

**CAROLINA YACHT CLUB**  
**Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina**  
Sound Series Races 2019  
Sailing Instructions

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020
- 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 side of the main sail in accordance with rules 77 and G.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the race committee on the day of the race. Registration will be dockside until the race committee signal boat leaves the dock and, thereafter, at the stern of the race committee signal boat until the first warning signal.
- 2.4 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 lade ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the sound side gazebo.
- 5.2 When cope 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 Tuesday

First warning signal at 1815 for the first race of the day except 1300 for Sept. 2

1 and 2	May 14
3 and 4	June 28
5 and 6	June 11
Independence Day Regatta/ SS	Make up July 2
7 and 8	July 16
9 and 10	August 13
11 and 12	August 27
Labor Day Regatta/ SS	Make up September 2

## **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 classes. The warning signal for any other classes will be a yellow flag.

## **8. Racing Area**

The racing area will be in Banks Channel and/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 and finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat 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 after than 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 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 an orange 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.

A. When 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

B. When 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her three (3) worst 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 required for qualification and calculations of discards.

## 18. Safety Regulations

- 18.1 Wearing of a personal flotation device is **required in Sunfish, Laser, Optimist and 420's but will be at the discretion of the competitor in Lightning's, 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

## 20. Disclaimer Of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Sound Series Races