

**CAROLINA YACHT CLUB**  
**Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina**  
Sound Series Races 2021  
Sailing Instructions

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The races 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 rule 77 and Appendix 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 near the flagpole at the sound side gazebo.

**4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 hours on the day it will take effect except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 A change may be made orally on the water after 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" is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes" in race signal RRS Race Signal AP.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Sound Races on Tuesdays

First warning signal at 1800 for the first race of the day except 1300 for Sept. 7th

1 and 2	April 27th
3 and 4	May 25th
5 and 6	June 22nd
Independence Day Regatta	July 6th (Will not count for Sound Series Scoring)
7 and 8	July 20th
9 and 10	August 17th
Labor Day Regatta	September 6th (First two races will count for Sound Series Races 11 and 12)

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

Class/warning flags will not be used with the Appendix S Sound Signal Starting System. See paragraph 11. If the Race Committee elects to use the five (5) minute starting sequence, the warning signal will be the class flag for Sunfish, Laser, Lightning, and 420 and Opti classes. The warning signal for any other classes will be a yellow flag.

## 8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Banks Channel or Motts Channel areas of Wrightsville Sound.

## 9. THE COURSE

9.1 The course diagram attached to these sailing instructions shows the course and the order in which the marks are to be passed. All rounding marks are to be left to port.

9.2 The designation of the course to be sailed for each race will be displayed on the course board at the stern of the race committee signal boat no later than the warning signal for each race.

## 10. MARKS

Rounding marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. Unless signaled otherwise, the start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and the round white mark.

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal vessel and the round white mark.

## 11. THE START

11.1 Unless signaled otherwise, races will be started using Appendix S with a warning signal given 3

minutes before the starting signal. Option to use Rule 26 (5 minute start) will be signaled by displaying numeral pennant 5 (yellow/blue) on the race committee signal boat with several sounds.

11.2 No later than the warning signal, the order of class starts will be shown on the course board at the stern of the race committee signal boat. The order of class starts may change after the first race.

11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the port end white buoy

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. This changes Rule 23.1. Boats that do not avoid this area may be subject to protest only by the race committee.

11.5 A boat starting 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

11.6 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1 modified as follows: An attempt may be made to hail OCS boat(s) orally. However, failure to hear the hail, the order of the boats hailed, or the timeliness of the hail, shall not be grounds for redress. This is only a courtesy to the competitors on the part of the race committee.

## **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 the original mark.

## **13. THE FINISH**

Unless signaled otherwise, the finish line will be a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and a round white buoy.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 The two-turns penalty, Rule 44.2, will apply 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 turn including one tack and one jibe, reset her spinnaker and have it drawn after the penalty. This modifies Rule 44.2

14.2 As provided in Rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken Rule 42. As prescribed in Rule 67, any member of the race committee is designated as an observer.

## **15. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for all classes will be 50 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat of its class sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE. This changes Rule 35 and A4.1.

## 16. PROTESTS

16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the race committee and delivered to the race committee within protest time.

16.2 Protest time begins when the race committee signal boat docks and signals with one sound and it ends 30 minutes later

16.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

## 17. SCORING

17.1 With 12 races scheduled, 4 shall be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 The Low Scoring System, Rule A4.1 as modified by Rule A9, will apply.

17.3 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, adjusted as follows, except where prohibited by rules.

- I. When 6 races have been completed, a boat series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.
- II. When 10 races have been completed, a boat series score will be the total of her scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- III. When 12 races have been completed, a boat series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst three (3) scores.

17.4 Rule A8 will apply in the event of a tie.

17.5 Competitors who do not compete in a race of this series due to participation in US Sailing. SAYRA or District Championship level events 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 total of the three consecutive races either immediately before or after their absence. Redress for these activities shall be limited to 3 races in a series. These constructive results shall also count toward the races requires for qualification and calculations of discards.

## 18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Wearing of a personal flotation device is **required in Sunfish, Laser, Optimist and 420s 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 intends to leave the race area before racing for the day is finished shall notify a race

committee member before leaving the race area. If that is impossible then, immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify the dock master or anyone else having a VHF radio who will in turn, notify the race committee on channel 78 in order to account for all competitors.

## **19. PRIZES**

One prize	3 to 5 boat fleet
Two prizes	6 to 10 boat fleet
Three prizes	11 plus boat fleet

# Course

1 or 2 Laps

