

CONSTITUTION YACHT CLUB

Boston, Massachusetts

Sailing Instructions Wednesday Evening Series 2020 (Spring Only)

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. The MBSA General Sailing Instructions, ORA ORR-ez Rulebook, and ORR-ez bylaws will apply except as modified by these Event Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. A boat breaking one or more rules of Part 2 may take a One-Turn penalty. This modifies rule 44.1

2. Notices to Competitors will be posted online at www.cycboston.org/racing and at www.regattaman.com

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1500 on the day it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. No visual signals will be made ashore.
- 4.2. Racers shall monitor VHF Channel 69 starting at 1800 on race day for any announcements regarding that evening's races.
- 4.3. In addition to announcing the expected course for the evening, the RC will announce the **wind range** used for ORR-ez scoring. The wind range used for scoring may be changed post-race in the event of better assessment of the conditions. This modifies MBSA GSI 20.10
- 4.4. Race cancellations will also be made via email at the earliest time that a cancellation decision is made.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1. Racing will be broken into three 6-week series, with one race scheduled each Wednesday.

1.1. The following dates make up the three series:

SPRING:	6 Races	June 3 rd – July 8 th
SUMMER:	6 Races	July 15 th – August 19 th
FALL:	6 Races	August 26 th – September 30 th

5.2. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1830.

5.3. **Rumbles:** The following are the dates for the Boston Harbor Rumbles. The cost is included in the season fees. Separate SI's and courses will be issued for each Rumble and will be available on Regattaman.

Rumble 1:	June 12	Hosted by Hingham YC
Rumble 2:	July 10	Hosted by Cottage Park YC
Rumble 3:	Aug 28	Hosted by Constitution YC

6. Classes

- 6.1. Class flags will not be mandatory.
- 6.2. There will only be two classes – Spinnaker and JAM.

7. Racing Areas

- 7.1. The racing area comprises Boston Harbor from south of Pier 4 to the vicinity of gong "10 FL R 6s."
- 7.2. All starts and Finishes will be between Pier 6 and Day marker Q R 15ft 4M "14" and is indicated as "0" on the course diagrams.

8. The Courses

8.1. The course diagrams are available for download on RMS. One of 4 courses will be announced on VHF 69.

8.1.1. **Course 1:** 0 – 13p – 12p – 13s – 0

8.1.2. **Course 2:** 0 – 13p – 12p – 0

8.1.3. **Course 3:** 0 – 12s – 13s – 12p – 0

8.1.4. **Course 4:** 0 – 13p – 10p 13s – 0

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8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will announce the selected course on VHF channel 69. **All races will use Random Leg / Medium to determine the start times.**

9. Marks

9.1. "0" refers to the starting / finishing line.

9.2. 10 refers to R "10" Fl R 6s

9.3. 12 refers to R "12" Fl R 2.5s

9.4. 13 refers to G "13" Fl G 4s

9.5. The start / finish line are the line between Pier 6 and the Day marker Q R 15ft 4M "14".

10. Areas That Are Obstructions

10.1. Vessels will observe the boundary to the south of Logan Airport demarcated by white buoys. If a vessel crosses the line between two boundary buoys, they must leave the boundary from between the same two buoys.

10.2. Refer to Part 2 of the RRS when encountering commercial traffic in the harbor. It is the responsibility of every skipper to ensure that they keep a proper radio guard and observation to avoid incidents with other vessels that are not racing.

11. The Start

11.1. The first vessel will start at 1830 with other vessels starting based on the course and their assigned start times.

11.2. Boats who are not within 5 minutes of their start shall not hinder boats that are within 5 minutes of their start sequence.

12. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

12.1. The course will not be changed, except by shortening, as described in 8.8 of these SI's.

13. The Finish

13.1. The finishing line will be Pier 6 and the Day marker "14".

13.2. Vessels shall take their own finish time and report it to the fleet captain at Iryley@cycboston.org.

14. Penalty System

14.1. For all classes, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.2. Refer to MBSA GSI Rule 18.

15. Time Limits

15.1. For the spring series there will be no time limit for racing; however, vessels must comply with all light and sound rules at all times.

16. Protests and Requests For Redress

16.1. US Sailing protest forms are available on the www.cycboston.org/racing page. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be emailed to the Fleet Captain within the time limit.

16.2. For each class the protest time limit is 1830 on the day following racing.

16.3. The Fleet Captain will notify by email all competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and will convene a protest committee.

16.4. It is the intent of the protest committee to attempt **arbitration** as outlined in **Appendix T** of the RRS as a way to address protests in a timely manner. **Arbitration** will be conducted via phone and/or email upon the receipt of a protest form.

16.5. It is the intention of the protest committee to conduct all hearings by a combination of email, telephone, and other electronic means. Normally, **a party to a protest has the right to request the hearing be held in a**

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physical location however for the duration of the spring series this will not be possible and all protests will be held virtually. This modifies rule 63.3(a).

16.6. The Protest Chairman shall schedule the hearing at the earliest possible date. Once scheduled, the hearing will not be rescheduled for the convenience of the Protestor or Protestee. The committee will hear the protest if only one party is present. This is in accordance with rule 63.3(b).

16.7. Requests for redress shall be delivered to the protest committee within 24 hours of the end of the series in which the action occurred. Refer to rule 62.1 for appropriate reasons for redress.

17. Scoring

17.1. Scoring system is the Pursuit Scoring as provided through MBSA.

17.2. One race is required to constitute a series.

17.3. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This modifies Appendix A2.

18. Safety Regulations

18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the fleet captain as soon as possible.

18.2. Boats are required to comply with all applicable USCG safety regulations for their vessel.

24. Trash Disposal

No trash may be discharged from any boat into Boston Harbor.

27. Radio Communication

27.1. All racing boats are required to monitor VHF channel 69 for the duration of the race.

27.2. The race committee will make all announcements on VHF Channel 69.

27.3. Rule 41 is in effect; however racers are encouraged to monitor VHF channels 13 and/or 16 in addition to channel 69 due to the amount of commercial traffic present in the racing area.

28. Prizes

Prizes will be given in each class for each series and overall. Prizes will be awarded at the CYC Annual meeting and brunch in November.

29. Disclaimer of Liability

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 racing.

30. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. Proof of insurance shall be provided to the race committee or club officers upon request.