



BRISTOL YACHT CLUB

180 Poppasquash Road. Bristol, RI 02809



2017 October Quahog Regatta SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RACING RULES

1.1 Races will be governed by the RRS, the Appendices, the NOR, and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Participating competitors & classes shall conform to Class Rules unless noted here:

- Laser Class: ILCA rules with the following exceptions:
 - Non class approved sails (commonly referred to as “practice” or “training” sails) of same size and cut may be used as an alternative to the official Laser Class sails in local fleet racing.
 - Use of Radials & 4.7 rig sails as sail area reduction is accepted.
 - Identical 3rd party non class approved components or parts designed to perform to the same specifications of the laser class utilizing the same materials in construction, application and hull mounting location shall be accepted.
 - All running rigging arrangements shall conform to ILCA rules.

1.3 Should there be conflicts between these SI's and the Notice of Race, these SI's will govern.

2.0 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Competitors must wear USCG Type III PFD's and appropriate wet or dry suit.

2.2 To be scored, a competitor must have:

- Completed and signed a registration / Waiver form (online or paper)
- Paid the entry fee
- In lasers, ILCA conforming numbers or unique sail numbers. In the case of same or similar numbers amongst boats (last 3 Digits), numbers that conform to the Hull number designation and ILCA will be take priority over numbers that do not.

3.0 RACE PROCEDURES

- 3.1 The first warning signal will be at 12:00 pm or at the discretion of the RC.
- 3.2 If multiple classes, a minimum of four boats of the same class must be in the area to start a race.
- 3.3 Postponement: Postponement will be determined by the RC & Fleet Captains. If postponed ashore, no start will occur within 30 minutes.
- 3.4 RC may continue to start races until 4:00 pm.
- 3.5 The time limit for a single race is 40 minutes, or 10 minutes after the first finisher, whichever is later.
- 3.5 All race signals and communication will be made by hails and/or sound signals from a RC boat.
- 3.5 At the discretion of RC, announced courses may be modified as twice around by Hail.
- 3.6 Each class, other than Laser, represented by four or more boats will have its own start.
- 3.7 Insufficient class participation (less than 4 boats): Participants in classes with less than 4 boats will be notified prior to the event and will be refunded if they cannot make the required participation number.

4.0 COURSES AND MARKS

- 4.1 The start/finish line will be a staff on the RC boat with an orange flag. Marks will be small inflatable's tetrahedrons.
- 4.2 Courses will be announced by the RC by hail and by course letter(s) affixed to RC boat.
- 4.3 When more than one boat class is represented, the start/finish lines are "closed" except when starting or finishing.
- 4.4 Course designs: Course designs will be posted day of the Regatta by 10:00 am.

5.0 STARTING PROCEDURES

- 5.1 A 3-minute "dinghy start" sound signal system will be used (Starting (appendix S, three-minute Dinghy start)
- 5.2 The RC may, but is not required to, invoke the 1-minute I-flag (rule 30.1, around the-ends), Z-flag, or Black Flag rules by flag or hail.
- 5.3 No boat may start more than 3 minutes after the start signal.
- 5.4 All hails will use the last 3 digits of the sail number.
- 5.5 In Lasers: Standards, Radials and 4.7 will start together and be scored together.

6.0 SCORING

- 6.1 For scoring, the Low Point System of Appendix A will be used scoring as a race series conducted in a single day.
- 6.2 Three races are required to complete a race series. If less than 3 races are held, there will be no official race recorded or race series results provided.

6.3 Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored as the lesser of 3 places worse than the last finisher, or one place worse than the number of starters in the race.

6.4 There are no throw outs.

7.0 PROTESTS

7.1 Competitors are expected to enforce the RRS themselves, by using hails and filing protests.

7.2 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are modified to require a one-turn penalty including one tack and one gybe.

7.3 Protests must be reported to the RC at the end of the race.

7.4 The RC may file protests when it observes rule violations, if no boat accepts a penalty or protests.

7.5 Competitors involved in protests must report to the RC within 20 minutes after the RC boat docks.

7.7 The Protest Committee will be appointed by the RC.