

2019 Bluewater Regatta

Centerboard Yacht Club
271 Front St
South Portland, ME 04106

Sponsored by: Rugged Marine Survey

Sailing Instructions (S.I.)

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B – Special Regulations for inshore races apply.

1.3 All boats in all classes shall carry a functioning VHF radio and monitor Ch. 68.

1.4 All boats shall have functioning Navigation Lights that meet USCG requirements.

1.5 All boats shall comply with Federal and State safety requirements.

1.6 Rule 75.1 is waived for this event.

1.7 Boats sailing in a One Design class shall comply with the requirements of the Class Rules.

2. Notices To Competitors

2.1 Notices will be placed on the official notice board in the CYC clubhouse.

2.2 Notices may also be available at regattaman.com.

3. Changes To Sailing Instructions

3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole on the front lawn at CYC.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. Schedule

5.1 Skippers' Meeting will be held at 1800 hours on Friday August 2nd, 2019.

5.2 First Warning signal in the Centerboard Regatta is scheduled for 1100 hours Saturday August 3rd.

5.3 The Principle Race Officer determines the number of races each day. When the Race Committee displays Code Flag 'R' from the RC Signal Vessel at the finish line racing will continue.

5.4 No postponement or abandonment decision will be made before 1400 on race day.

6. Classes

6.1 There will be at least one Racing and one Cruising class. Other classes or sub-classes may be added at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6.2 Class Flags:

Racing Division 1 – Blue letter A on a white background.

Racing Division 2 – Blue letter B on a white background.

Cruising Division 1 – Blue letter C on a white background.

Cruising Division 2 – Blue letters CR on a white background.

6.3 Table A

Class	Rating	Class Flag	Starting Order	Course
Racing Division 1	All	A	1100	Fleet A
Cruising Division 1	All	CR	1105	Fleet B

7. Courses

7.1 The course will be posted on the Race Committee Signal Vessel.

7.2 Each class or classes will be listed on the top line of the course board on the Race Committee Signal Vessel. Each line below will list a mark of the course as a letter. The color next to the letter will signify the proper rounding of the mark. Red signifies leaving the mark to port and Green signifies leaving the mark to starboard. If no color is posted next to a mark, you may round the mark to port or starboard. The 2016 CYC mark list and inside mark chart/outside mark chart will be available on regattaman.com and at the skipper's meeting.

7.3 Racing/Fleet A will be posted on the aft port side of the Race Committee Signal Vessel and Fleet B/Cruising will be posted on the aft starboard side of the Race Committee Signal Vessel.

7.4 A change of course after the start will be signaled near the mark beginning the leg being changed by a race committee boat with repetitive sound signals. The change will be displayed on the course board before the leading yacht has begun the leg and will indicate all remaining marks with the color next to the letter signifying the proper rounding of the mark.

8. Start

8.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

8.2 Starts will be rolling starts; the first classes start signal will be the second classes 5 minute signal.

8.3 The location of the start will be in the vicinity of either General Anchorage A or General Anchorage B as shown on NOAA Chart 13292.

8.4 Refer to 6.3 Table A for starting order.

9. Starting and Finishing Line

9.1 Unless otherwise announced, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an ORANGE flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel and an inflatable mark.

9.2 A limiting mark may be streamed from or near the signal vessel. Boats striking this limiting mark or sailing between the mark and the signal vessel will be considered in violation of RRS 31.

9.3 Boats not in the starting sequence shall avoid close proximity to the starting area.

9.4 The gun or other sound signals is for the purpose of calling attention to visual signals. Visual signals govern. A failure or mistiming of a gun or other sound signal shall be disregarded.

9.5 The Race Committee will attempt to hail or broadcast over VHF Ch 68 boats deemed on the course side (OCS) at the start. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification will not be grounds for redress. The failure to hail, or the hail of some but not all, or untimely hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

9.6 The Finish Line shall be between a solid ORANGE flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel and a nearby mark.

9.7 The course may be shortened without prior notice to any mark of the course that a race committee boat is anchored near while flying code flag S. When the course has been shortened the Finish Line shall be between the Race Committee Boat and mark regardless of the course prescribed rounding.

10. Alternative Penalties

10.1 The two-turns penalty as defined in RRS 44.2 will apply to infringements of RRS Part 2 When Boats Meet.

10.2 The one-turn penalty as defined in RRS 44.2 will apply to touching a mark.

11. Time Limit

11.1 No race will be started after 1600.

11.2 The Race Committee boat will remain on station until all boats have finished.

12. Protests

12.1 Protest forms are available from the race committee or online.

12.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks.

13. Scoring

13.1 A boat's score shall include all races in the series.

13.2 Races will be scored using PHRF Time on Distance.

13.3 The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A shall be used.

13.4 Ties will be broken using total corrected time for the series.

14. Radio Communication

14.1 The race committee will monitor VHF channel 68 for emergency transmissions. The race committee will also be using VHF channel 68 for working communications and may employ an "open mike" policy. Boats are advised that any race committee communications are unofficial and made either for race management purposes or as a courtesy to the competitors.

15. Safety

15.1 All boats will be required to check in on the water before the start of the race. Failure to check in will result in the boat being scored Did Not Compete (DNC).

15.2 A boat that retires shall notify the RC as soon as possible. If the RC can not be reached by radio, text (207) 570-2516. Failure to notify the RC will result in boat being scored Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE).

15.3 Heavy Shipping. These races are held under a permit granted by the U.S. Coast Guard. Tankers and other large ships that are constrained by their draft frequent Portland Harbor, particularly the area from Spring Point to Portland Head. They have the right of way. Please be mindful that we share the harbor with this traffic. All yachts are to stay a safe distance from these vessels. Ship traffic will not be considered grounds for redress. Boats identified who endanger their own safety, or that of a commercial or government vessel will be subject to protest by the Race Committee (RC) or contestant and face possible disqualification. RRS 60.3 is modified to add:
(d) to read: A hearing for allegations of the above will be instigated by a protest committee if notified by government, commercial or individual vessel of possible infraction. It shall also extend the time limit under RRS 61.3 to accept the information. A Safety violation will result in a DNE.

16. Prizes

16.1 Series prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded for all classes.

16.2 Prizes will be awarded following dinner at CYC.

17. Disclaimer Of Liability

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entire at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority accepts no liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18. Insurance

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

19. Race Officials

19.1 Principle Race Officer– Matthew Minson at matthew.minson85@gmail.com or (207) 570-2516.

19.2 Protest Committee Chair – Chip Gavin at chipgavin@gmail.com

19.3 Race Officer - Bill Duggan at duggan@videoport.org

19.4 Shoreside Event Coordinator - Courtney Babyak at Cgb006@aol.com

End of Sailing Instructions