

# MATTAPOISETT YACHT CLUB

## 2011 Saturday Ensign Series SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 1. RULES

The races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), and by these sailing instructions. Where conflicts occur among the rules, these sailing instructions shall take precedence.

### 2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats may be entered by filing a completed Ensign Saturday Series Entry Form with its accompanying fee with the Race Committee no later than Saturday, June 12th. Deadline for receipt of entry fees may be extended solely for good cause and at the discretion of the Race Committee.

### 3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the MYC Clubhouse.

### 4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours the day before it will take effect.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed by the Race Committee on the MYC clubhouse flagpole.

### 6. COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 71 and will attempt to notify racers of any changes to the schedule. Announcements regarding changes in the schedule due to weather conditions or other circumstances are scheduled to be broadcast by the race committee on CH 71 at 1030 hours and repeated at 1045 hours. The omission of Race Committee broadcasts will not be grounds for redress.

## 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Refer to the calendar on the Mattapoissett Yacht Club website or racing calendar posted at the clubhouse. Refer to the NOR for the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race.

## 8. RACING AREA AND MARKS

The racing area and marks are shown on Wednesday Night Marks chart, attached.

## 9. THE COURSE

- 9.1** The courses to be sailed will be displayed on the Race Committee Course Board before or with the warning signal for the first start. Classes will be designated by letters. Courses to be sailed will be designated by numbers. A number has been assigned to each MYC Designated course. The designated course for each number is described in the Wednesday Night Course Guide, attached.
- 9.2** Marks will be rounded directly in the order shown on the Wednesday Night Course Guide. When more than one turning mark is indicated, assume a straight line course from mark to mark even though there may be intervening land, marks or other obstructions which prevent sailing a straight line from one turning mark to the next.
- 9.3** Each turning mark shall be rounded on the side indicated on the Wednesday Night Course Guide. Marks listed in red shall be rounded to port and marks listed in green shall be rounded to starboard.
- 9.4** Except when indicated as a turning mark, all yachts shall pass East of marks “S” and “L”.
- 9.5** The race committee may also display an “O” for Olympic course (Triangle) or a “W” for windward/leeward course followed by a number which denotes the number of times the course is to be sailed. These courses will be sailed around drop marks. Example: “W2” – Sail to windward rounding drop mark to port, downwind rounding the pin to port, upwind rounding to the drop mark to port and finishing downwind between the committee boat and the pin.

## 10. THE START

- 11.1** Races shall be started using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound shall be disregarded.

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>FLAG &amp; SOUND</u>	Minutes Before <u>Starting Signal</u>
Warning	Class Flag(s); One Sound	5
Preparatory	“P” Flag; One Sound	4
One Minute	“P” Flag Removed; One Sound	1
Starting	Class Flag(s) Lowered; One Sound	0

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting of the preceding class.

11.1.1 The Race Committee shall attempt to make five sound signals one minute before the warning of the first race.

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

11.3 A yacht shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal.

## 12. RECALLS

12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with racing rule 29.1 as a courtesy; the Race Committee may attempt to call premature starters by broadcasting their sail numbers on CH 71. Failure of a yacht to see, hear or interpret a recall notification shall not relieve her of her obligation to properly start, nor shall it be grounds for redress under RSS 62.

12.2 When a general recall has been signaled, a new preparatory signal will be made one minute after the lowering of the code flag "First Substitute" with one sound signal. The start(s) for the succeeding class (es) will be postponed accordingly.

## 13. CHANGING COURSE AFTER START

A change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 32.

## 14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the designated mark.

14.2 A yacht that starts a race but fails to finish must report to the race committee as soon as possible.

14.3 The time limit is two hours. Yachts failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes, will be considered "Did Not Finish".

## 15. PROTESTS

15.1 A yacht intending to protest shall notify the race committee upon finishing or retiring. For yachts sailing single-handed, racing rule 61.1 (a) is modified to delete the requirement to fly a protest flag.

15.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the MYC clubhouse and delivered to the Race Committee no later than 1630 hours on the evening of the race.

15.3 Skippers will be notified of time and place of hearing in accordance with Rule 63.2.

## 16. SCORING

16.1 The series score for each boat will be the sum of her scores. If a series consists of eight or more races, one race will be discarded for scoring purposes. If a series consists of ten or more races, two races will be discarded for scoring purposes.

16.2 Low Point System to be used (RRS-A 4). A boat penalized under rule 30.2 or 44.3 shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3.

16.3 Series ties shall be broken in accordance with RRS A8.

## 17. PENALTIES

A boat that may have broken a rule in Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident by taking a two-turn penalty in compliance with RRS 44.2 or by taking a scoring penalty in compliance RRS 44.3. The 20% penalty shall not be less than 2 places.

## 18. AWARDS

Awards will be given to the top three finishers for the series.