



MATTAPOISETT YACHT CLUB

MATTAPOISETT, MASSACHUSETTS 02739

BARKING BULLDOG REGATTA

July 23, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), the prescriptions of the Ensign Class Association, the J-24 Class Association, the Shields Class Association, the C420 Class Association, the Bullseye Class Association and these sailing instructions. Where conflicts occur among rules, these sailing instructions take precedence.

2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats may enter by filing a completed on-line racing form no later than July 20, 2017 with its accompanying fee at www.mattapoissettyc.org.

3 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

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

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed by the Race Committee on the MYC flag pole.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 71 and will attempt to notify racers of any changes to the schedule or weather related issues. The omission of the Race Committee broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. All boats are urged to have a VHF radio on board.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule time of the warning signal for the first class will be at 1100 hours on Saturday. All competitors must check in at the RC boat at the starting line before the first warning.

8. CLASSES

In lieu of class flags the following code flags will be used to designate classes

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FLAG</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
A	International Code Flag 0	J/24
B	International Code Flag 1	Shields
C	International Code Flag 2	Ensign
D	International Code Flag 3	Bullseye
E	International Code Flag 4	C420

9. EQUIPMENT

All boats are urged to carry a VHF radio. Motors are not required for any class. All electronics must conform to Class rules. All sailors must wear USCG approved "PDFs". Spinnakers may be used by all Classes except the C420s.

10 RACING AREA AND MARKS

The racing area will be in the outer Mattapoisett Harbor, and drop marks will be used.

11. COURSE

11.1 The course to be sailed by each class will be displayed on the Race Committee Course Board before the warning signal of the start.

11.2 The Race Committee will display "W" for a windward/leeward course followed by a number which denotes the number of legs of the course to be sailed. These courses will be sailed around inflatable drop marks.

The Race Committee will display "WL" for a windward/leeward course in which the leeward mark is a drop mark placed upwind of the starting/finish line. This course will also be followed by a number which denotes the number of legs the course to be sailed.

The Race Committee will display "WX" for a windward/leeward course, in which the leeward mark is a drop mark placed downwind of the start/finish line. This course will also be followed by a number which denotes the number of legs the course to be sailed. This course may be used for an upwind finish option.

If a windward offset mark is to be used, the Race Committee will include an "O" with the course.

The Race Committee shall also show the approximate compass bearing and the estimated distance to the windward mark, on the course board.

Example: "WO-4"

1.5

245M

Means: a windward/leeward course with a windward mark offset buoy.

4 legs long (windward/leeward/windward/leeward/finish downwind).

The windward leg is approximately 1.5nm from the starting line at a bearing of 245M.

12. THE START

12.1 Races shall be started using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals: the absence of a sound shall be disregarded.

5 MINUTE STARTING SEQUENCE

Warning – Class Flag (pennant number code); One Sound (5 min to start)

Preparatory--"P" Flag; One Sound (4 min to start)

One Minute--"P" Flag lowered; One Sound (1min to start)

Start—Class Flag (pennant number code) lowered; One Sound (START)

12.2 The Race Committee shall attempt to make 5 sound signals approximately one minute before the warning of each race. Failure to do so does not give grounds for redress.

12.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat (on the starboard end of the start line) and a port end starting mark.

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

13. RECALLS

13.1 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 a redress under RRS 62.

13.2 When a general recall has been signaled, a new preparatory signal will be made one minute after the lowering of code flag " First Substitute" with one sound signal.

14. CHANGING COURSE AFTER START

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

15. THE FINISH

15.1 The finish line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the port end finish mark (same marker as the starting mark).

15.2 A yacht that starts a race but fails to finish must report to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

15.3 The time limit for a race is two hours. Yachts failing to finish within 15 minutes of the finish of the first boat in their class, will be considered "Did Not Finish".

15.4 If no boat rounds the first windward mark within 45 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.

16 PROTESTS

16.1 A yacht intending to protest shall notify the race committee upon finishing or retiring.

16.2 Protest shall be written on forms at the MYC Clubhouse and delivered to the Race Committee no later than two hours after the last race has been finished.

16.3 Skippers will be notified of the time and place in accordance with Rule 63.2.

17. SCORING

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

17.2 The series score for each boat will be the sum of her scores. If there are 5 races or more, one race score will be discarded..

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

18. 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 ONE-TURN penalty in compliance with RRS 44.2 or by taking a scoring penalty in compliance with RRS 44.3. The 20% penalty shall not be less than 2 places.

19 Awards

Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each class.