



Friday Night Bay Sailing **Sailing Instructions 2021**

The Bay Series Race Program Is Intended to Be A Fun Family Sailing Event.

1.0 **RULES**

- 1.1 Bay Series racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS/US), the prescriptions of MAYRA, and by these sailing instructions
- 1.2 Any questions in regard to these Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing. The question and answer will be posted on the Ocean City Yacht Club [OCYC] bulletin board and website.

2.0 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the OCYC bulletin board and the website.

3.0 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the OCYC bulletin board before 1530 hrs on the day races are scheduled for 1830 hr. and 1000 hrs on the day races are scheduled for 1300 hrs.

4.0 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Ocean City Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag "L" is displayed ashore, an important message or additional notices are posted.

5.0 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The schedule of race will be posted on the OCYC bulletin board and the OCYC website.
- 5.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 3.

6.0 **CLASS FLAGS**

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| 6.1 | Class flags | Code Flag |
| | PHRF A..... 1 | "one" (white flag with red circle) |
| | PHRF B..... 2 | "two" (blue flag with white insert) |

7.0 **RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the Greater Egg Harbor Bay off OCYC.

8.0 **THE COURSES – ALL CLASSES**

- 8.1 The basic course designation will be displayed on the dock at OCYC or off the Race Committee boat before or with the warning signal of the first fleet.
- 8.2 The diagrams available on the OCYC website show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.0 **MARKS**

9.1 Inflatable, round sphere or "no wake cans" will be used on all courses for marks except for red buoys designated by course description.

10.0 CHECKING IN

10.1 Before the Warning Signal of the first fleet, each boat shall sail past the Race Committee boat when it is on station in the starting area and hail its sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

11.0 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 Classes may be started in any order, although the Race Committee anticipates starting classes in the order of:
1. PHRF "A"
2. PHRF "B" **NOTE: Classes will be determined after 2021 sign-ups**

11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a goal post on the OCYC dock or a staff on a Race Committee boat on one end and an inflatable buoy on the other.

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". Any boat that meets rule 10.1 and subsequently is scored DNS, DNF, DSQ or TLE will be given a score of one plus the number of boats that started. **This changes RRS A4 and A5.**

11.6 Individual recalls will be as per RRS 29.1. As a courtesy the race committee will also attempt to announce the sail number of over early boats on VHF 71. Should a general recall be signaled, the start(s) for succeeding classes will be postponed accordingly.

12.0 RECALLS

12.1 The following shall not be grounds for redress:

- A) Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.
- B) Failure of the Race Committee to broadcast numbers.
- C) A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast number.

13.0 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be the same as the start line.

14.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.3 Scoring Penalty will apply. The minimal penalty will be 2 places. A boat that has taken a penalty shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

15.0 TIME LIMITS

15.1 Boats failing to finish within one & one half hours of their class starting time will be scored TLE (time limit expired) and scored points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus one unless no boat in the class finishes within the 1-1/2 hours in which case the race shall be abandoned.
This changes RRS 35 and A4.1

16.0 PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A boat intending to protest or seek redress is requested to notify and receive acknowledgement from the race committee at the finish line after finishing and clearing, giving the name and number of the boat being protested. **This changes RRS 61.1.**
- 16.2 Protest forms and penalty acknowledgement forms are available at the OCYC race office. These shall be delivered to the race office at OCYC within the protest time limit which is 30 minutes after the last boat in each class has completed the race.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted as soon as possible but not later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or witnesses. Hearings will be held at OCYC.
- 16.4 Breaches of instructions 11.4 and 11.6 will not be grounds for protest.

17.0 **SCORING**

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System RRS A4.1 will be used. RRS A. 9 will apply.
- 17.2 A boat's series score will be the sum of her scores in her six best races. **This changes RRS A.2**
- 17.3 Only boats that are fully registered and have sailed in at least 3 races will be used in calculating the number of boats as described in RRS A9. **This changes RRS A2.**
- 17.4 Series tie breaker will be determined using Rule RRS A8.1.

18.0 **PROPULSION**

- 18.1 When grounded a boat may use its propulsion engine to free itself in a manner least likely to advance on the course. **This changes USS 42.3.(g).**
- 18.2 Immediately after freeing itself a boat shall stop its engine and while under sail complete two penalty turns as per rule USS 44.2.

19.0 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 All boats are required to carry all safety equipment as required by national, state or local regulation. VHS radios are encouraged but not required.

20.0 **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21.0 **DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH**

- 21.1 Boats observed discharging waste or trash over the side shall be either disqualified from that race or from all races on the day of the infraction or be subject to other disciplinary action or both.

22.0 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 22.1 Competitors participate in the bay series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for materials damage personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the series.

23.0 **RESPONSIBILITY**

- 23.1 The responsibility of the Race Committee is to provide a start and to record positions and times at a finish. The decision to start, continue or retire is the responsibility of the contestant.

24. **INSURANCE**

24.1 Each participating boat shall have a valid insurance certificate with a minimum liability of \$300,000. Insurance Certificate should be readily available for inspection by Race Committee.