

**RACING COURSES** Numbers posted in the course rack shall indicate the following courses. ALL ROUNDINGS ARE TO PORT. All starts and finishes are at the “SA” unless race committee shortens the course at an alternative mark.

<b>Course 1</b>	N 8+ kts	<b>Course 5</b>	E 8+ kts	<b>Course 9</b>	S 8+ kts	<b>Course 13</b>	W 8+ kts
ABC	N-S-N (6.35 nm)	AB C	E-Sw-Se-Sw-Se (7.95 nm) E-Sw-Se-Sw (6.38 nm)	ABC	S-N-S (6.19 nm)	AB C	W-Se-Sw-Se-Sw (7.73 nm) W-Se-Sw (4.78 nm)
<b>Course 2</b>	N <8 kts	<b>Course 6</b>	E <8 kts	<b>Course 10</b>	S <8 kts	<b>Course 14</b>	W <8 kts
ABC	N-A-N (4.34 nm)	ABC	E-A-E (3.11 nm)	ABC	S-A-S (4.03 nm)	AB C	W-E-A-E (4.34 nm) W-E (2.78 nm)
<b>Course 3</b>	NE 8+ kts	<b>Course 7</b>	SE 8+ kts	<b>Course 11</b>	SW 8+ kts	<b>Course 15</b>	NW 8+ Kts
ABC	Ne-Sw-Ne (6.39 nm)	AB C	Se-N-A-Se (6.40 nm) Se-A-Se (4.39 nm)	AB C	Ss-Ne-A-Ss (9.83 nm) Ss-Ne-Sw (7.98 nm)	ABC	Se-N-Se-N (8.24 nm)
<b>Course 4</b>	NE <8 kts	<b>Course 8</b>	SE <8 kts	<b>Course 12</b>	SW <8 kts	<b>Course 16</b>	NW <8 kts
ABC	Ne-A-Sw (4.20 nm)	ABC	Se-A-Se (4.39 nm)	ABC	Sw-A-Ne (4.20 nm)	ABC	Se-A-Se (4.39 nm)

**Racing Marks:** (approximate positions)

Letter	Description	Latitude	Longitude
A	Scituate Approach Gong “SA Buoy”	42°12.126	70°41.822
E	East Club Yellow Buoy	42°12.330	70°40.81
N	Tarpouch Nun	42°13.171	70°42.223
Ne	Northeast Club Orange Buoy	42°13.080	70°41.100
S	South Club Yellow Buoy	42°11.150	70°41.480

**VHF Channel : 68**

Letter	Description	Latitude	Longitude
Se	Southeast Club Orange Buoy	42°11.580	70°40.530
Ss	North River Bell	42°10.210	70°42.030
Sw	Southwest Club Orange Buoy	42°11.250	70°42.470
W	Channel Nun	42°12.159	70°42.659

**Starting Sequence:**

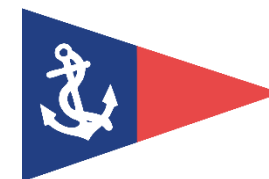
Time	Horn	Activity	Flag
6 :09	4 short	Attention	Yellow Shape Up
6:10	Horn	Attention End	Yellow Shape Down/C Flag Up
6:11	Horn	Prep Time	P Flag Up
6:14	Long Horn	Prep End	P Flag Down
6:15	Horn	C Class START	C Flag Down / B Flag Up
6:16	Horn	Prep Time	P Flag Up
6:19	Long Horn	Prep End	P Flag Down
6:20	Horn	B Class START	B Flag Down / A Flag Up
6:21	Horn	Prep Time	P Flag Up
6:24	Long Horn	Prep End	P Flag Down
6:25	Horn	A Class START	A Flag Down

**Race Management**

These races are sponsored and organized by the Satuit Boat Club, Inc and are open to all sailors with a valid ORRez rating. The organizing authority shall have the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the race, to modify the sailing instructions, to decide protests and to reject the entry of any yacht prior to the start of any race. The racing rules of sailing 2021-2024, the rules of ORRez and any additional rules by the organizing authority shall govern the racing. **Skippers are responsible for providing approved flotation devices and safety equipment for all on board.**

Visit [www.Regattaman.com](http://www.Regattaman.com) and/or [www.SatuitBoatClub.net](http://www.SatuitBoatClub.net) for full sailing instructions.

\*Time limit s for evening races is 8:45 p.m. Time limit for Sunday series is 4-hours after a class’s start time. All times are GPS time.



# **2023 Sailing Instructions**

## **Organizing Authority**

These races will be under the sponsorship of the Satuit Boat Club, Inc (SBC). SBC shall have the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the race, to modify these general sailing instructions, to decide protests and to reject the entry of any yacht prior to the start of any race.

