



## The Stonington Harbor Yacht Club

### Spring Small Boat Race Series

Saturdays, April 10th thru June 12th, 2021

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> thru June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 except for May 15<sup>th</sup>, SHYC Commissioning date. There will be no race that week. First warning will be at 1330 hours on all race days.

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.

3.2 **SHYC Racing is now paperless!** Entry is made by completing an online entry form along with an online payment using credit/debit card, available on the SHYC Public Racing page, [www.shyc.us/public-racing](http://www.shyc.us/public-racing), or on the SHYC Member Racing Page, [www.shyc.us/racing-private](http://www.shyc.us/racing-private). Competitors are asked to complete the Entry Form and payment by April 9<sup>th</sup> (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. **NOTE: The "Click to Pay" system will be operational no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

3.3 Entry fee is:

- SHYC members- \$130 for the series or \$20 for a single race day.
- SHYC non-member guests- \$165 for the series or \$25 for a single race day.
- Full Time Students - \$65 for the season or \$10 per single race day.

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

## 4 Rules

4.1 Races will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* (RRS) except as noted below. The New RRS APP is available to download at USSailing.Org.

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 applies whether the Committee Boat displays flag 'Y' or not.

4.4 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.

4.5 RRS Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed to a penalty of one 360-degree turn.

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 should 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 or as announced by the RC boat. Reaching mark, if used, is an inflated orange tetrahedron. 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 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. 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 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	Ideal 18s	Signal Pennant '1'
Class 2	Lasers	Signal Pennant "2"
Class 3	Sunfish/others	Signal Pennant "3"

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 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 sixty percent or more of the races conducted in the total series in order 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 socially distanced drinks on the bricks in front of the club house.

9.2 Annual prizes will be presented at the SHYC Annual Awards Banquet in the Fall.

## 10 Additional Information:

10.1 For additional information, email the Race Chairmen Kevin Bowdler, [kevinjbowdler@gmail.com](mailto:kevinjbowdler@gmail.com), (860) 405-5434 or Wayne Buchanan, [wrbuchanan@comcast.net](mailto:wrbuchanan@comcast.net), (860) 434-1560, or call the SHYC Clubhouse at (860) 535-0112.