



The Stonington Harbor Yacht Club

Fall 2017 Frostbite Series

Saturdays, September 16 thru November 18, 2017
(with possible exception October 14)

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Organizing Authority

1.1 These races are organized by the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club.

2 Schedule of Races

2.1 Races will be conducted each Saturday from April 15 September 16 through November 18. On September 23, the race will be incorporated into the Red Lobdell Memorial Series. The race scheduled for Saturday October 14 will be moved to Sunday October 15 if participants experience a conflict with Mystic Seaport's "Dyer Derby". First warning will be at 1330 hours on all days.

2.2 The Race Committee will try to conduct five or more races each day but no race will be started after 1600.

2.3 Information on cancellations may be obtained by calling SHYC Clubhouse after 1130 hours or by signals displayed on the Committee Boat. Communications will be on VHF Channel 79

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Races will be conducted for any Lasers, Vipers, VX and Ideal 18s meeting Class rules. Lasers may use sails from a sail-maker not approved by the Class so long as the dimensions and construction meet Class requirements. Separate starts will be given each Class. However, no boat or class will be started or raced unless three or more boats of that class have submitted entry forms and presented themselves for the race (see 4.6, below). Boats will be informed on the water if their Class is ineligible to race that day. Boats so informed should immediately leave the racing area.

3.2 Entry is made by completing the fall series SHYC Entry Form available on line at the Racing page of www.shyc.us, or in hard copy at the SHYC Clubhouse. Completed forms accompanied by a check or credit card number for the entry fee made payable to SHYC should be mailed to SHYC Race Committee, PO Box 87, Stonington, CT 06378 to arrive before September 16, 2017. Entry Forms and checks may also be delivered to the Committee Boat up to 20 minutes before the first Warning Signal each race day. Any competitor under the age of 18 years must have signed parental permission accompanying the Entry Form.

3.3 Entry fee is: SHYC members- \$140 for the series or \$25 for a single race day.

SHYC non-member guests- \$165 for the series or \$35 for a single race day. ..

3.4 Competitors who have not submitted a completed Entry Form will be scored DNC.

4 Rules

- 4.1 Races will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* (RRS) except as noted below.
- 4.2 Class Rules apply to all boats entered except in regard to sails as noted in section 3.1, above. All boats are subject to inspection without notice.
- 4.3 RRS Rule 40 will apply whether the Committee Boat displays flag 'Y' or not.
- 4.4 RRS Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed to a penalty of one 360 degree turn.
- 4.5 All Laser competitors will wear appropriate protective clothing, e.g. full torso wet or dry suits, when water temperature is 60 degrees or less. Failure to follow this rule or 4.3 above will result in the subject boat being scored DSQ for all races conducted that day.
- 4.6 Prior to the first Warning Signal for the day, each competitor will sail under the Committee Boat's stern and announce intent to race.
- 4.7 All boats will display sail numbers.

5 Courses

- 5.1 All races will be sailed in Stonington Harbor north of the outer breakwater.
- 5.2 Course selection will be indicated on a course board mounted on the Committee Boat. Course indicator letter followed by the number '2' indicates twice around. Courses are:
 - Course A: Windward – finish
 - Course B: Windward – leeward – finish
 - Course C: Windward – reaching – leeward – finish; a triangular course.
- 5.3 Windward and leeward marks are inflated yellow tetrahedrons. Reaching mark, if used, is an inflated orange tetrahedron. All marks are to be left to port.
- 5.4 The start line is between a small inflated orange tetrahedron to the port side of the Committee Boat and a staff on the Committee Boat bearing an orange flag. The finish line is between a small, inflated orange tetrahedron to the starboard side of the Committee Boat and a staff on the Committee Boat bearing a blue flag.
- RC will indicate whether start and/or finish lines are open or closed during each race.
- 5.5 Should there be only one Class racing, the Start and Finish lines will be the same and will be between a small inflated orange tetrahedron and a staff on the port side of the Committee Boat bearing an orange flag. See also 6.2, below.

6 Start and Finish

- 6.1 Races will be started using the three minute sound signal sequence of RRS Appendix S.
- 6.2 Classes will be started separately and will be called to start by the display of their class flags at the stern of the Committee Boat immediately before the beginning of each starting sequence. Classes will not necessarily be called in alternating order. Whichever class has finished and prepared itself to start will be called first. **WATCH FOR YOUR CLASS FLAG TO DETERMINE IF YOUR CLASS IS CALLED TO START.** Should there be only one Class racing, that Class flag will be displayed continuously at the stern of the Committee Boat.

6.3 Classes and class flags are:

Class 1	Vipers	Signal Pennant '1'
Class 2	VX Evos	Signal Pennant "2"
Class 3	Ideal 18s	Signal Pennant "3"
Class 4	Lasers	Signal Pennant '4'

6.4 As each boat finishes, it should move to an assembly area aft and well to starboard of the Committee Boat and wait until its Class is called to start. Boats, having finished, should take care to stay clear of the Class being called to start and of other boats finishing. It is probable that, at any time, there will be one Class in its starting sequence, one Class started or one Class finishing. Keep clear and observe right of way rules. Boats in starting sequence and finishing have right of way over boats not racing or called. Boats failing to observe these right of way rules may be disqualified by the Race Committee from further racing that day. See also 5.5, above.

6.5 The time limit for each race for each Class will be 45 minutes or 15 minutes after the first boat finishing, whichever comes first. Boats finishing after the time limit will be scored DNF.

7 Protests

7.1 Intention to protest will be reported to the Committee Boat as soon as possible after completion of the race in which the protest occurs. Written protests will be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour of the completion of the day's racing and the return of the Committee Boat to the dock. The protest must detail the incident and specify the RRS rule allegedly violated. The Committee will schedule a hearing on the protest as soon as possible after its receipt. The Committee may protest any boat for breach of the RRS or of the NOR/Sl. The protested boat will be notified on the water and a written protest delivered after the Committee boat returns to dock. A hearing will be scheduled as soon as possible.

8 Scoring

8.1 For Lasers the High Point scoring system will be used. First place is assigned points equal to the number of boats competing in each race; second place, the number of boats competing minus one; third place, the number of boats competing minus two, etc. A boat starting but not completing the course or withdrawing or being disqualified will be counted as having started and will receive the number of points minus one, of the lowest scored boat completing the race. Other classes will be scored on the low point system.

8.2 Boats must compete in sixty percent or more of the races conducted in the total series in order to qualify for the series prizes. For Lasers the series score for each boat will be a percentage calculated as follows: divide the sum of her race scores by the sum of the points she would have scored if she had placed first in every race in which she competed; multiply the result by 100. The qualified boat with the highest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.

9 Awards

9.1 Weekly results will be announced with recognition of the top three finishers at a post race gathering at the SHYC Clubhouse after each day's races. **All competitors, family and friends invited.** Weekly and cumulative series results will be posted on the racing page of www.shyc.us, normally within 48 hours of the race as well as on the racing bulletin board at the Clubhouse. Season awards will be made for each Class at the annual SHYC Awards Dinner in October

10 Additional Information: 10.1 For additional information, email the Race Chair Tom O'Connell, at taoconnell@yahoo.com or call the SHYC Clubhouse at (860)535-0112.