

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2020-21
OFF THE BEACH YACHTS
THE NEWHAVEN YACHT SQUADRON
PHILLIP ISLAND VICTORIA

1. RULES.

All dinghy races conducted by Newhaven Yacht Squadron are governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions and Special Regulations of the rules of the relevant classes (except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions) and by these Sailing Instructions outlined in the document below. Our club dinghies are equipped to be sailed in NYS events with a patrol boat. The safety equipment is based on the Australian Sailing Special Regulations part 2 for off the beach boats. <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/viomvjqcwylys2s2.pdf>
The Safety Equipment Audit form
<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/iavluhqg3gtx9ejg.pdf>
The NYS Dinghy Safety Equipment Declaration can be downloaded below.
Members wishing to store their dinghy in the Sailability Storage Shed should fill out the downloadable form below, ("Allocation of Dinghy Racks") and email it to rearcommodore@nys.org.au

CLUB RULES

1. No swimming in the marina
2. All entrants are required to launch and retrieve boats quickly due to the volume of traffic that uses the boat ramp.
3. Any competitor who has been directed to return to the marina for any reason must do so immediately.
4. Boats entering the marina have right of way whether under sail or power.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official yacht racing notice board on the lower floor of the N.Y.S. club house.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to sailing instructions will be notified not later than 1 hour prior to the scheduled starting time of the race. Changes to the schedule of races will be notified in the N.Y.S. quarterly or the club notice board.

4. SIGNALS.

Signals made from the start boat shall be displayed on the signal mast and may be read as follows.

4.1 Code flag 'S' ..

The course has been shortened.

4.2 Code flag 'S' (Answering pendant).

Race start has been postponed. The warning will be sounded one minute after removal unless the race is abandoned.

4.3 Code flag "N".

The race has been abandoned and all boats are to return to the clubhouse immediately.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

These Sailing instructions apply generally to N.Y.S. Club Events and start times will be as set out or amended in the N.Y.S. club quarterly or on the club notice board.

6. DIVISION FLAG.

Starts will be indicated by Numeral Pennant 2. (two)

7. RACING AREA AND COURSES.

7.1 The racing area.

Unless otherwise notified, will be between marks denoted by orange coloured buoys.

7.2 Courses for each race.

The preferred or likely courses for each race will be announced at the briefing or in the NYS Quarterly and will be dependent on tides and conditions on the day of each race.

7.3 Regattas – Rosebowl Regatta.

All regatta races are to be sailed on the scheduled weekend. The best 3 of 4 races are to count towards the regatta results. Where less than 4 races are sailed all races are to be counted. In the event that part of the regatta is abandoned these race may not be rescheduled. If the entire regatta is abandoned the entire regatta may be rescheduled .

8 STARTING.- MASSED STARTS

8.1 Signals.

Where there are sufficient entrants races shall be started in accordance with racing rule 26 –***The warning signal to be 5 minutes before the starting signal.***

8.2 Starting Line.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an NYS Pennant on the race committee boat, located on the starboard end of the line and the Mark buoy, nominated as the Start Mark at the briefing, at the Port end of the line.

8.3 Additional Mark.

An additional mark may also be moored near the committee boat end of the starting line (but not necessarily on this line) and if so then no boat may pass between this "anti barging buoy " and the committee boat.

9 RECALLS.

9.1 Individual recalls.

Shall be signalled in accordance with racing rule 29.1.

9.2 General recalls.

Shall be signalled in accordance with racing rule 29.2.

9.3 Starting Penalties.

The starting penalties listed in rule 30 will be signalled as required by the sailing committee.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The Finish Line.

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an NYS Pennant on the race committee boat, located on the starboard end of the line and the Mark buoy, nominated as the Finishing Mark at the briefing, at the Port end of the line

10.2 Shortening Course.

The shortening of a course during a race will be signalled by the race committee boat as detailed in rule 32.

11 TIME LIMIT

The nominal time limit for dinghy racing will be determined by the OOD with regard to weather and tide conditions.

12 PROTESTS

12.1 Forms.

Protests shall be written on forms available at the race control centre and lodged there within one hour of the last boats finish time.

12.2 Order of Hearing.

The protest committee will hear the protests in the order they were received and as quickly as possible.

12.3 Notices.

Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when protests will be heard, to which they may be required to attend as parties or as witnesses.

12.4 Mediation; see addendum 1 on mediation.

12.4.1 At the discretion of the protest committee, an arbitration hearing may be heard prior to a protest hearing (this alters RRS63). After the written protest form is properly lodged, one representative from each boat shall meet with the mediator, no witnesses shall be allowed. Protests not resolved by mediation shall be heard by the Protest Committee.

12.4.2 A boat that accepts fault at a mediation hearing shall be penalised by having her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the number of entries in her division or class, rounded up to the nearest whole number. All other boats scores shall remain the same. Once accepted this decision shall not be subject to reopening or appeal
This alters RRS 63, 64.1, 66 and Appendix A

12.4.3 The mediator may be a member of any subsequent Protest Committee.

13. SCORING.

13.1 Scoring of the aggregate series for Club Champion for Dinghies will be for the best seven aggregate series races. The Rosebowl Regatta will be best three of the four races. Scoring will be by the " Low Point Scoring System " as described in the RRS [Appendix A]:

13.2 Discards. - Aggregate Races.

Where more than 7 aggregate races are held the worst results for each yacht will be discarded to a maximum of five discards.

Where 7 races or less are held all results are to count. Where a vessel does not compete due to OOD duties a score equal to the average of the races sailed will be used.

14. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for series and regatta prizes, entrants must be members of the Newhaven Yacht Squadron.

ADDENDUM 1 Mediation

Aims to improve understanding and adherence to the RRS and provide a simple, fair and less formal means of settling disputes. The party that broke a rule is offered the chance to take a reduced penalty.

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1 A mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Provided there was no contact that could have caused injury or serious damage. Such hearings will be held prior to the protest hearing.

2 The mediator will be appointed by a Flag Officer and shall be an experienced member of the Sailing Sub-Committee.

3 The time and place of the mediation hearing will be decided by the mediator, as soon as reasonably possible and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the mediation hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.

4 After taking testimony at the mediation hearing the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:

(a) The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the *protestor may withdraw the protest*.

(b) The matter shall *proceed to a protest hearing*. (This may be because rules other than Part 2 or 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.)

(c) No rule was broken and the *protestor may withdraw the protest*.

(d) A rule was broken and the protested may accept a mediation exoneration penalty. The infringing boat may accept scoring points by having her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the number of entries in her division or class, rounded up to the nearest whole number. If so accepted the *protestor shall withdraw the protest*. (Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.) However, if a boat caused injury or damage, or gained a significant advantage in the race or event by her breach her mediation exoneration penalty shall be to retire.

5 A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

6 Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing. The mediator is not required to provide a report to the Sailing Sub-Committee but should take their own personal notes of the mediation hearing

DISCUSSION

- A skipper who is not sure if they have infringed a rule may ask for a mediation hearing.