



Edgartown Yacht Club
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96th ANNUAL REGATTA

Shields, Wianno Senior, J/70

July 12, 13, 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Boats will be subject to their respective class rules.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Committee notice board located in the entrance to the main hall of the Edgartown Yacht Club.
- 2.2 A skippers' meeting will be held Thursday July 11, at 1700 in the Main Hall.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club station mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 1 hour" in the race signal AP. When a class flag is displayed with the AP, it applies to that class only.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

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| 0900-1600 | Adult Registration and Check-in | Race Committee Office. |
| 1700 | Adult Skippers' Meeting | Main Hall |

Friday, July 12, 2019

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| 1100 | First Warning Signal Shields & J/70 (1-4 Races) | Cow Bay |
| 1300 | Warning Signal Wianno Senior (1 Race) | Cow Bay |

Saturday, July 13, 2019

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| 1100 | First Warning Signal Shields & J/70 (1-4 Races) | Cow Bay |
| 1300 | Warning Signal Wianno Senior (1 Race) | Cow Bay |

- 5.2 There will be no Warning Signals after 1530 on the final day of racing.
- 5.3 If a subsequent race is to be sailed, the finishing line signal boat will fly pennant second substitute at the finish. If a class flag is displayed with pennant "second substitute," the subsequent race is for that class only.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags used by the Race Committee for the J/70 will be a Numeral Pennant 1, for the Shields a Numeral Pennant 2 and for the Wianno Senior class the Numeral Pennant 3.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area for all three classes will be the area known as "Cow Bay" approximately 1.8 nautical miles from harbor buoy R6 at a bearing of approximately 300 degrees magnetic.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be Windward-Leeward with the number of legs posted on the Committee Boat no later than the class warning signal. A "4" would be sailed windward-leeward-windward-leeward.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.
- 8.3 Marks, including the windward offset mark, if used, shall be rounded in order and, with the exception of a leeward gate, if used, left to port.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The windward, leeward, offset, and gate marks will be inflatable marks.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be inflatable marks.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy.
- 9.4 The Race Committee may set an offset mark to be honored after the windward mark. When a change is made to the windward mark a new offset mark may not be set.
- 9.5 A standoff buoy may be set off the stern of the Race Committee signal boat. This standoff buoy shall be regarded as part of the signal boat.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag flown on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable buoy.
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area while other classes are in start sequence.
- 10.3 A boat starting more than 5 minutes after its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.4 If any part of the boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast their sail number on VHF channel 73. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.3 When a change of course is intended for a specific class, the corresponding class flag will be displayed. If no class flag is displayed, the change of the course is for all classes.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between staff displaying a blue flag flown on a Race Committee signal boat and a nearby mark which may be a rounding mark and will be on the same side of the Race Committee boat as the staff displaying the blue flag.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31, 44.1, or 44.2 shall report their action to the Race Committee immediately upon finishing or retiring.
- 13.2 For the Wianno Senior and Shields classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish in the Shields and J/70 classes is 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.
- 14.2 The time limit for the Wianno Senior Class is 3 hours. If one or more boats finish within the time limit, boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Committee office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 For each class the protest and request for redress time limit is 1 hour after the Race Committee signal boat arrives at its dock. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and the Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Ward Room, located next to the Race Committee office, beginning as soon as practicable after the posting of notices.
- 15.4 Breaches of SI 10.2, 13.1, 17, and 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalty for these breaches may be less than disqualification, if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.6 Breaches of RRS 55 Trash Disposal will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

16 SCORING

- 16.1 For all classes except the Wianno Senior class, three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. For the Wianno Senior class, one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of its race scores. This changes RRS A2.
(b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of its race scores, excluding her worst excludable score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Every boat shall verbally check in with the Race Committee signal boat at the starting area by passing astern of the signal boat on starboard tack. Each boat shall state its class and sail number. The Race Committee will acknowledge by responding with the sail number recorded.
- 17.2 Coast Guard approved PFDs shall be worn by every sailor at all times (except when actively adding or removing clothing) from the time the boat checks in with the Race Committee until it has retired or finished the race. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing. This changes RRS 40.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 17.4 Any boat intending to leave the racing area prior to finishing the last race of the day shall communicate its intention to the Race Committee prior to leaving the racing area.

18 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keel boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

20 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 20.1 Radio communications between competitors and the Race Committee will be on VHF Channel 73.
- 20.2 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. VHF Channel 73 may be monitored for instructions/directions from the Race Committee.
- 20.3 The use of any electronic devices shall be in accordance with class rules, except as allowed by SI 20.1

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for first place if two boats qualify; first and second places if four boats qualify; and first, second and third place awards if five or more boats qualify. Additional prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club, One Dock Street, P.O. Box 1309, Edgartown, Massachusetts, 02539.
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