

WINNIPESAUKEE YACHT CLUB
2008 RACING SEASON
SUNDAY SMALL BOAT SERIES
Sailing Instructions

Rules: The races in this series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*, which, by definition, include the US Sailing Prescriptions, the ISAF Recognized Class rules for each class, the notice of race, and these sailing instructions.

Entries: See the Notice of Race for details on entrance requirements. Information on how to register will soon be available on our website and related sites but it is not yet available in that format.

Notices to Competitors: Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the porch of the WYC.

Changes in Sailing Instructions: Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the board by 0800 on race day

Signals Made Ashore: In the event a regatta must be cancelled in advance, the organizing authority will post a cancellation notice on the notice board. We will try to contact competitors by phone or e-mail list if we have information available to do so.

Schedule: The warning signal for the first race will be at 0900 EDT on each regatta date. Subsequent races in a regatta will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. No race will be started after 11:45 am. The regatta dates are as follows:

Spring Series: June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Summer Series: July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3.

Fall Series: August 10, 17, 24, 31, September 7

Racing Area: Racing will be held on *Lake Winnepesaukee*. The primary racing area will be in Saunders Bay near the WYC racing may be on the *Broads*, southwest of *Welch Island*.

Courses: The course will generally be a triangle with a possible extra windward/leeward leg depending on wind conditions. The marks will be rounded to port..

Marks: Marks will be orange cylinders or bouys, however, the race committee reserves the right to use whatever marks may be available. A race committee boat may be used as the replacement of a missing or out of position mark. An RC boat acting as a replacement mark will display flag M and make repetitive sound signals.

The Start: Races will be started by using a 3 minute dingy sequence.

Change of the = Position of the=20 Next Mark: To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain course configuration.

The Finish: The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee

boat and a nearby mark. In the absence of the race committee, a boat shall take its own finish by noting the boat that finishes previous and subsequent to it as well as the time and report to the race committee as soon as possible. If there is no longer an established finishing line, a boat shall finish as close to the remaining mark as practicable on a line extending from the required side at a 90 degree angle to the last leg.

Penalty System: 20 Rule 44.2 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty, which must include one tack and one jibe in the same direction.

Time Limit: If the first boat does not reach the first leeward mark rounding (or finish for a once around designated course) within sixty (30) minutes of the start or the first boat to finish does not finish within one hundred twenty (45) minutes of the start, the race shall be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored *Time Limit Exceeded (TLX)* and will be scored one more point than the last finishing boat. The race committee may hail the boat(s). A boat so hailed will be given five minutes to get to the starting area before the warning signal for its next race.

Protests: The purpose of the One-Turn penalty provision is to reduce or eliminate off-the-water protests. Adjudication of protests is difficult and inconvenient for all parties, including those disinterested parties who need to assemble to hear the protest. The following protest protocol will be used:

All protests must be properly initiated. This includes immediate hail and display of the protest flag, display of the flag at the finish and prompt notification of the race committee prior to the start of the next race.

Protests must be written on official protest forms available from US Sailing.

Protest hearings will be held immediately following the days races:

The parties may agree to an alternate penalty at any time after the race. The penalty will be a scoring penalty equal to one third of the number of the boats competing in the race rounded up to the next whole number. Both parties must sign a letter to the Race Committee informing them of the agreement.

Scoring: The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A of the racing rules will be used.

Ten races shall constitute a series. Each boats series score will be the total of all its scores, discarding the worst score if more than ten races are held in the series. The maximum number of discards allowed in a series will be two. This changes rule A2.

A boat that did not come to the starting area, did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing, or was disqualified shall be scored for the finishing place one more than the total number of boats that started or were OCS. This changes rule A4.2 and A.9.

Abandoned races will not be rescheduled unless they are essential to meet the ten race minimum requirement for a series.

For a race to count in a series, a minimum of three registered boats intending to race must be in the vicinity of the starting area during one of the regattas starting sequences.

Support Boats: Friends and relatives in non-competing boats should be instructed to keep clear of the racing area and avoid verbal or physical contact with the competitors.