

Carolina Yacht Club

2021

Ocean Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regattas will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligibility requirements for competitors are that they shall be regular, sailing or seasonal members of the Carolina Yacht Club, the spouses and children of those members and others invited.
- 2.2 Eligibility requirements for boats are that they shall be all one-design boats 20' or less with a minimum fleet size of 3. Boats shall display sail numbers on both sides of the main sail in accordance with rules 77 and G.
- 2.3 Eligible boats must enter by completing the registration through Club Spot. All crew must be listed. Late registrations and crew changes may be done at the stern of the Signal Vessel until the first warning signal.
- 2.4 Check in should be completed at the stern of the race committee vessel, sailing behind the Signal vessel on starboard tack until the first warning signal.
- 2.5 Competitors shall sail as one fleet in all classes.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the sound side gazebo.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 hours 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. A change may be made orally on the water after the hoisting of the "L" flag, come within hail.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the sound side gazebo
- 5.2 When code flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" in race signal AP is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Ocean Series 1: Saturday, April 24 with three races scheduled – Warning signal at 1200 for the first race of the day.

Ocean Series 2: Saturday, May 8th with three races scheduled – Warning signal at 1200 for the first race of the day.

Ocean Series 3: Saturday, June 12th with three races scheduled – Warning signal at 1200 for the first race of the day.

Ocean Series 4: Saturday, July 10th with three races scheduled – Warning signal at 1200 for the first race of the day.

Ocean Series 5: Saturday, September 4th with three races scheduled – Warning signal at 1200 for the first race of the day.

Make-up race, Saturday, Sept 18th – Warning signal at 1200 for the first race of the day.

- 6.2 The warning signal for the start of a race will not be signaled after 1600 on any race day.
- 6.3 The race committee may adjust the racing schedule.
- 6.4 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means “No more racing today”

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will be:

Class	Flag
Lightning	Numeral Pennant One or class flag
Laser	Numeral Pennant Two or class flag
Sunfish	Numeral Pennant Three or class flag

8. RACING AREA

The course will be located in the Atlantic Ocean near Masonboro Inlet.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, course designations, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 Mark 1a will be a green tetrahedron.
- 10.3 The starting mark will be a white ball. The finish mark will be an orange ball.
- 10.4 A new mark for 1 and 2 as provided in instruction 11 will be an orange tomato.

10.5 A new mark for 1a will be a yellow tetrahedron with a black band.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26. The warning signal for each succeeding class will be made after the starting signal of the preceding class.

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

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rule A4.

11.5 While it is the responsibility of each boat to start correctly, the race committee may hail the sail numbers of a boat that has started prematurely. This is a courtesy only and failure to do so is not grounds for redress. The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast sail numbers on channel 78a.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing mark) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg although the new mark may not yet be in position. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an blue flag on the signal boat at the leeward end and the finishing mark on the starboard side of the Signal Boat.

12.2 For the BS Course, the finish line will be between a finishing mark and an blue flag on an RC boat positioned to windward of the Weather Mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty is two turns penalty as described in rule 44.2 except that, when an infringing boat has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the incident, she shall lower her spinnaker head of the sail below the boom gooseneck, complete one full turn of 360 degrees, reset her spinnaker and have it drawing after the penalty. This modifies rule 44.2.

15. TIME LIMIT

15.1 The time limit for each class will be 60 minutes.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Boats intending to protest shall notify the race committee at the finish line of the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested. Protests will be written on forms available at the sound side gazebo and lodged there with the jury's representative within the protest time.
- 16.2 Protest time begins when the race committee signal boat docks and signals with one sound signal and ends 30 minutes later.
- 16.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 16.4 If a Race Committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes rule 62.2

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, rule A4.1 modified by rule A9 will apply.
- 17.2 With 12 races scheduled, four shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 Each boats series score will be the total of her race scores except :
 - a. When eight races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - b. When ten races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her three worst scores.
 - c. Competitors who do not compete in a race of this series due to participation in a US Sailing, SAYRA, District Championship level event or due to serving as a member of the race committee for this series shall be scored for that race using the average of points earned in the three races immediately before and after their absence. Redress for these activities shall be limited to 3 races in a series.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Wearing of a personal flotation device is required in Sunfish and Lasers, but will be at the discretion of the competitor in Lightnings, unless signaled otherwise by the Race Committee.
- 18.2 Before the warning signal is made for the first race of the day, each competitor shall sail by the stern of the signal boat, hail their name and sail number and be acknowledged. Failure to do so will result in a score of DNS for that race.
- 18.3 A boat that leaves the race course area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Prizes for the series will be awarded in each class as follows:

3-5 boats	1 Trophy
6-10 boats	2 Trophies
11-15 boats	3 Trophies
16-19 boats	4 Trophies

19.2 A prize for the first place winner of each class will be awarded for each day raced.

20. DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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 regatta.

Attachment A