## **Rules**

The racing rules of sailing 2021-2024, the rules of ORRez and the rules of the participating one design classes shall govern except as modified by any of these sailing instructions. NOTE: Skippers are responsible for providing approved flotation devices for all on board. SBC recommends life jackets be worn at all times.

The racing rules of sailing are an important part of our sport. Knowing and understanding the rules is the obligation of each member of the fleet. It is the desire of the SBC that all members know and respect the rules for the sanctity of the sport and to keep everyone safe on the water. The rules of sailing 2021-2024 is available from US Sailing.

The rules notwithstanding, the SBC strongly encourages participants in our racing activities to avoid contact with other vessels at all costs, preventing personal injury and/or damage to vessels is paramount in insuring a fun and safe sailboat racing experience for all.

## **Notices**

Cancellation of a race, or changes to the sailing instructions for a race will be posted on the website. Changes in the racing schedule shall be made and posted on the website 7 days prior to a race. All on water communications will be made via VHF Channel 68.

## **Ratings**

Boats shall race under the ORRez system with current ratings as assigned by ORRez or by the Scituate Fleet Handicapper.

## **Eligibility & Registration**

All cruising and racing boats are invited to participate. A boat must be registered to participate in racing activities, including payment of a race membership fee and have a current ORRez rating certificate to be scored. All boats must register through the [www.Regattaman.com](http://www.Regattaman.com) website.

## **Class Assignments**

Unless otherwise designated as a special race, there will be three classes based on splits to be determined by the Scituate Fleet Handicapper.

Class A & B: Spinnaker Racing. \*Spinnaker must be declared on your racing certificate.

Class C: Non-spinnaker.

## **Sail Restrictions**

Only those head sails specifically designated on your rating certificate for use shall be used in races. Whisker pole length shall not exceed the boat's rated J measurement. A telescoping whisker pole must be marked in a contrasting color at the proper length and be visible to other racing boats. When a whisker pole is used in lieu of a spinnaker pole, it may not be extended beyond the rated spinnaker pole length. The whisker pole shall be attached to the foremost mast.

Spinnakers will be allowed for A and B Classes in all series. Any yacht electing to use a spinnaker must have a valid rating with the spinnaker declared. Prior to the first gun in each race, a yacht may elect to use a their non-spinnaker "cruising" rating by notifying the race committee. The race committee must make a note on the scratch sheet indicating the rating to be used by each boat.

## **Safety Equipment**

Boats must adhere to class rules as to safety equipment, but as a minimum must carry suitable anchor and rode, bailing equipment, VHF radio, USCG approved life preservers for each person on board, display proper lights when racing after dark and be equipped with auxiliary power. Boats may be subject inspection and disqualification for failure to meet minimum safety requirements. A boat owner and/or skipper assumes the sole responsibility in connection with participation in the events of Satuit Boat Club, Inc., including but not limited to: the safe handling and equipping of his/her boat. SBC is not responsible for accidents or injuries to boats or individuals suffered in connection with participation in its events.

## **Race Committee Assignments**

Skippers who are scheduled for race committee duty shall perform that duty continuously from Sindbad leaving the Harbor to Sindbad being moored at the end of the activity. Skippers must provide a minimum of two persons for race committee duty. Skippers not assigned race committee duty on posted schedule may be required to fill in if the need arises. Please ensure you are familiar with our race rules, courses and operation of Sindbad. If you need assistance, or have a conflict in your assigned date, please let us know at least one week ahead of your scheduled assignment. Race committee duty assignments for this season are listed below.

5/24	Rick Williamson	7/12	George Sherman	8/30	Jamie Plassmann
5/31	Paul Bowers	7/19	Kevin O'Leary	9/3	Ken North
6/7	Jeff Rosen	7/26	Andrew Vachon	9/10	Dave Sullo
6/14	Tad Beagley	8/2	Clouser/Campbell	9/17	Ken Dieselman
6/21	Mark D'Onofrio	8/9	Mark Selvaggi	9/24	Andrew Vachon
6/28	Mike Geary	8/16	Bob Tolken	10/1	Greg Morse
7/5	Greg Morse	8/23	Steve Dinger		

## **Abandoning Race**

If for any reason, a race must be abandoned, the race committee (RC) will hail the fleet and make announcements on Ch. 68. The race abandoned signal will be displayed on the RC boat. If the RC has not started a race sequence by 7:15 p.m. during the Spring and Summer series, the race shall be cancelled for that evening.

