

BEAUFORT YACHT & SAILING CLUB

(Organizing Authority)

2019 Spring & Fall Club Series

Sailing Instructions

- 1. RULES.** The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. A life jacket and shoes are required for each sailor. Juniors must wear life jackets when on the water. All boats will give way to commercial traffic on the ICW.
- 2. ENTRY.** The races are open to one-design class boats. Visitors are welcome. All participants must complete the online Registration Form/Waiver (<https://goo.gl/forms/gAltkmz5fUTwdWF33>), and pay the required fee to BYSC. Juniors (17 and under), including crew if any, are required to have the waiver filled out and digitally signed by a parent or guardian. Sailors intending to race must pay the entry fee (\$35 per boat for adult skippers, \$15 per boat for juniors) for each series. All boats must have numbers on their sails. Three boats shall constitute a class to receive a separate start. **Participants who fail to complete the Registration/Waiver Form and pay the fee will be billed by the BYSC office with an additional \$15 late fee.**
- 3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS.** Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the clubhouse riverside porch.
- 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.** Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 60 minutes before the warning for the first race that day. The race committee may announce changes to the sailing instructions on the water before the warning signal for each race, orally or by posting changes on the race committee board.
- 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the base of the BYSC flagpole. When flag AP (postponement) is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the AP signal is lowered.
- 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES.** Races will be held on Sundays, except when races are scheduled on holidays. See the race schedule on the Official Notice Board or the Series NOR for the dates. The warning signal for the first race of the day will be at 2 pm, except for holidays (i.e., Labor Day) when it will be at 1 pm. Additional races to follow.
- 7. CLASS FLAGS.** Class flags will be official class flags of each fleet as follows: VX1/Evo, MC Scow, Laser, JY-15, 420, Sunfish, O'Pen BIC and Optimist.

8. **RACING AREA.** The racing area in the Beaufort River between the marsh islands south of downtown Beaufort and the McTeer Bridge.
9. **COURSES.** Courses are shown on Attachment A. Course to be sailed for each class will be posted on the signal boat prior to that class's warning signal. All marks will be left to port. An offset mark may be used at the windward mark and a gate may be used at the leeward mark.
10. **MARKS.** Course marks will be *orange* balls. An upwind offset mark, if used, will be a *white* ball. The upwind mark for the Optimist class will be a *yellow* ball. A gate at the leeward mark, if used, will be two (2) *orange* balls. ICW channel marker #242 shall not be passed on the shoreward side due to underwater pilings.
11. **START.** An *orange* flag (start/finish line flag) will be displayed (with a long sound) on the signal boat approximately 30 minutes before the warning for the first race.

Sailors are to check in with the signal boat before the warning for the first class of the day, hailing their sail numbers. Junior skippers and crews are also to provide their first and last names.

Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. A series of short horn sounds will precede the first warning signal. Rolling starts will be used for the first race of the day. Subsequent starts may or may not be rolled.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an *orange* flag on the signal boat and a staff displaying an *orange* or *yellow* flag on the start/finish mark.

The predicted order of start is: VX1, MC Scow, Evo, Laser (Full, Radial & 4.7), JY-15, 420, Sunfish, BIC, Optimist. Starts **may** be combined, if needed to shorten the number of starts or if participation is low, at the discretion of the PRO. VX1 and Evo classes will not both race during the same week, but will alternate at the discretion of the participating sailors.

Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area. The starting line will be closed except when starting.

12. **FINISH.** The finishing line will be between a staff with an *orange* flag on the signal boat and the start/finish mark.

The finish line will be closed except when finishing. Boats sailing through the finish line while not finishing will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes rule A-5.

Boats withdrawing from a race should notify a race committee member as soon as possible.

- 13. TIME LIMIT.** The time limit will be one hour for each class. Boats failing to finish within the time limit or within 20 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes rules 35 and A4.1.
- 14. PROTESTS.** Appendix T, Arbitration, will be in effect for any protests and the meeting may begin when all parties to the protest are available to the arbitrator. Any boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing, stating the sail number of the protested boat.
- 15. SCORING.** The Low Point System will apply, less throwouts per races completed – none if fewer than 6 races; one if 6 or 7 races; two if 8 or 9 races; three if 10-14 races; four if 15-19 races and five if 20 or more races. This modifies rule A2. Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

Boats that are scored DNS (Did not start), DNF (Did not finish), TLE (Time Limit Expired), RET (Retired), DSQ (Disqualified) or OCS (On course side) will receive points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats in that class that came to the starting area. Boats that did not come to the starting area will be scored DNC (Did Not Compete) and will receive points two more than the number of boats in that class that came to the starting area. *This changes rule A9.* One boat entering the race will be scored. Sailors serving on the race committee will receive credit for the races missed and scored an average of all series races sailed, less throwouts.

- 16. PRIZES.** Prizes will be awarded based on the number of boats in each class sailing 50% or more of the races, as follows: 1st place for two boats; 1st & 2nd places for four boats; 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for 5 or more boats.
- 17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.** Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

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