

# Scituate Invitational

## June 29, 2019

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES:**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions the latter shall take precedence.

2. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:**

If instructions change prior to the race, they will be announced on channel 68.

3. **SCHEDULE:**

- 3.1. The approximate of the starting sequence will be **1:00pm**.

4. **COURSES AND MARKS:**

- 4.1. Courses will be in accordance with Mass Bay Handbook. Course option selected will be weather dependent.
- 4.2. The race committee may designate distance and bearing to the windward mark on the committee boat prior to the race.
- 4.3. All marks will be orange inflatable drop marks.
- 4.4. In accordance with the RRS, after the starting signal, the race committee may change the position of any mark to maintain course configuration, provided that no boat is on that leg of the course. No signals are required.

5. **SHORTENING AND ABANDONING RACES:**

Races can be shortened for many reasons. It is the skipper's responsibility to anticipate this and monitor their radio. After the start, the race committee may shorten the race at any mark at its discretion. The finish line will be at any mark the committee boat is stationed displaying the shortened course signal. The race committee will hail the fleet on channel 68 and make the announcement via channel 68. If required, the race will be shortened with the following procedure (which is a change to the language specified in RRS rule 32.1 and 32.2): Display code flag "S" accompanied by 2 sounds, and hail each affected fleet via VHF channel 68 with instructions to round the next mark, then proceed to shortened finish at mark "A". The race committee will continue to periodically hail via channel 68. As each fleet's lead boat nears the finish line, the R/C will make 2 sounds.

6. **START, FINISH, AND RECALLS:**

- 6.1. The starting area will usually be near the Scituate Approach Gong "SA", but shall be determined by the location of the race committee boat. Boats must keep clear of the starting area and the

starting line while other classes are starting. Failure to keep clear may result in a penalty including disqualification.

- 6.2. Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Appendix S6.
- 6.3. General recalls will be signaled by a series of short whistles. After a general recall, the round the ends provision of RRS 30.1 shall apply.
- 6.4. The start line will be between the Scituate Approach Gong “SA” and the committee boat.
- 6.5. The finish line will be between the Scituate Approach Gong “SA” and the committee boat.

7. **PROTESTS:**

- 7.1. Protests procedure will be in accordance with Mass Bay Handbook.

8. **SCORING:**

Scoring will be based on the CHIPS system using ORR-ez ratings.

9. **SAFETY:**

- 9.1. Boats must adhere to class rules as to safety equipment, but as a minimum must carry suitable anchor and rode, bailing equipment, USCG approved life preserver for each person on board, display proper lights when racing after dark, and be equipped with auxiliary power. Boats may be subject to inspection and disqualification for failure to meet minimum safety requirements.
- 9.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

10. **WAIVER OF LIABILITY:**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor’s participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

11. **RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:**

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.