

THE BUZZARDS YACHT CLUB

ONE-DESIGN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2011-2012

1. Rules.

All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), these sailing instructions, and the class rules of each class racing. The H Class may be raced with only one sailor in a boat (modification of class rule).

2. Changes in the Sailing Instructions.

Will be signaled by posting the words "SI CHANGE" on the course board at least 5 minutes prior to the warning signal for the first class to start. The content of the change will be available from the committee boat.

3. Schedule of Races.

Time of warning signal for the first class will be 1:50 PM. *The order of starts will be: Stuart Knockabouts, 420s, Bullseyes, and H-12s.* If one class is not racing the order will follow sequentially. Raising the class flag at the warning signal will officially indicate which class is starting. No more than three races per class will be run on one day.

4. Courses

Courses will be posted on a course board on the starboard side of the committee boat. A number refers to a diagrammed course on the reverse side of the sailing instructions. A letter or series of letters indicates the sequence of turning marks shown on the chart. A number following a course number or letter sequence indicates the number of times that course is to be sailed. A circled course number and/or circled letter are to be left to port. A course number and/or letter that are not circled shall be left to starboard.

The starting and finishing line will be restricted to boats starting or finishing on any course when the start and finish is in the middle of the course. Boats sailing upwind or

downwind and not starting or finishing may not sail through the starting/finishing line (boats must sail to the outside of the committee boat or the pin). Boats failing to comply will be scored DSQ.

5. Marks.

Non-lettered marks will be inflatable marks. Lettered marks are all government buoys, with the exception of "C" which is a yellow cylindrical shape and "Z" which is Bassetts Island. When rounding Bassetts Island on course "Z", all government marks shall be minded.

6. The Start.

Races shall be started using the following signals.

SIGNAL	FLAG & SOUND	MIN. TO START
Warning	Class Flag & 1 Sound	5
Preparatory	Preparatory Flag & 1 Sound	4
One-Minute Start	Preparatory Flag Lowered & 1 Sound	1
	Class Flag Lowered & 1 Sound	0

Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. A short series of signals may be made before the sequence begins to attract attention.

The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag on the committee boat and a mark. A boat whose warning signal has not yet been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose warning signal has been made.

7. Recalls.

Individual and general recalls will be done in accordance with RRS Rule 29. In addition, the Race Committee may attempt to call the sail number(s) of the boat(s) over early (as a courtesy hail).

8. Change of Course After the Start & Shortening a Course

Any change of course after the start will be signaled by a race committee boat stationed near the mark beginning the first leg affected by the change. Code flag "C" will be displayed and a horn sounded periodically. The new sequence of remaining marks will be displayed on the course board. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. For a shortened course, Code Flag S will be flown accompanied by two sounds.

9. Time Limit.

Will be 2-1/2 hours. If no boat finishes within that time the race will be abandoned. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first yacht finishes will be scored "Did not finish."

10. Retiring.

A boat that starts a race and retires from the race before finishing must make an effort to notify the race committee.

11. The Finish.

When the committee boat is on station at the finish line it will display a blue flag. In a course described by letters, the finish mark will be the starting mark unless otherwise indicated on the course board before the start. The other end of the finish line will be the flagstaff flying the blue flag on the committee boat. In the event the race committee boat is not on station establishing the finish line, it shall be a line extending from the required side of the finishing mark at right angles to the course from the last mark and of the shortest practical length.

12. Penalty

Rule 44.1 will apply.

13. Protests.

All protests must be made in accordance with Part 5, Section A of RRS. The committee boat must be notified of intent to protest when crossing the finish line. Written protests must be filed in person or by e-mail with either Protest Committee Chairperson by 7:00 PM of the day of the race. If neither is available, protests must be filed with the Race Committee Chairman by 7:00 PM of the day of the race. Protest forms are available in the RRS. (This form is not required, only that the protest information is submitted in writing.)

14. Scoring.

A Low-Point Scoring System will be used in scoring all series. Boats not starting, not finishing, retiring, or disqualified will be scored one more point than the number of boats starting that race.

15. Series.

A minimum of four races will constitute a monthly series. If more than four are raced, the best four will be used to determine the points for that series. The Summer Series is determined by adding the points for the July series to the points for the August series. A weekend series will consist of a minimum of two races run on the 4th of July or Labor Day weekends. If the 4th of July or Labor Day cup race is cancelled, it will not be resailed or awarded that year.

16. Resails.

With two exceptions, Saturday races postponed will be made up the following Saturday with a scheduled race. First exception: races postponed on 4th of July and Labor Day Saturdays will be made up that Sunday. In that case, the first Sunday race(s) will be considered monthly series races and the last race will be considered the Cup race. Second exception: any July Series races not completed in July are cancelled. Any August series races not completed by the end of racing on Labor Day Sunday are cancelled.

17. Cancellations.

Racing will be cancelled if there are sustained winds over 25mph and/or any other conditions deemed unsuitable for racing. A cancellation e-mail will be sent and a voice message left on the Clubhouse's phone, option #7.

18. Numbers.

Shall be displayed by all boats on both sides of the mainsail and spinnaker. All other markings are not required. (This alters RRS rule 77.)

19. Life-saving Equipment.

Each boat shall have appropriate Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) conforming to government regulations. The Race Committee encourages all sailors and racers to wear appropriate PFDs for their safety. It is the responsibility of each sailor/racer to be as safe as possible when racing.

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