



Sailing Instructions, Bullseye Nationals 2015 Sandy Bay Yacht Club, Rockport, Massachusetts

1 Rules

1.1 Races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, the Bullseye Sailing Association Rules for Regattas and Technical Specifications and by these Sailing Instructions.

2 Eligibility

2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Bullseye Class owned and/or skippered by current members of the Bullseye Sailing Association who complete registration with the hosting organization.

2.2 Yacht owners agree that whenever their yachts participate in any race sponsored by SBYC, they shall have on board safety equipment as identified in item B5 of the BSA Technical Specifications.

3 Notices to Competitors and Changes in the Sailing Instructions

3.1 Notices to competitors or changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Race Committee bulletin board located to the right of the Snack Bar.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole.

4.2 Code flag "AP" with 2 sound signals means "All races are postponed". When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the first warning signal will be made not less than thirty minutes after removal, unless the race is postponed again or abandoned. This changes Race Signal AP

4.3 Code flag "N" with 3 sound signals means "All races are abandoned".

5 Schedule of Races

5.1 Saturday, August 1, 2015: Harbor Start 9:00. First warning signal 10:00. Multiple races if time and conditions permit.

Sunday, August 2, 2015: Harbor Start 9:00. First warning signal 10:00. Multiple races if time and conditions permit. No warning signal after 13:00

Information will be posted on the Race Committee bulletin board.

5.2 When more than one race will be held on the same day, or after a lengthy postponement, the warning signal will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

5.3 Flag Alpha displayed with no sound, while boats are finishing, means "No more racing today".

6 Class Flags

6.1 The class flag will be a red flag with a white Bullseye emblem.

7 Racing Area

7.1 The racing area will be as shown on the attached course chart. See also <http://www.sandybay.org/racing/Chart.jpg>

8 The Courses

8.1 The course to be sailed and the compass heading to the first mark will be displayed on the course posting ladder on the Race Committee Signal Boat. The course will be displayed using letters and numbers on white cards and the compass heading displayed using numbers on black cards. The Race Committee may also display the distance in nautical miles to the first mark using a decimal number on white cards. All course, heading, and distance designations will be arranged vertically.

8.2 When a single letter is displayed, that indicates a course pattern to be followed (see the SBYC course chart). A numeral below the letter indicates the number of times the course pattern is to be sailed.

8.3 The course will be posted at least 5 minutes prior to your starting signal.

8.4 The start and finish lines, when in the middle of the course, must be honored. Sailing through this line on a leg of the course will be grounds for disqualification (if the orange flag is not displayed on the Race Committee Boat, the starting line does not exist, and you may sail through the 'line').

8.5 Race leg lengths should be at least 0.5 nautical miles if conditions permit.

9 Marks

9.1 Portable yellow inflatable marks will be used as often as possible.

9.2 If a new mark is set for a second or subsequent windward leg, that mark, as provided in Instruction 12.1, will be either yellow, identified with a horizontal black band, or orange.

9.3 Government marks or buoys must be honored except as follows:

a. When used as a mark of the course.

b. Green Can "C3" NNW of Gap Head (SBYC Mark E).

9.4 An offset mark may be used with a windward mark. The offset mark will be located on a line perpendicular to the wind and extending through the windward mark, about 150 feet from the windward mark. Boats shall pass the windward mark to port and then pass the offset mark to port. If an offset mark is in place, it must be honored. If used, the offset mark will be in place for the first windward leg only.

9.5 On downwind finishes, the finishing mark will be a green tetrahedron off the starboard side of the Race Committee boat.

10 Areas That Are Obstructions

10.1 The following area is designated as an obstruction: the submerged breakwater, between the G "3" Gong at the northern edge, and the R "2" Bell at Avery Ledge, as shown on the enclosed chart.

11 The Start, Reporting at the Start

11.1 Before starting its' first race of each day a boat is required to sail past the stern of the designated Race Committee boat and verbally report in.

11.2 Any Bullseye failing to check-in in accordance with the provisions of 11.1 shall receive a scoring penalty equal to 20% more than the number of starters in that race.

11.3 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.

11.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rule A4.

12 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12.2 Rule 33 is changed to allow the Race Committee to give the compass bearing by hail.

13 The Finish

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat, which will display a blue shape or flag, and the course side of the finishing mark.

13.2 The finishing line on downwind finishes will be between the Committee Boat and the green tetrahedron off the starboard side of the Committee Boat.

13.3 Each yacht shall be prepared to identify the yacht finishing immediately ahead and astern by sail number if requested by the Race Committee

14 Penalty system

14.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31 or 44.1 shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practicable.

14.2 A boat that leaves the racing area without notifying the Race Committee is subject to a 20% scoring penalty in the last race in which she finished.

14.3 The Protest Committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken Rule 42.

15 Time Limits

15.1 Time limit is 90 minutes. If the first yacht of a class finishes within the prescribed time limit, the race is valid.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rule 35.

16 Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1 All yachts shall display a red flag if protesting another yacht. This changes Rule 61.1(a)(2).

16.2 A yacht protesting another yacht shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible after she finishes or retires.

16.3 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be written on U.S. Sailing forms and lodged with the Race Committee within one hour of the docking of the Race Committee boat. Forms are available in the clubhouse.

16.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Protest Committee or Jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.5 Breaches of instructions 11.5, 14.1, 18 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

17 Scoring

17.1 Completion of three races will constitute a series.

17.2 If more than five races in the series are completed, a competitor's score will be the total of all his race scores excluding his worst score. This changes rule A2.

18 Safety Regulations

18.1 Single-handers shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD while racing.

18.2 Yachts retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee boat or Club launch operator as soon as possible.

18.3 Yachts not starting shall notify a Race Committee boat.

19 Equipment and Measurement Checks

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 Radio communication

20.1 All competitors must have VHF radios.

20.2 Race Officers are encouraged to use VHF radios for communication with competitors as a courtesy. Failure to hear a radio communication is not grounds for redress.

20.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21 Trash Disposal

21.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

21.2 Any boat observed in violation is subject to disqualification, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, from all races sailed on the day of the infraction.

22 Disclaimer of Liability

22.1 Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Sandy Bay Yacht Club, its employees and its' volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races.

23 Insurance

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

You will be provided with the following:

Race signals and SBYC Course chart, or <http://www.sandybay.org/racing/CoursesFlags.pdf>

Racing chart, or <http://www.sandybay.org/racing/Chart.jpg>