



2020 FALL RACING SERIES

WESTHAMPTON YACHT SQUADRON
Remsenburg, NY 11960



**Sundays, September 13, 2020 to
October 25, 2020**

No Racing: October 11, 2020
No Rain Date

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(Revised August 21, 2020)

Division I: Sunfish (open and novice)¹, JY, 420s, Lasers,
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 2017-2020 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 at the competitors' meeting or on the water, as necessary, from the Race Committee boat or by an official support boat. This changes RRS 90.2(c).

4. SIGNALS

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the WYS flagpole.

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 second weekend of racing.

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.

5. SAFETY

5.1 All competitors must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type III or Type V Personal Flotation Device (“PFD”) at all times on the water. 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 13th through October 25, 2020, except there is no racing on October 11, 2020.

- **Sunday, September 13th**

- Skippers’ meeting at 12:30 pm
- First race shall not start before 1:30 pm.

- **Sundays, September 20th & 27th and October 4th, 18th and 25th.**

- Skippers’ meeting at 12:00 noon
- First Race shall not start before 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
JY15
420’s
Lasers

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.
- 6.7 No races will be started after 1500 (1530 on September 13th) on any given race day. The Race Committee may extend the race day based on input from the racers.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Appropriate class flags will be used as follows:

- Division I:** Sunfish – White flag with red Sunfish insignia or Green Flag
 - Lasers - Red sunburst on a white flag
 - JY15 - Red Flag
 - 420s – Blue Numbers extended vertically across a white flag

- Division II:** Optimist Class flag – Optimist insignia on a green 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), either course may be moved East of WYS if appropriate.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 Course Diagrams will be posted on the club website and will also be made 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, if no white board is present course will be communicated verbally on the water.
- 9.2 After completing the first leg of the course a boat shall not cross the starting line (“S”). A boat shall not cross the finishing line (“F”) until she is completing the last leg of the course and finishes. This changes rule 28.1.A boat that breaks this rule can only exonerate themselves by sailing back across the start finish line and then sailing the proper course. (see RRS Sec. 44.2).

- 9.3 On a leg of the course from windward (“W”) to leeward (“L”) or from L to W, boats may leave the line between S and F either to port or to starboard.
- 9.4 For reasons of safety, on legs of the course from W to L or from L to W, the starting and finishing lines, including the signal boat or pin boat, if any, and the buoys that form the S and F are, taken together, one obstruction, and therefore rules 19 and 20 may apply between boats while they are approaching and passing it.
- 9.5 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 or yellow inflatable pyramids or yellow cylinders 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/pink 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/pink ball.
- 10.4 The leeward gate mark, if used, will be orange tetrahedrons, yellow tetrahedrons or yellow cylinders.
- 10.5 Any of the above marks may be substituted for either prior or during a race so as to maintain a proper course.

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, commonly known as a DINGHY 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 “I” 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 A boat that starts more than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 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 A boat must inform the race committee of any boat they plan to protest as soon as possible after the incident. All protest must be communicated to the race committee prior to leaving the racing area after the last race. Any protest not reported to the race committee before leaving the racing area shall not be heard and will be dismissed without a hearing. The Race Committee will post the

docking time at the end of racing each day on the official notice board. (This modifies RRS 61).

- 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 will apply as modified. As this is a series, RRS A9 of Appendix A shall be applied to the scoring. This modifies RRS A4.2.A competitor must sail 50% of the Fall Series races to have scores counted for the Fall Series Championship.
- 17.2 At least six (6) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 There will be one (1) throw-out race allowed for every six (6) 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
 - Optimist – Green
 - Optimist – Red, White, Blue

Optimist – Red
Optimist - White
Optimist – Blue

- 17.6 Provided the Race Committee Chairman is informed ahead of time, in writing or by email (providing the date and time of the away race, the Organizing Authority of same, the class of boat to be sailed and the capacity in which the away sailor will be sailing), any competitor registered in this Fall Series can race in a recognized Regatta and miss a regular Sunday race at WYS and receive a score other than DNC for the day missed. The scores for the Series races on the missed race day will be determined at the end of the season and will be based on an average of the competitor's scores in Fall Series for all races sailed at WYS during the Series. In addition, the away race must be a race in which the away competitor competes in the same class and capacity (i.e. skipper, crew, etc.) as they are racing in the WYS Series. This option may be exercised only one weekend during the Fall Series.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class and/or combined class indicated in Sec. 17.5, 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 4th, 2020).
- 18.3 The Sailaction Trophy will be awarded to the 420 skipper and crew, all of whom must be WYS members, who do not turn age 19 before the end of the 2019 calendar year, with the best score (with no throw-out race) for the races held on the first Sunday race day in October.

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 2017-2020 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.**

