



## **NEW BEDFORD YACHT CLUB**

### **Frostbite Sonar**

### **Sailing Instructions 2019**

#### **1.0 RULES**

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing,
- 1.2 All vessels must carry VHF radios. VHF radios will be provided for each Sonar and can be found at the Yacht Club main office. We ask that they be returned at the end of racing each day.
- 1.3 A USCG Approved PFD must be worn at all times. Inflatable PFD's are not to be used.

#### **2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS & CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Committee bulletin board located near the Commodores' parking area.
- 2.2 Any notices to competitors or changes in sailing instructions will be hailed by the Race Committee on race day either at a skippers' meeting or on the water over the radio prior to the first start.
- 2.3 The Race Committee will endeavor to decide no later than 1000 hours whether to run scheduled races.

#### **3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 3.1 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than thirty (30) minutes" in the race signal AP.

#### **4. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 4.1 Warning signal will be at 1200 hours.

#### **5. CHECK IN**

- 5.1 All boats shall identify themselves to the race committee at the outset of each race day.

#### **6. RACING AREA**

- 6.1 Racing will take place in Padanaram harbor, north of the Padanaram breakwater.

#### **7. COURSES & MARKS**

- 7.1 Courses shall be announced by the Race Committee. It is our intent to primarily run windward-leeward courses, but the race committee reserves the right to alter courses.
- 7.2 Marks will be pink or orange drop marks .

#### **8. THE START**

- 8.1 Races will be started by using three minute dinghy starts
- 8.2 Recalls, both individual and general, will be signaled by a short sound. The race committee will attempt to hail premature starters, but no flag will be flown. This changes rule 29.1. Failure of the race committee to hail, or a boat's inability to hear a hail shall not be grounds

for redress. Racers should be aware of the short, repetitive sounds emitted prior to the initial warning signal and not consider them part of the starting sequence.

- 8.3 The starting line will be between a flag on the race committee boat and the designated starting pin

## **9. CHANGE OF COURSE**

- 9.1 Marks may be moved after a start to ensure squareness to the wind, however, the race committee will not signal any such mark relocations. Courses may also be shortened if conditions warrant.

## **10. THE FINISH**

- 10.1 The finish line will be between the flag on a race committee boat and the designated finish pin. The finish mark may be placed to starboard of the race committee boat

## **11. TIME LIMIT**

- 11.1 A 20 minute time limit shall apply for each race.

## **12. PROTESTS**

- 12.1 In the event of a foul, the "Two Turn" penalty is modified so that the boat being protested may exonerate itself by making one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS rule 44.1.
- 12.2 A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee immediately upon finishing. Protests shall be handled ashore as soon as practical. All protests will be settled using 3 minute justice.

## **13. RESULTS**

- 13.1 Low-point scoring will apply
- 13.2 Results will be announced ashore and posted each week on the New Bedford Yacht Club website.

## **14. SERIES SCORING**

- 14.1 In order to qualify for the series, a participant must sail 50% of all races run during the series
- 14.2 *Competitors who qualify under rule 14.1 will have 50% of their best races used for the season championship. For example, if we do 30 races, someone who sailed all 30 will only have his or her top 15 races count toward the season score*