



2019 M-SCOW EASTERNS

September 14, 2019

Organizing Authority: Lavallette Yacht Club

Principle race officer: Pat & Paul Wright

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017 – 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 Racing rule A2 will be changed to provide one discard with five completed (5) races, if fewer than five (5) races are completed there will be no discards. Racing rule A4.1 will be changed as follows: A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. Racing rule 33 will be changed as follows: During the race, “gate” marks, windward marks and offset may be repositioned without signal for minor changes in course. Racing rules 35, A4, and A5 will be changed as follows: Boats still racing (and that do not subsequently retire, get disqualified, or get redress) 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). RRS 44.1 will be modified so that a boat that breaks a rule of RRS part 2, may either: take a one turn penalty prescribed in RRS 44.2 or; take a scoring penalty as prescribed in RRS 44.3. RRS A4, A5, and A11 will be changed as follows: Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. These changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the south porch of the clubhouse. Notices shall be considered as given to the competitors once they are posted on the notice board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted one half hour before the first warning on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club's flagpole.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, competitors shall wear personal buoyancy at all times while afloat except for brief periods (two 2 minutes or less) while changing clothing. This changes RRS Part 4 Preamble and RRS 40. (Refer to SI 16.1)

5 SCHEDULE – SIX (6) RACES ARE SCHEDULED

5.1 Saturday, September 14, 2019

08:00 – 10:00AM Registration, Check-In and Measurement

10:00 – 10:15AM Competitors Meeting & Lunch

10:30 AM Harbor Gun

11:00 AM Warning Signal, Race # 1 through #6 to follow with a 20 minute break between race #3 and #4. Awards on the south porch following racing.

No warning signal will be made after 1630 hours.

6:30 PM Dinner at LYC (reservations required)

5.2 Because more than one race or sequence or races will be held on the same day the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after a day's prior race is completed or abandoned. After a long postponement (ten minutes or more), and/or the break, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, the ORANGE line flag will be displayed (with one sound) at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

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7 RACING AREA

Barnegat Bay near Lavallette Yacht Club

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The course will be windward-leeward (W) with all marks rounded to port.

8.2 The course W and the number of legs will be displayed on a placard not later than the Warning Signal.

8.3 A leeward gate will be used on all windward-leeward courses. When there is a gate boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

8.4 If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark in position shall be rounded to port.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be described at the Competitors Meeting

9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be orange tetrahedrons.

9.3 The starting mark will be an orange cylinder mark

9.4 The finishing mark will be a small round orange mark

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the starting mark.

10.3 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.1.

10.4 When at a boat's starting signal she must comply with rule 29.1 or 30.1, the race committee shall promptly display flag X with one sound and periodically announce on VHF channel seventy-two (72) the sail numbers of those boats on the course side of the starting line or its extensions. The flag shall be displayed and the aforementioned announcements continued until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, but not later than four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier. The following changes rule 62.1(a) and

Race Signals: failure of the race committee to hail or broadcast any sail numbers; failure of a boat to receive the recall hail or broadcast; a boat's position in the sequence of hail or broadcast numbers; promptness of the hail or broadcast will not be grounds for redress.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as it is practical. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2 During the race, "gate" marks may be repositioned without signal for minor changes in course. This changes RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 For upwind finishes the Finish Boat will be to weather of the windward mark. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape on the Finish Boat and the finishing mark on the port side of the finish boat.

12.2 For downwind finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape on the Start Boat and the finishing mark on the starboard side of the start boat.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 will be modified so that a boat that breaks a rule of RRS part 2, may either: take a one turn penalty prescribed in RRS 44.2 or; take a scoring penalty as prescribed in RRS 44.3.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 Time limits are as follows: Time limit sixty (60) minutes; first mark time limit thirty (30) minutes. If no boat has passed the first mark within the first mark time limit the race will be abandoned.

14.2 Boats still racing (and that do not subsequently retire, get disqualified, or get redress) fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). see SI 15.5.

15 SCORING

15.1 The number of scheduled races is 6 of which 1 must be completed to constitute the regatta. Should wind, weather, or other conditions make it impossible or impractical to complete all six (6) races within the publicized time, the event will be terminated and the results based upon the completed number of races

15.2 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A is changed to provide one discard with five completed (5) races, if fewer than five (5) races are completed there will be no discards.

15.3 No race shall be declared official unless three or more entrants come to the starting line.

15.4 Points shall be awarded to a boat and may not be transferred except by specific written permission of the Regatta Committee.

15.5 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2, A5, and A11.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 Personal buoyancy must be worn outside of all clothing, including foul weather gear, and be properly secured except that a thin shirt may be worn over the personal buoyancy to prevent snagging on lines and equipment.

16.2 Boats intending to race shall check in at the committee boat not less than five (5) minutes prior to her first warning signal on each race day.

16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16.4 All boats are required to have on board at all times while racing the following safety equipment:

Paddle	Pump or Bailer	Anchor	Tow Line	PFD
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Notes: 1. Manual bailer must be a minimum of 4-quart capacity.

2. All boats must carry a towline solely dedicated to towing and/or anchoring and readily available for use at all times. Line must be at least 24' long and of sufficient strength to tow a swamped boat.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of skippers, or changes of sail numbers, will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee member to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Code flag "L" and any applicable class flag(s) displayed at the finish indicate a mandatory inspection. Boats whose class flag(s) have been displayed are required to respond by checking in with a patrol boat or a committee boat for inspection.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall be allowed to receive radio transmissions from the race committee. No other transmission or reception of radio signals is allowed while *racing*.

20 AWARDS

Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew in the top five (5) finishing boats, Top Master, and Mid Fleet award.

21 SOCIAL:

Lunch: Lunches will be provided for competitors and crew.

Post race: An awards ceremony will follow after the conclusion of racing on the south porch of the club house.

Dinner: Regatta participants are invited to attend the yacht club's dinner for Saturday evening. Reservations are required. Please email Tim Faranetta at tim@lavalletteyc.org to make reservations.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of the policy limit of their homeowner's insurance policy or the equivalent thereof.