

**2020 SUMMER SERIES and LABOR DAY  
RACES Sunfish/Lasers/420's**

**WESTHAMPTON YACHT SQUADRON**  
Remsenburg, NY 11960



**May 30, 2020 – September 5, 2020**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

(Revised March 8, 2020)

**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.
- 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, as provided in RRS 90.2(c).

**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.

## 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 Each racing day should include at least 5 races but may be more or less depending on conditions and other factors.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 **Summer Series:** The Sunfish, Lasers and 420’s will have from three (3) to five (5) race days in the summer series, per the following schedule:

Training Races: June 27; July 4 and July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Series Races: July 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25; August 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Skippers’ meeting will take place no earlier than 1000 with the first warning series being no earlier than 1115 and no races started after 1415, except for August 8<sup>th</sup> race day when the Skippers’ meeting will be no earlier than 1100 with the first warning signal being no earlier than 1200 and no races started after 1500 on any given race day. The Race Committee may extend the race day based on input from the racers. In the alternative, skipper’s meets may be held via ZOOM anytime between 1800 on the Friday before each race day and 1000 on race day. Notice of the exercise of this option will be posted on the club website before Thursday at 1300.

- 6.4 **Labor Day Series:** The Labor Day races will be held on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and will be scored as a separate series and not as part of the Summer Series Scoring. The Skippers’ meeting will be held at 1000 with the first warning signal no earlier than 1100. No racing will start after 1400.

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

Flying Scots, Sunfish, Lasers, 420’s, SS

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Appropriate class flags will be used as part of the 5-minute timing as follows:

Flying Scot	-	Blue FS insignia on a white field
Sunfish	-	Sunfish insignia on white field
SS	-	Black SS insignia on a red field
Lasers	-	Red Sunburst on white field
420s	-	Blue C420 insignia on a white

## **8. RACING AREA**

8.1 Races will be held on Moriches Bay west of WYS in the vicinity of Seatuck Cove.

## **9. THE COURSES**

9.1 The courses to be used during this series will be posted on the WYS Website prior to the commencement of the series. This course diagram may be changed or added to by the Race Committee during the course of the season. Any such course changes will be announced at the skippers meeting held on the day such courses may be used. Copies of the course diagram will be available at the skipper's meeting each week.

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 shall not correct her error. However, she will be exonerated if she takes a Two-Turns Penalty (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, and/or yellow cylinders.

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 orange or yellow inflatable pyramids and/or yellow cylinders.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started by using modified Rule 26 (3 minute start sequence) with the warning siren being made approximately one (1) minute prior to the warning signal.
- 11.2 Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 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 ball) will be hoisted instead of the Preparatory Flag P two (2) minutes before the start and lowered at one (1) minute before the start.

## **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. PENALTY TURNS**

- 14.1 A boat will only be required to take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the RRS. This modifies RRS 44.1.

## **15. RETIREMENT**

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

## **16. TIME LIMIT**

- 16.1 A boat that starts more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 16.2 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.

## **17. PROTESTS**

- 17.1 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).
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

## **18. SCORING**

- 18.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A, including Sec. A9 of Appendix A, will apply as modified.
- 18.2 A competitor must sail 50% of the Summer Series races to have scores counted for the Summer Series Championship. Any boat failing to meet this requirement will be scored DSQ for the season.

- 18.3 There will be one (1) throw-out race allowed for every five (5) races sailed in the Summer Series.
- 18.4 As provided in Sec. A9 of Appendix A of the RSS, 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.
- 18.5 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), competitors can race in a recognized Regatta and miss a regular Saturday 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 Summer 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 and wherein they are sailing as a representative of, or on behalf of the WYS. This privilege is limited to one race day per season.
- 18.6 Any boat failing to meet the requirement of Para. 3 of the Summer Series/Labor Day Race NOR for any given race will be scored DSQ for that race.
- 18.7 Any boat not properly registered in accordance with Para. 3 of the Summer Series/Labor Day Race NOR will not be scored.
- 19. SUPPORT BOATS-** Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 20. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS** – All participating sailors may carry a two (2) way radio on their sail boat, for use in an emergency or to communicate with the race committee their status. Except in such circumstances, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats in the same class. This restriction also applies to cell or mobile phones.
- 21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Competitors in the Series subject to these Sailing Instructions are participating entirely at their own risk 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.