



The Stonington Harbor Yacht Club

Fall Small Boat Race Series

Saturdays, September 6th thru October 25th, 2025

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 September 6th through November 8, 2025, First warning will be at 1330 hours on all race days. **THERE WILL BE NO RACING ON SEPTEMBER 13th**

2.2 The Race Committee will try to conduct five or more races each day, but no race will be started after 1530.

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, Ideal 18's, Sunfish, or other boats 20' or under meeting Class rules. Lasers may use sails from a sailmaker not approved by the Class so long as the dimensions and construction meet Class requirements. Separate starts will be given each Class. Three boats are required to constitute a class and be scored. However, if less than three boats of a single class appear, Race Committee will allow the boats to sail with another class of similar capability but not score those boats. Ideals need a minimum of two people aboard in order to be scored.

3.2 Participants can register online by clicking [HERE](#).

Competitors are asked to complete the Entry Form and payment by September 4th. (for the complete series), or by the Friday prior to each single race day. For competitors under the age of 18 years, online entry and payment by credit/debit card implies parental permission.

3.3 Entry fees:

SHYC members using Ideals - \$125 for the series or \$25 for a single race day.

SHYC non-members - \$175 for the series or \$35 for a single race day.

Full Time Students - \$40 for the series or \$10 per single race day. *Contact SHYC directly to arrange registration as a full-time student. rc@shyc.us *All races are subject to tax

3.4 Competitors who have not submitted a completed Entry Form may be scored DNC. *Including Payment in full by the end of series.

4. Rules

4.1 Races will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

4.2 Prior to the first Warning Signal, each competitor will sail by the Committee Boat and announce themselves.

4.3 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.

4.4 RRS Rule 40.1 applies which requires the wearing of a personal floatation device.

4.5 All Laser/Sunfish or other board boat 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 RRS Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed to a penalty of one 360-degree turn.

4.7 Prior to the first Warning Signal for the day, each competitor will sail under the Committee Boat's stern and announce intent to race.

4.8 All boats should display sail numbers.

5 Courses

5.1 All races will be sailed in Stonington Harbor north of the outer breakwater.

5.2 The course will be: Windward – leeward – finish. If the course will be more than once around it will be indicated on a course board mounted on the committee boat by a number (2) for twice around.

5.3 Windward and leeward marks are inflated yellow or orange tetrahedrons or as announced by the RC boat. All marks are to be left to port. Marks for Sunfish will be announced by the RC boat at the beginning of the day's races.

5.4 The start line is between a small, inflated orange tetrahedron or red ball 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 or red ball to the starboard side of the Committee Boat and a staff on the Committee Boat bearing a blue flag.

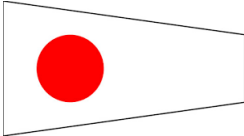
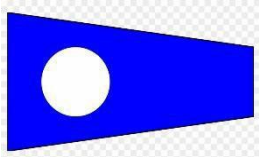
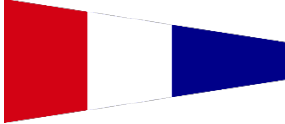
RC will indicate whether start and/or finish lines are open or closed during each race. When multiple classes are racing at the same time, the gates will normally be closed.

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 or red ball 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 U. 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 on the Committee Boat.

6.2 Classes and class flags are:

Class 1	Ideal 18s	Signal Pennant '1'	
Class 2	Lasers	Signal Pennant "2"	
Class 3	Sunfish/others	Signal Pennant "3"	

6.3 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.

6.4 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/SI. 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 In accordance with RRS Appendix A, the Low Point System will apply. If a daily race series has 4 or more races, the worst score will be excluded. Ties will be broken IAW RRS Appendix A.

8.2 Boats must compete in 50% or more of the races conducted in the total series to qualify for the Annual Small Boat Series prizes.

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 are invited to have drinks and soup at the Clubhouse. See also 2.2 Note above.

10 Additional Information:

10.1 For additional information, email the Race Chairmen Chris Gefaell cgefaell@gmail.com , (646) 709-3553, Mark Scott mscottarch@gmail.com, (203) 285-8975 or call the SHYC Clubhouse at (860) 535-0112. For additional information and the liability waiver, go to the SHYC website by clicking [HERE](#).

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