



2016 FALL RACING SERIES

WESTHAMPTON YACHT SQUADRON
Remsenburg, NY 11960



Sundays, September 11, 2016 to
October 16, 2016
Rain Date: October 23, 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(Revised August 23, 2016)

Division I: Sunfish (open and novice)¹, 420s, Lasers, JY's
Division II: Optimists – Red, White, Blue and Green Fleets

1. RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 including US Sailing Prescriptions* (RRS), except as changed by these Sailing Instructions (SI). If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR) and one in the SI, the rule in the SI shall prevail over the rule in the NOR. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.2 As provided for in Rule 86 of the RRS, Rule 44.1 will be changed by requiring only one penalty turn under any circumstances covered by Rule 44.1.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Westhampton Yacht Squadron (WYS) notice board located north of the flagpole.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by noon on the day it will take effect. Oral instructions may be given on the water, as necessary, with a loud hailer from the Race Committee boat or by an official support boat. RRS 90.2(c) refers.

4. SIGNALS

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the WYS flagpole.
- 4.2 Code Flag L (yellow and black squares) with one horn blast on shore means a notice to competitors has been posted. On the water, it means “come within hail” of the Race Committee Boat.
- 4.3 Code Flag AP (red and white stripes) with two horn blasts means the race is postponed. A single horn blast accompanies the lowering of the flag.

¹ Registration in either of the sunfish classes will be self-selected at registration by the sailor. However, the final assignment into one or the other of these sunfish classes will be determined by the Race Committee after the first weekend of racing.

5. SAFETY

- 5.1 Competitors ages 18 and under and all competitors racing single-handedly must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type III or Type V Personal Flotation Device (“PFD”) at all times on the water. All competitors must wear an approved PFD at all times on the water when the Y Flag (yellow and orange diagonal stripes) is flown on the Race Committee Boat. This changes the Part 4 Preamble.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The Fall Series will consist of races which will be held on six consecutive Sunday afternoons from September 11 through October 16, 2016, with a rain date of October 23, to be used only if one or more of the regularly scheduled race days is canceled.

- **Sunday, September 11th**
 - Skippers’ meeting at 12:30 pm
 - Start at 1:30 pm

- **Sundays, September 18, 25 and October 2, 9 and 16th (and October 23rd if used)**
 - Skippers’ meeting at 12:00 noon
 - Start at 1:00 pm

- 6.2 Each racing day should include at least 3-5 races, but may be more or less depending on conditions and other factors.

- 6.3 Racers must check in with the Race Committee boat on the water prior to the first race each day. If leaving the race area, communicate that information to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

- 6.4 On race days that include multiple classes, the classes will be started in the following order:

DIVISION I

Sunfish-Open
Sunfish-Novice
420’s
Lasers
JY’s

DIVISION II

Optimist –R,W,B
Optimist-G

- 6.5 The race committee at their sole discretion may change the start order or combine fleets as they deem necessary for purposes of starting.

- 6.6 Termination of the regatta for any reason will be determined by the Race Committee. The final results will be based on the number of races completed.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Appropriate class flags will be used as follows:

Division I: Sunfish – White flag with red Sunfish insignia
Lasers - Red sunburst on a white flag
420s – Blue Numbers extended vertically across a white flag
JY’s – Green flag

Division II: Optimist Class flag – Blue Optimist insignia on a white flag

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 Racing will be held on Moriches Bay in front WYS (Division II) and in the vicinity of Seatuck Cove west of WYS (Division I).

