



NEW BEDFORD YACHT CLUB
Tuesday Night Sonar and Alerion Sunset Series
Sailing Instructions
July and August Series 2017

1 RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Each entrant must have sail numbers on her sail or hull. Sail number changes must be provided before the first warning signal of the day.
- 1.3 All boats must have a VHF radio on and monitoring channel 69 at all times. Failure to comply is not grounds for protest.

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 1700 hours whether to run scheduled races. All competitors are encouraged to contact the NBYC to learn the status of the day's race. An announcement will be made on channel 69 at 1700.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the NBYC flagpole indicating postponement or abandonment of the day's racing.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than sixty (60) minutes" in the race signal AP.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Warning signal for the first class July and August will be at 1800 hours.

5. CLASS IDENTIFICATION

- 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 south of the Padanaram breakwater.
- 6.2 Races generally start in the vicinity of Mark "A".

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 and possibly Mark "A" if conditions allow.

8. THE START

8.1 The Sonars will be started first followed by the Alerions.

8.2 Races will be started by using three minute dinghy starts as stated herewith: 3 long blasts of a horn (or whistle) at 3 minutes; 2 long blasts at 2 minutes; 1 long & 1 short blast at 1 1/2 minutes; 1 long blast at 1 minute; 3 short blasts at 30 seconds; 2 short blasts at 20 seconds; 1 short blast at 10 seconds; countdown (short blasts) from 5 seconds; 1 long blast at the start.

8.3 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.

8.4 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 30 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 SEASON SCORING

14.1 In order to qualify for the season series, a participant must sail 50% of all races run during the season (every Tuesday July 11-August 29).

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*