

# **BEAUFORT YACHT & SAILING CLUB**

**(Organizing Authority)**

## **2020 Fall Dinghy Series**

### **Sailing Instructions**

- 1. RULES.** The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. A life jacket and shoes are required for each sailor. Juniors must wear life jackets when on the water. All boats will give way to commercial traffic on the ICW.
- 2. ENTRY.** The races are open to one-design class boats. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online Registration Form/Waiver at: <https://www.byscnet.com/sailing/fall-series-dinghy-registration>, and paying the required fee to BYSC prior to joining the series. Alternately the attached registration form and waiver may be completed and returned to the Registration Desk on the day of the first race with cash or check payment. Juniors (17 and under), including crew, if any, are required to have a parent or legal guardian fill out the waiver portion of the registration form. Sailors intending to race must pay the entry fee (\$25 per boat for adult skippers, \$15 per boat for juniors) for each series. All boats must have numbers on their sails. Three boats shall constitute a class to receive a separate start. **Participants who fail to complete the Registration/Waiver Form and pay the fee will be billed by the BYSC office with an additional \$15 late fee.**
- 3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS.** Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the clubhouse riverside porch.
- 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.** Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 60 minutes before the warning for the first race that day. The race committee may announce changes to the sailing instructions on the water before the warning signal for each race, orally or by posting changes on the race committee board.
- 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the base of the BYSC flagpole. When flag AP (postponement) is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the AP signal is lowered.
- 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES.** Races will be held on Sundays, except when races are scheduled on holidays. See the race schedule on the Official Notice Board or the Series NOR for the dates and the schedule of registration and meetings. The

warning signal for the first race of the day will be at 2 pm, except for Labor Day when the first race will be at 1 pm. Additional races to follow.

7. **CLASS FLAGS.** Class flags will be the official class flags of each fleet as follows: Evo, MC Scow, Laser, JY-15, 420, Sunfish, O'Pen Skiff and Optimist. Additional classes will use their appropriate class flag or a substitute pennant as necessary. The Portsmouth class will use Race Signal Pennant 9.
8. **RACING AREA.** The racing area is on the Beaufort River between the marsh islands south of downtown Beaufort and the McTeer Bridge.
9. **COURSES.** Courses are shown on Attachment A. Course to be sailed for each class will be posted on the signal boat prior to that class's warning signal. All marks will be left to port. An offset mark may be used at the windward mark and a gate may be used at the leeward mark.
10. **MARKS.** Course marks will be *orange* balls. An upwind offset mark, if used, will be a *white* ball. The upwind mark for the O'Pen Skiff/Optimist class will be a *yellow* ball. A gate at the leeward mark, if used, will be two (2) *orange* balls. ICW channel marker #242 shall not be passed on the shoreward side due to underwater pilings.
11. **START.** An *orange* flag (start/finish line flag) will be displayed (with a long sound) on the signal boat approximately 30 minutes before the warning for the first race.

**Sailors are to check in with the signal boat before the warning for the first class of the day, hailing their sail numbers. Junior skippers and crews are also to provide their first and last names. Due to Covid-19 staffing restrictions check in is to be completed 5 minutes prior to the first warning.**

Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. A series of short horn sounds will precede the first warning signal. Rolling starts will be used for the first race of the day. Subsequent starts may or may not be rolled.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an *orange* flag on the signal boat and a staff displaying an *orange* or *yellow* flag on the start/finish mark.

The predicted order of start is: MC Scow, Evo, Laser (Full, Radial & 4.7), JY-15, 420, Sunfish, O'Pen Skiff/Optimist, Portsmouth Yardstick. Starts **may** be combined, if needed to shorten the number of starts. The Race Committee reserves the right to combine dinghy classes if a three boat minimum per class is not met. Combined classes will start together and be scored using the North American Portsmouth Yardstick handicapping system, which is outlined in Attachment B.

**Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area. The starting line will be closed except when starting.**

- 12. FINISH.** The finishing line will be between a staff with an *orange* flag on the signal boat and the start/finish mark.

**The finish line will be closed except when finishing. Boats sailing through the finish line while not finishing will be scored DSQ without a hearing, unless they correct the error as outlined in RRS 28-2. This changes rule A-5.**

Boats withdrawing from a race should notify a race committee member as soon as possible.

- 13. TIME LIMIT.** The time limit will be one hour for each class. Boats failing to finish within the time limit or within 20 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes rules 35 and A4.1.
- 14. PROTESTS.** Appendix T, Arbitration, will be in effect for any protests and the meeting may begin when all parties to the protest are available to the arbitrator. Any boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing, stating the sail number of the protested boat.
- 15. SCORING.** The Low Point System will apply, less throwouts per races completed – none if fewer than 6 races; one if 6 or 7 races; two if 8 or 9 races; three if 10-14 races; four if 15-19 races and five if 20 or more races. This modifies rule A2. Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

The North American Portsmouth Yardstick handicapping system will be used for boats where the 3 boat class minimum is not met. The Low Point System will apply for scoring purposes. A description of the Portsmouth System is in Attachment B. Boats starting races under Portsmouth rules on the first day of racing must remain under Portsmouth rules for the remainder of the series.

Boats that are scored DNS (Did not start), DNF (Did not finish), TLE (Time Limit Expired), RET (Retired), DSQ (Disqualified) or OCS (On course side) will receive points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats in that class that came to the starting area. Boats that did not come to the starting area will be scored DNC (Did Not Compete) and will receive points two more than the number of boats in that class that came to the starting area. *This changes rule A9.* One boat entering the race will be scored. Sailors serving on the race committee will receive credit for the races missed and scored an average of all series races sailed, less throwouts.

- 16. PRIZES.** Prizes will be awarded based on the number of boats in each class sailing 50% or more of the races, as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place for two boats; 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> places for four boats; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places for 5 or more boats.
- 17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.** Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

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