



Palmer's Cove Yacht Club

Mass Bay Shorthanded Regatta

Saturday, June 22, 2024

Sailing Instructions (SI)

1. **Classes:** There will be two classes. Class "A" will be the Spinnaker Class and Class "F" will be the Jib and Main Class only class (JAM).
2. **Rules:** The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the MBSA General Sailing Instructions, except as changed in the NOR.
3. **Signals Made Ashore:** There will be no signals made ashore. Competitors shall monitor VHF channel 72 for announcements.
4. **Schedule of Races:** A single race is scheduled for each Class.
5. **Check-in Before Start:** All boats must check-in by sailing past the race committee boat before the first warning signal. All boats must report, boat name and number of souls onboard.
6. **Start:** Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.
 - a. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal vessel and either Tinkers Gong (MBSA List A Letter "D") or an orange inflatable mark.
 - b. A boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
7. **Warning Signal:** The warning signal for the first race of the day will be made at 10:55
8. **Racing Area:** Start will be in the vicinity of Tinker's Rock Gong, (MBSA List A Letter "D") and sailed within Massachusetts Bay utilizing Government Marks.
9. **Class Flag:** Vessels shall fly their class flag from the backstay of their boat. Code Flag "A" is designated as the class flag for the Spinnaker Division. Code Flag "F" is the designated class flag for the JAM division.
10. **Courses and Marks:** The description of each of the courses will be provided under Course description. There are multiple courses laid out. The courses range roughly from 10nm to 20nm. RC will announce the course before the first warning signal of each class. Course designation will be numerical. Course: 1,2,3,4,5, etc.
11. **Over early OCS:** The RC will use VHF channel 72 to attempt to advise individual boats that are OCS. Failure to hear will not be grounds for redress. Boats that are OCS will incur a ten (10) minute penalty which will be added to their finish time.
12. **Time Limit:** Five (5) hours after each class/division starts. The finishing window will be 60 minutes. However, the RC may extend the time limit and finish window, if necessary.
13. **Finish:** The finish will be between the RC boat and the Finish mark. In case there is no committee boat on station, you will be required to take your own time by finishing within one boat length of the finish mark, leaving the mark on the side outlined in the course description.
14. **Radio Communication:** The RC will monitor VHF Channel 72 from 1000 until all yachts have finished. Emergency conditions should be reported to the RC as well as local authorities.