



2011 Summer, Fall & F3 Series Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 including US SAILING Prescriptions, with the exception of rule 44.3. Each vessel shall carry a copy of the current Racing Rules on board while competing.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the bulletin board outside WBYC. As a courtesy, a copy may also be posted on the WBYC website.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1715hrs on the day it will take effect. Any changes to the schedule of races will also be posted by 1715hrs on the day it will take effect. In addition, the Race Committee may display Code Flag "L" prior to a race, indicating boats are to come within hailing distance to receive an announcement prior to the Warning Signal. This may include a change to these Sailing Instructions.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the official notice board at WBYC.

4.2 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with not less than '1 hour' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

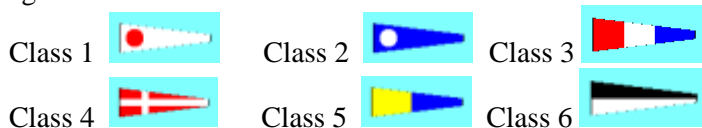
5.1 The official WBYC Racing Calendar will govern the Schedule of the Races. The Racing Calendar can be found on the WBYC website at www.westbayyc.org

5.2 The Race committee will display Code Flag "R" if another race is to be held.

5.3 The scheduled warning signal for Class 1 start will be made at 1810 hours or at.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class Flags will be as follows:



7. RACING AREAS

7.1 Racing areas shall include Greenwich Bay and the waters North and West of Prudence Island.

7.2 All starts will be in the vicinity of either the A Mark, C5 Sally Rock, N6 or C1 [depending on the wind direction]

8. COURSES

Courses will be selected from either a pre-printed course list or created by the RC and posted on a white board prior to the warning of each Class race. The RC will broadcast all Courses for all Classes as a courtesy.

9. MARKS

Government marks and special racing marks will be used. A full listing and abbreviations of all government marks can be found in the pre-printed course list.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

All government marks must be honored unless used as a turning mark of the course with the following exceptions: C 5 Pine Hill Point and N 6 Pine Hill Point.

11. THE START

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

11.2 The starting line will be between the orange flag on the committee boat and the nearby government mark, special racing mark, or a nearby inflatable orange buoy.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other races.

12. MANDATORY RETIREMENT

12.1 Any yacht touching the Race Committee boat at or before their start or while finishing must retire. No re-rounding or alternative penalty will be allowed.

13. RECALLS

13.1 Recalls will be in accordance with US Sailing Rule 29 except as specified below:

- **INDIVIDUAL RECALL:** One [1] horn blast, plus raising code flag “X”, plus hailing sail number or offender(s).
- **GENERAL RECALL:** Two [2] horn blasts, plus raising of code flag “FIRST SUBSTITUTE”. When a Class is recalled, the race committee will restart that Class immediately. The restart for the Class will be indicated by the raising of the Class Flag at the sounding of the warning signal. This modifies Rule 29.2 of the Racing Rules.

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

14.1 The Race Committee may shorten the course by establishing the finish line at any turning mark. To signal a shortened course the race committee will fly code flag “S” as well as display the class flag, for those classes are affected by the change. If no class flags are displayed the course change applies to all classes.

15. THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the nearby Government mark, special racing mark, or between the orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the nearby inflatable orange buoy.

16 TIME LIMITS

The Race committee is not required to remain on station past 2100 hours. Boats finishing after 2100 hours shall pass within 3 boat lengths of the final mark and record their own time, which shall be reported to the race committee within 1 hour of finishing. A race shall be scored, if not abandoned, when one boat sails the complete course and finishes by 2100 hours.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 A boat intending to protest is requested to notify the Race Committee boat of its intention and the identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing.

17.2 Protests forms are available at the Club House. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Club House within the appropriate time limit.

17.3 For each Class the protest time limit is 2 hours after the RC arrives at the Club House.

17.4 Involved parties will be notified within 24 hours following racing. Hearings will be held at the earliest convenience of the protest committee.

18. SCORING

18.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the racing rules, as modified herein, will apply. Yachts that are disqualified (DSQ) will be scored points for the finishing place plus two more than the number of all yachts entered. Yachts that do not start (DNS), do not come to the starting area (DNC), did not finish (DNF), retired after finishing (RAF), on the course side of the starting line and failed to comply with rule 29.1 or rule 30.1 (OCS) will be scored for the finishing place plus one more than the number of all yachts registered. A boat’s best nine [9] finishes, for the Summer Series, will count towards the boats Series total. Boats that do not complete nine races will not qualify for the Series. For the Fall Series, a boat’s best three [3] finishes will count towards the boats Series total. Boats that do not complete three races will not qualify for the Series. Summer & Fall Series will use the Time-On-Time [TOT] scoring method but the F3 Series will use Time-On-Distance [TOD] scoring.

19. DISQUALIFICATION

19.1 A race in which a yacht has been officially awarded a DSQ may not be taken as a throw out.

20. FINISHING AFTER DARK

20.1 It is the responsibility of any yacht finishing after dark to clearly identify itself to the race committee when approaching the finish line and finishing.

20.2 All yachts racing at night must have functioning navigational lights and shall use the same in accordance with USCG regulations.

21. RETIREMENT

21.1 Any yacht retiring from a race must notify the race committee as soon as practicable by either VHF CHANNEL 69 or by hailing the committee boat upon leaving the race area.

22. SAFETY REGULATIONS

22.1 Check-Out and Check-In: Prior to the Warning Signal, every boat shall sail by the stern of the Committee Boat on Starboard tack and hail its boat name to the RC.

22.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

22.3 Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a Restricted Channel. Sailing vessels do not have the right of way over a vessel under power which is restricted in her ability to maneuver. Competitors witnessed or reported to the Race Committee to have run afoul of commercial vessels before, while, or after racing may be subject to protest by another competitor or the RC.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Violators will be subject to disqualification.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications while racing not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. It is the intent of the Race Committee to broadcast on VHF CHANNEL 69 as its primary method of verbal communications prior to and during racing. Failure to receive or properly interpret these communications shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.

25. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes for each Class in their respective Series at the Annual Awards Banquet or at the Club BBQ for the F3 Series.