



HYANNIS YACHT CLUB 2020 OCEAN RACE WEDNESDAY BEERCAN SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The 2020 Beercan Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Ocean Race Notice Board located at the south end of the patio.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Ocean Class Notice Board located on the south end of the patio at least two hours before the starting sequence of the first scheduled race, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect. Oral changes may be given on the water. Each boat will confirm receipt of any oral change.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the HYC yardarm.

4.2 When the AP Flag is displayed ashore "1" minute is replaced with not less than one hour.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

July 8, 15, 22, 29
Aug 5, 12, 19, (25 Tuesday)
First Warning Signal 1800

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class A Flag	Alpha
Class B Flag	Bravo
Class C Flag	Charlie

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Nantucket Sound south of the Hyannis Port breakwater. Skippers are required to check in with the Race Committee before the start by sailing by the starboard side of the signal vessel and notifying them or by VHF radio on channel 68. The skipper must receive Race Committee confirmation that they have been checked in to race.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The location of marks, and courses that may be used in a race are shown in **Attachment A**. The courses may be windward-leeward, triangular, windward-leeward-triangle or other configurations. Offset marks may be used in any of the courses.

8.2 Before the warning signal, the Race Committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed by each class and the approximate bearing and distance to the first mark. The Race Committee will also announce the course over VHF 68.

9. MARKS

Both inflatable marks and government marks may be used. All marks to be left to port unless otherwise specified.

10. THE START

10.1 Times and Race Signals shall be taken from oral announcements over VHF radio and may be accompanied by a sound signal. Visual signals or flags may be displayed; the absence of a visual signal shall be disregarded. This changes **RRS 26**.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal vessel on the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

10.3 Subsequent races for each class will be held as soon as feasible after the end of their previous race.

10.4 In order for a class to start a race, there must be a minimum of two boats in that class.

10.5 The Race Committee may attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, promptness of the hail, failure to hail any boats, or the order of boats hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes **RRS 62.1**.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel and the course side of a nearby mark.

11.2 The finish line may not be the same as the starting line. It may be to the starboard side of the Race Committee vessel. In this case, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee vessel and the course side of a nearby mark. The RC shall indicate the intended finish line by VHF 68.

11.3 If a boat is unreasonably delaying the completion of a race, the Race Committee, at its discretion, may order that boat's race terminated and score that boat's corrected time to equal last place. This changes **RRS A4**.

11.4 Any boat withdrawing or retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF 68 or by hail and receive their acknowledgement.

12. PENALTIES

The Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes **RRS 44.1**.

If a boat elects to take a Scoring Penalty the penalty will be two places. This changes **RRS 44.3**.

13. TIME LIMIT

If no boat rounds the first mark within one hour from their start, the race shall be abandoned. The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be two hours after the start. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in her Class sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF. This changes **RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5**.

14. PROTESTS

A boat intending to protest another boat shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing. Written protests shall be delivered to the Principal Race Officer (PRO) or designated Race Committee member, within 60 minutes after the Race Committee Finish vessel docks. That docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Boats involved in a protest will be contacted by the PRO and notified of the time and place of the Protest Hearing.

15. SCORING

15.1 Scoring will be the time on distance method. The boats corrected time shall determine her finishing place. The following changes **RRS A4.2 and RRS A5**.

DNC, DNS, OCS scored as three more points than the Number of Competing Boats.

DNF, DSQ scored as one more point than the Number of Competing Boats.

15.2 The Number of Competing Boats is the number of boats that started the race. This changes **RRS A4 and A5**.

- 15.3 A boat that does not start within five minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes **RRS 63.1 and A5**.
- 15.4 The Fleet will be divided into spinnaker (Class A) or cruising Class B and C (non-spinnaker) classes, based upon registration information.
- 15.5 The spinnaker class will normally be scored with their racing rating. The skipper must confirm with the Race Committee on VHF 68 when checking in for a night's race if they will not be using a spinnaker. If they decide to not use a spinnaker, they will be scored with their cruising rating, and remain in their registered class.
- 15.6 In the event that there is only one boat in a class that comes to the starting area to compete in a night's race, they have the option of being temporarily assigned to another class so they can still compete. They will be scored in the place they finish in their temporarily assigned class for that night. That finish position will be transferred and scored in their normally assigned class as "points equal to" for that night. Other boats in the class that did not come to the starting area will be scored DNC. The boat temporarily assigned to a different class will not impact the finish positions of boats normally assigned to that class.
- 15.7 There will be a separate series for each month and an overall season award for each class. At least three races must be completed to constitute a monthly series.
- 15.8 For the overall season award, a boat must compete in at least 6 of the scheduled races. If a boat competes in 6 or more races in the season series, the boat's worst score will be excluded from her season series score. This modifies **RRS Appendix A2**.

16. EQUIPMENT AND OTHER RULES

- 16.1 All boats shall minimally comply with the World Sailing Offshore Regulations Appendix B.
- 16.2 All boats shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER).
- 16.3 All personnel on deck shall wear personal flotation while starting and finishing without exception and at all other times except when the Captain of the boat directs that it may be set aside.
- 16.4 Working navigation lights are required for all boats.
- 16.5 Special Covid-19 rules and regulations:
The PHRF fleet must comply with the following provisions below in their entirety.
- The Skipper will ensure that all sailing participants on their vessel sign an HYC Covid-19 waiver before racing. The original copies of all these forms shall be turned into the Steward's Office.
 - The Skipper will register all persons aboard on the HYC provided Contact Tracing registration form for each day of racing. This Contact Tracing form shall be turned into the Stewards Office at the conclusion of each race.
 - The Skipper will be responsible for confirming that each person on board his/her vessel has shown no sign of illness for the previous 14 days and does not live with or had prolonged contact with any person who has had signs of illness for the previous 14 days.
 - Signs of illness include cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.
 - The Skipper is responsible for the cleanliness and sanitation of their boat prior to allowing passengers on board and will provide hand sanitizers. Soap and water will be available.
 - HYC rules apply on physical distancing and face covering while on Club Property at all times unless seated at a table to dine. Face coverings must be worn at all times while on the boat, dock, or launch.
 - There is to be no sharing of food or drink on the boats.
 - There will be no rafting up before or after racing.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF 68. All competing boats must have a functioning VHF radio on board and are required to monitor VHF 68.
- 17.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones, PDA's and any other wireless means of communication.

18. PRIZES

Prizes for each monthly series shall be awarded as follows for each class:

3 boats: First place

4 - 5 boats: First and second places

6 or more boats: First, second and third places

Periodic recognition may be given for daily race results. The season series prize will be awarded to the boat in each class with the best combined finishes over the three month's races. Prizes shall be awarded at the Ocean Race Awards dinner.

19. RESPONSIBILITY, LIABILITY, & MEDIA

19.1 Specific attention is directed to the following Fundamental Rules:

RRS 1.1 - Helping Those in Danger. A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

RRS 4 - Decision to Race. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

19.2 The race organizers (Organizing Authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in these events, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation, to the fullest extent permitted by law. 19.3 By participating in this Regatta, each competitor grants to the Organizing Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed or other reproductions of him or her made during the period without compensation.

20. CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information please contact: Hyannis Yacht Club Race Committee:

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