## **Shortening Course**

Races can be shortened for many reasons. It is the skippers responsibility to anticipate this and monitor their VHF. After the start, the RC may shorten the race at any mark at its discretion. The finish line will be at any mark the RC boat is stationed displaying the shortened course signal (S flag, 2 horn blasts). RC will hail the fleet on Ch. 68 to announce the shortened course.

## **Individual Recall**

When at her starting signal a boat does not comply with Rule 29.1 or Rule 30.1, the RC shall promptly display the X-Flag. The signal shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the line or its extensions and have complied with Rule 30 if applicable. RC shall hail boats via VHF that are OCS.

## **Time Limits**

For twilight races the race must be completed by competitors by 8:45 p.m. For Sunday/Fall Series, the time limit is 4 hours after a classes start time. If no boat finishes before the prescribed time, the race for that class will be abandoned. If the RC boat is not on station, each finishing yacht shall take her own time within three boat lengths of the finishing mark and report it to the RC.

## **Protests / Arbitration**

SBC would prefer that all rules infractions be handled on the water, or immediately post-race, with the offending skipper agreeing to take an on-the-water penalty (sailing circles) or the Post-Race alternative penalty (20% penalty; also see penalties below). The offended skipper must notify the offending skipper of this infraction, fly a protest flag and notify Race Committee at the completion of the race. The offending skipper should notify Race Committee of its acceptance of the alternative penalty, if accepted, at the completion of the race. Please be aware that a penalty may result from infractions involving boats in different fleets.

In the event that the skippers involved in an infraction are unable to come to a resolution, protests conforming to Rule 61 of the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2020-2024, will be heard by a Protest Committee (as constituted below) that has been established for this purpose. Failure to adhere to Rule 61, and/or the following procedures, will nullify the protest request. The protesting skipper must notify Race Committee within the allotted time at the completion of the race. Protest forms shall be given to the RC by hand or email within six (6) hours of the completion of the race; provided Race Committee was alerted to the protest, as required. Protests will be heard as soon as practical at a time and location to be determined by the Chair of the Protest Committee. The committee will review the incident, notify the parties of its decision and provide Scorer with its decision on how the incident shall be scored (including, but not limited to, disqualification). It is our sincere hope that the results of the Protest hearing will resolve the matter in full.

Skippers involved in a protest may also request Arbitration whereby the skippers and an impartial member of the Protest Committee shall meet after the race to seek a ruling on an incident. The skippers may agree at the onset that the recommendation of the arbiter is final and thus preclude the matter from moving to a formal Protest Hearing. The Scituate Sailing Protest Committee shall be a "jury of our peers" as we have no certified judges available. The committee will be chaired by the SBC Race Chairman who shall select a Vice Chair. A representative from each fleet shall be named as needed to constitute the full committee.

The Committee Chair will preside over the hearings along with at least two (2) others from among the Vice Chair and the fleet representatives. Best efforts will be made to ensure that the majority of those sitting for a particular hearing are selected from outside the fleet involved and that "interested parties" are not hearing protest.

## **Penalties**

A boat that has broken a rule under part 2 (When Boats Meet) [2 turn penalty] or rule 31 (touching a mark) [1 turn penalty] may choose to take a post-race penalty in lieu of taking penalty turns on water. A boat takes a post-race penalty by informing the race committee at the completion of the race or by e-mailing the Scituate scorer (Andrew Vachon) by 5pm on the day following the race (e.g. Thursday if race held on Wednesday), if the foul was identified after the race was completed.

## **Scoring**

Scoring will be based on the CHIPS system using ORRez ratings. The ORRez system is a TOT-Time on Time scoring method. A boat that has not paid entry fees will not be awarded points for a race. Boats without a valid paid membership and valid ORRez certificate will not be scored.

Each yacht will be scored on its best three races for a series. Whenever a series entrant performs as assigned race committee for a race within that series, and said entrants boat does not start said race, then the series entrant will be scored as having participated in the race in which the said entrant participated as race committee. The score for said race shall be the average score of the other races for which the entrant started in that series.

If said entrants boat starts said race, the score earned on the race course shall be said entrants score for that race. If a race committee assignee fails to stand duty and his boat races in that race, the boat shall be disqualified.

A season champion will be determined for each individual class. The champion will be determined by taking the combined total of 75% of each boats highest scores in the 3 Wednesday series, the fall weekend series, Invitational, Horace Day and Chowder Cup Races (23 scheduled races). Boats will be scored using the highest 75% of scores for the races held. The CHIPS points awarded in each eligible race will be the points used for the season championship calculation, regardless of the class splits in each separate race or whether that boat competes in racing or cruising division.