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in “Illustration A” at the end of these Sailing Instructions show the courses. Course Diagrams will also be available at the Registration desk. Additional courses may be added during the racing season. Prior to each race, the course symbol will be displayed on white board from the Race Committee boat designating the course to be sailed in that race.
- 9.2 The start-finish line may not be crossed after the start of the race except when finishing the race. Any competitor crossing the start-finish line except when starting or finishing the race will be scored a DNF without a hearing. This modifies RRS 28 and RRS 63.1.
- 9.3 If a leeward gate is used, boats may only sail through the gate in a direction away from the windward mark.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be orange inflatable pyramids or large orange or pink balls.
- 10.2 The start-finish line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the small orange ball in the water (the pin) or an anchored pin boat with a staff.
- 10.3 The offset mark at the windward mark, if used, will be a small orange ball.
- 10.4 The leeward gate mark, if used, will be an orange inflatable.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using a modified Rule 26 (3 minute start sequence) with the warning siren being made approximately one (1) minute prior to the warning signal. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 11.2 In the discretion of the Race Committee, the Optimist Class may use the three minute start sequence as provided in Appendix S of the RSS, instead of the Rule 26 start.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signals have not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4 If RRS 30.1 is invoked, the “T” flag (yellow field, black circle) will be hoisted instead of the Preparatory Flag P.

12. RECALLS

- 12.1 Code Flag X (blue cross on a white field) and 1 horn blast signals an individual recall. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers for boats that are OCS (on the course side). This modifies RRS 41. Boats shall not be entitled to redress for the following: the failure of a boat to hear or

receive a recall hail; the order of recall numbers hailed; the promptness of the hail. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

- 12.2 Code flag First Substitute (blue pennant with yellow triangle) and 2 horn blasts signals a general recall. A single horn blast accompanies the lowering of the flag. The warning signal will be made one minute after removal.

13. SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START

- 13.1 Code Flag S (white flag with blue square) and 2 horn blasts signals a shortened course, the finishing line shall be at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying flag S. This modifies RRS 32.2.
- 13.2 Code Flag N (blue and white checks) and 3 horn blasts signal abandon race; return to start area. A single horn blast accompanies the lowering of the flag. The warning signal will be made one minute after removal.
- 13.3 Code Flag N over Code Flag H (blue and white checks over white and red vertical stripe) and 3 horn blasts signal abandon race, return to shore.

14. RETIREMENT

- 14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF (did not finish). This changes RRS 35 and A4.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1 The Race Committee will post the docking time at the end of racing each day on the official notice board.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the club and completed protest forms shall be delivered to the Protest Committee no later than one hour after the docking. The same time applies to protests by the Race Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A, including Sec. A9 of Appendix A, will apply as modified.
- 17.2 At least six (6) races are required to be completed to constitute a series. A competitor must sail 50% of the Series races actually completed to have scores counted for the Fall Series Championship.
- 17.3 There will be one (1) throw-out race allowed for every three (3) races sailed in this Series.
- 17.4 As provide in Sec. A9 of Appendix A, boats not competing on scheduled race days will be scored a DNC for each race held on that day (one more than the total number of boats registered in the series). A boat that came to the starting line and did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified (other

than a BFD, DNE or DGM) shall be scored points one more than the total number of boats which came to the starting line on that day. However, if such a boat retires for reasons other than equipment issues, or personal safety (as determined in the sole discretion of the sailor), such boat will be scored a DNC as defined above for any races missed.

17.5 Regardless of order of start or combined starts each of the following classes will be separately scored:

Sunfish-Open Division
Sunfish-Novice
420's
Lasers
JY's
Optimist – Green
Optimist – Red, White, Blue
Optimist – Red
Optimist - White
Optimist – Blue

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class and/or combined class indicated in Sec. 16.5, above.
- 18.2 The Bob Rice Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the WYS Sunfish Open Division Member with the Best Score for the races held on the first Sunday in October (October 4, 2015).
- 18.3 The Sailaction Trophy will be awarded at the end of the series to the WYS sunfish sailor under the age of 18 who compiles the best score in the open division of the sunfish class.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors in this Fall Series are participating entirely at their own risk and are bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 Including US Sailing Prescriptions* and all other rules that govern this event, and assume full responsibility for starting or continuing to race – Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, host club and/or personnel conducting this event will not accept any liability for material damages or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

