible after finishing without interfering with the continued management of the race.
- 15.2. Written protests must be filed at the Bristol Yacht Club within two (2) hours of the race committee boat leaving station. The Race Committee shall announce on VHF-71 when it leaves station and shall post that time on the Racing Notice board at Bristol Yacht Club.
- 15.3. Protests shall be conducted in accordance with RRS Part 5.
- 15.4. Protests will be heard the night of the race if feasible.

16. SCORING

16.1. The scoring system will be:

16.1.1. Time-on-Distance race scoring shall be used, based on Narragansett Bay PHRF handicaps (2011).

16.1.2. The Low Point System will be used except that 1st Place equals 0.75 points. This changes Rule A4.1.

16.1.3. In the event of a scoring tie in the Regatta, the lowest combined corrected time will be used as a tiebreaker. This changes Rule A8.

16.2. A minimum of one (1) race must be sailed to constitute the regatta.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1. A boat shall Check-In with the Race Committee prior to racing by identifying herself by sail number and reporting the number of Crew aboard. It is each boat's responsibility to assure acknowledgement from the race committee.

17.2. A boat shall Check-Out with the race committee by finishing the race, or, if retiring, to do so as soon as possible by radio, or by passing within hailing distance of the RC boat and so communicate verbally. A yacht that has withdrawn must not cross the finish line.

18. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1. VHF Channel 71 will be used for any announcements by the race committee and for communication with competitors.

19.2. The race committee will make efforts to broadcast courtesy racing information such as weather, courses, starting sequence, starting violations, time limits, etc. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.

20. PRIZES

20.1. Wednesday Worlds and Sunday Regatta trophies will be awarded separately for each class.

20.2. Each class will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies.

20.3. Trophies will be awarded for all races at the Bristol Yacht Club after the completion of racing on Sunday, August 14, 2011

21. NORTH SAILS PERFORMANCE TROPHY

The results of the Wednesday Night Worlds and the Regatta will be combined only to determine the recipient of the North Sails Performance Trophy. The one boat amongst all classes to finish the Race Week with the lowest overall score when combining all races competed shall receive the Performance Trophy.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS* rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.