



BRISTOL 2021/22 FROSTBITE SERIES NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: The Bristol Yacht Club (BYC) is the organizational authority of the Bristol Frostbite Series.

Classes: The series will be open to Laser and RS Aero class boats with separate class starts when three or more same class boats are on the line.

Eligibility & Entry: The series is open to BYC Members and non-members. BYC welcomes all sailors, however it is the expectation that competitors will exercise good judgment and awareness of their sailing abilities as it pertains to winter racing conditions. In addition, all participants agree to follow the **BYC 2020-21 Frostbite Series Covid-19 Guidelines and House Rules** including the then current Covid19 rules as outlined by the State of Rhode Island and BYC Executive Board.

Schedule: Weekly racing Saturday October 23rd, 2021, through Saturday, April 2nd 2022. The Fall Series will run 10/23 through 12/18; the Winter Series will run 1/8 through 3/26. Trophies will be awarded after an unofficial race Saturday April 2nd, 2022. **Boats must be removed from BYC Property by Monday Apr 4th.**

First Signal: 1:00 pm each Saturday. No race will start after 3:30 pm.

Rules: All races will be governed "The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024" (RRS) as modified by the SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2021-22 Bristol Yacht Club Frostbite Series (SIs)

Series Format & Scoring:

The 2020/21 season will be scored as two separate series; daily results are scored each Saturday, with daily and series prizes for each qualifying fleet.

- Daily and series results will be scored using the Low Point scoring system, with a minimum participation requirement of 65% to be considered in final series results. See SIs for details.
- Daily prizes will be awarded with fleets of three or more starters.
- Un-registered boats will be scored as DNC for the final series results.
- Lasers: Full, Radial & 4.7 class lasers will start and finish together.
- RS Aeros: 5, 7 & 9 class Aeros will start and finish together.
- There will be no scoring adjustment for sail size which is at the discretion of the sailor.

Results, Notifications & Cancellations: Results & updates will be emailed weekly and archived on-line [HERE](#). If weather conditions are such that cancellation can be predicted, a fleet captain will inform the fleet by 9:00 am Saturday. If there is no cancellation notice, racing is considered "on".

**** Races may be cancelled at any time on site should conditions deteriorate.*

Race Committee: A regular race committee and safety boat w/driver will be provided; however RC must be staffed sufficiently to support participating fleet size and weather conditions on each day. To cover for race committee absences or conditions that may require additional committee personnel, all competitors are expected to be prepared to volunteer as back up race committee should the need arise. Fleet will be informed of the need for additional committee as soon as it is identified. RC Requirements are at the discretion of the PRO and Fleet captains. If adequate RC support cannot be established prior to starting, the PRO and Fleet captains have the authority to cancel racing. Junior sailors are exempt from race committee responsibilities.



Safety & Responsibility:

- USCG approved Life jackets are mandatory (inflatable PDFs not allowed).
- 20/20 Rule: No race will be conducted should either wind speed exceeds 20 mph or air temperature drops below 20 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Proper attire: Competitors are required to wear adequate protective gear appropriate for winter sailing conditions (wetsuits or dry suits, neoprene gloves & hats recommended).
- Liability Waiver Form: All participants are required to complete, sign, and submit a paper liability waiver form.
- Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate entirely at their own risk and agree to abide by the Bristol Yacht Club 2020-21 Frostbite Series Waiver Form including rules of the RSS (see rule 4, Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage, injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to or after the regatta.
- **Any racer or guest not following BYC Covid19 Guidelines (Masks required indoors if not fully vaccinated) or House Rules (including bar and restrooms) will, without exception, be asked to leave Club Grounds.**

Fees:

- Full Series: Full series fees cover both racing and storage on site for the frostbite season.
 - BYC Members: \$80
 - BYC Guests: \$100
 - Junior (High School) Sailors: FREE
- Day Rate: A day rate will be available for the 2021-22 season. If, after 3 days of sailing by day rate, a competitor wishes to continue, they will receive full credit toward the Full Series Rate.
- The Day Rates are as follows:
 - BYC members: \$10
 - BYC non-members: \$20

Registration Options and Waiver of Liability Form:

- Online: You may register and pay online, or you may register online and pay by check to a fleet captain on your first race day. Please register and pay online – so much easier for all.
- Paper: Print and complete the 2021-22 Frostbite Series Registration form and submit your completed registration form, waiver of liability form, and fees to a fleet captain or RC PRO upon your first race day.
- You may register online or download the paper registration forms in PDF format at the BYC Frostbite main page [HERE](#).
- **Whether you register on line or by paper, YOU MUST PRINT AND THEN EMAIL (dave.guinther@yahoo.com) OR DELIVER ON-SITE your signed BYC Waiver of Liability form to a Fleet Captain or RC PRO prior to racing.**

No sailor (day rate or full series) will be able to participate without a signed BYC Waiver of Liability, available on line above or from a fleet captain or RC PRO on race days at BYC.