

Sailing Instructions

2009 Bluewater Bay Sailing Club Small Boat Regattas Bluewater Bay, Florida

Racing Rules - All competition shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012, as amended by the United States Sailing prescriptions.

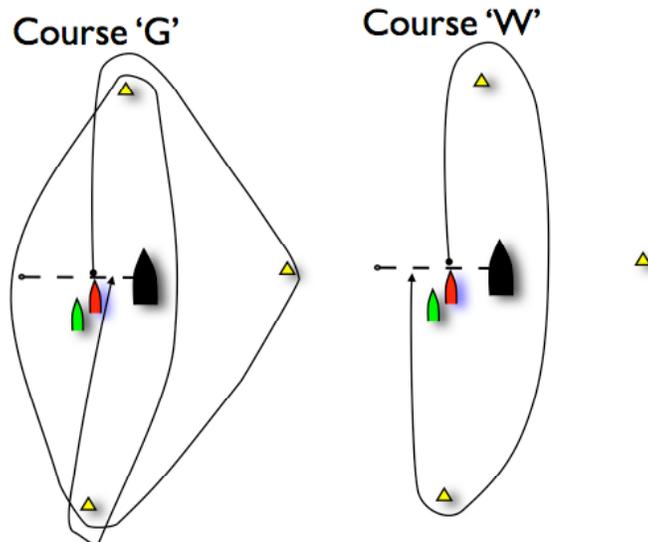
Changes to the Sailing Instructions - The designated Race Director (RD) has the authority to change these Sailing Instructions during the course of the sailing day by posting the changes.

Entries - Boats not registered or who have not paid their entry fees (\$5 per regatta) will not be considered as competitors for the regatta in question.

Location of Regatta- All races will be conducted in the vicinity of Bluewater Bay.

Race Course - The RD shall select and display or announce the race course before the start of each race. The RD may announce a change of course at any time, before or during a race, prior to any boat reaching a mark beginning the leg of the course to be changed.

Courses and Marks - Most races will be sailed windward-leeward and/or with an jibe mark on the first down wind leg. Due to the prevailing sea breeze conditions from the south south-west, the typical course will be a clock-wise, starboard rounding course. The start and finish will be to windward. The RD may modify the course and marks at their discretion.



Starts

- A five-minute starting sequence shall be used with signals for the starting sequence as follows:
 - Five minutes to start, the RD shall hoist the Class flag.
 - Four minutes to start, the RD shall hoist the preparatory flag.
 - One minute to start, the RD shall drop the preparatory flag.
 - At the start, the RD shall drop the Class flag

- Only the RD may call a boat over early (OCS) and will do so by hoisting the individual or general recall flag, as appropriate. Any boat found OCS must return and get her entire hull behind the line before restarting, but does not need to round the ends of the start line. A boat found OCS that does not return will be scored DNS. Although the RD may verbally call out the OCS boats, it is the responsibility of the OCS skipper to realize their situation and correct it according to the Racing Rules.

Finish

- A boat officially finishes when her bow crosses the finish line from the direction of the last turning mark.
- After finishing, boats must keep clear of boats that have not finished. If a boat that has finished interferes, it may be subject to protest.
- The RD may require a last place boat to retire, clear the race course and accept last place in the fleet to allow the next heat to start promptly.

Repair Delays

- A boat may request a 5-minute repair delay BEFORE the one-minute mark of her start sequence. Repair delays will not be allowed for boats that were not in the previous heat. Only one repair delay per boat per day.
- Adjustments to boats are not considered a reason for delaying a race start.

Penalties

- The standard Racing Rules penalties apply.

Protests

- To protest, the right-of-way boat must hail the give-way boat by sail number. If the offender refuses to do turns, then a protest will be heard at the completion of the race.

- Protesting boats must inform the RD of their intention to protest immediately upon finishing. At the end of the days sailing, a boat has one hour to file a written protest. Filings are to be made to the RD. Protest forms are available from the race committee.
- Prolonged arguing and false hailing during a race will not be tolerated. Offenders are subject to Rule 69 and may be disqualified.

Scoring

THE HIGH-POINT PERCENTAGE SCORING SYSTEM

1.0 RACES TO COUNT AND MINIMUM REQUIRED

The series is planned to consist of six regattas, with one regatta constituting the minimum necessary to award a season winner. Each regatta is planned to consist of four races. To qualify for inclusion in the final series results a boat shall compete in (i.e., come to the starting area for) at least one race of one regatta.

2.0 RACE SCORES

Define 'N' to be the number of boats that compete in a particular race. Each boat finishing that race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored as follows:

Finishing place Score

First N

Second N-1

Third N-2

Fourth N-3

and so on.

All other boats that compete in that race, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score 0 points. Boats that do not compete in that race (DNC) will score 0 points.

3.0 SERIES SCORES

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 of the series; multiply the result by 100. The qualified boat with the highest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.

If a number of races have been held over the course of the season, each boat is allowed to exclude a number of race scores from their series score calculation.

Races Held	Race Scores Excluded
4	1
8	2
12	3
16	4
20	5
24	6

Sailors serving committee duty (for one regatta only) shall have those races excluded from their series score calculation and excluded from the table above (e.g. if the series has 24 races and a sailor ran one regatta of four races, their score would be based on the 20 races they could have participated in and they would be allowed 5 (not 6) exclusions).

4.0 TIES AND OTHER RULES

Race ties will be broken using rule A7. Series ties will be broken using rule A8.1. Rules A1, A3, A5, A6, A10 and A11 also apply.

5.0 CORRECTED FINISH TIME CALCULATION

Calculate corrected times (CT) from elapsed times (ET) and handicaps (HC) using the formula:

	$CT = \frac{ET}{HC} \times 100$		
Where	CT = corrected time		
	ET = elapsed time		
	HC = D-PN or wind handicap number		
	MF = modification factor		
	Score race based on shortest corrected time = 1st, etc.		