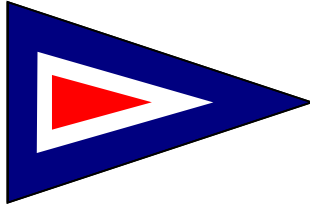


# Winnepesaukee Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions 2014



**1. RULES:** Winnepesaukee Yacht Club sailing events, regattas and/or races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (“RRS”), the prescriptions of US Sailing, and these sailing instructions.

**2. ENTRIES and ELIGIBILITY:** Competitors may enter an event by delivering a completed entry form and paying the required entry fee to the Winnepesaukee yacht club prior to the start of the event. For further details see the notice of race for each event or series.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the lakeside porch of the WYC club house.

**4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at the conclusion of the competitors’ meeting or by 0930 on the day it will take effect. Changes announced at the competitors’ meeting will be posted on the official notice board and become effective immediately.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagpole or on a Race Committee boat near the club dock. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “Not less than 30 minutes”. This changes Race Signals in the RRS.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES:** Races will be run, depending on the event, according to the *Notice of Race* for the particular event or as determined on event days as conditions may dictate.

**7. RACING AREA:** The racing area will be the waters of Lake Winnepesaukee. The course for a particular event may be announced in the *Notice of Race* and/or at the competitors meeting. Buoy racing will generally take place in the area known as “Sanders Bay”, or the area to the south of Welch Island, or the area known as “the Broads”, depending on conditions. Island courses may be used in certain events. All competitors must honor all government marks. In no event shall competitors pass through the area between Varney Point and Lockes Island or Pig Island and Lockes Island regardless of the course or event.

**8. THE COURSES:** Island Courses will be determined on race day. Attachment “A” hereto contains diagrams of courses which may be utilized for buoy racing.

**9. Marks:** Marks will be yellow, red or orange cylinder shapes, tetrahedrons or balls. Change of course, start and finish marks will be described at the competitors' meeting. A small buoy may be trailed behind the RC Signal Boat. If so, it is to be considered an integral part of the RC Signal Boat. All competitors must honor all government marks. In no event shall competitors pass through the area between Varney Point and Lockes Island or Pig Island and Lockes Island regardless of the course or event.

**10. THE START:** Races will be started using RRS 26. The Race Committee may, as a courtesy, blow a series of horns as an attention signal after a delay in racing and prior to a new sequence or next signal as required by the RRS. Prior to the start of the first race of each day, competitors shall sail by the stern of the RC Signal Boat and hail their sail number. Their sail number will be acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to do this check-in may result in disqualification for that day's racing. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and a start mark. Failure of the Race Committee to hail OCS boats shall not be grounds for redress.

**11. THE FINISH:** The finish line will be between an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby finish mark.

**12. TIME LIMIT:** Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes of the first boat in their class, or the time limit established and posted by the race committee prior to the competitors meeting, whichever is later will be scored two points more than the last starting boat that finished that race. This changes RRS 35.

**13. PROTESTS:** A boat intending to protest shall hail "Protest" and comply with RRS 61.1. In addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1, the protestor must inform the RC Signal Boat of its intention to protest as soon as possible after the race. Protests shall be written on forms available at the official notice board. Protests will be heard in approximately the order they were received in an area to be designated on the official notice board. Protests must be filed during the period beginning with the docking of the Race Committee and ending 60 minutes later.

**14. SCORING:** Boats will be scored according to the Low Point System in RRS Appendix A4.

**15. PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew top finishers in each class depending on the number of participants.