

**USODA 2002 ATLANTIC COAST  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
Bellport Bay Yacht Club  
Bellport, New York  
July 15-18, 2002**

**Sailing Instructions**

**1.0 Organization and Rules**

- 1.1 The Championship will be organized by the Bellport Bay Yacht Club in conjunction with the Bellport Bay Sailing Foundation.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing. If there is any conflict between these Sailing Instructions (SI) and the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence. There are separate Sailing Instructions for the Green fleet.
- 1.3 Competitors shall not discharge rubbish into the water.

**2.0 Eligibility**

- 2.1 Sailors shall be members of USODA or their respective National Optimist Association. Sailors must be born on or after Jan 1, 1987.

**3.0 Changes in Sailing Instructions – Notices to Competitors**

- 3.1 Any changes in the SI and other notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, (located in the tent in the park northwest of the Bellport Bay Yacht Club (BBYC)) before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that a change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

**4.0 Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the south side of the BBYC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in race signal AP.
- 4.3 Flag Z with one sound signal displayed ashore means “Sailors may leave the launching area and proceed to the racing area.”
- 4.4 When a visual signal is displayed concurrently with a division flag, the signal applies only to that division.

## **5.0 Program and Schedule of Races (See Appendix 3)**

### **6.0 Format of the Championship**

#### **6.1 General**

6.1.1 The red, blue and white fleets will be divided in 4 or more divisions. Each division will sail at least once and if conditions allow, two or more times in a race together with each of the other divisions. See Appendix 3.

#### **6.2 Divisions**

##### **6.2.1 Dividing the fleet**

The total number of boats will be sorted by:

- 1) Alphabetical order of the National Letter(s),
- 2) Numerical order of the sail numbers (within the alphabetical order).

If there are more that two hundred boats registered in red, blue and white fleets we will have 6 divisions. The seeding for 4 or 6 divisions will be done as follows: starting, with the first boat assigning the boat to the divisions in the following order:

1, 2, 3, 4 (5, 6), 1, 2, 3, 4, (5, 6) and so on.

The seeding will be done as soon as possible after registration.

##### **6.2.2 Division Flags**

The division flags shall be considered Class Signals. All boats will display a colored ribbon (corresponding with the color of their divisions) attached securely to the top of the sprit. The Registration Committee will provide these ribbons:

Division 1: ribbon color - pink  
Division 2: ribbon color - white  
Division 3: ribbon color - red  
Division 4: ribbon color – green  
Division 5: ribbon color - blue  
Division 6: ribbon color - black

##### **6.2.3 Starting Schedule**

Appendix 3 to these SI shows the schedule of starts.. Each day may be used to start postponed or to restart abandoned races. One extra race per day may be sailed with no more than one race ahead of the proposed schedule.

## **7.0 Racing Area**

The racing area is situated as shown in Appendix 1 to these SI.

## **8.0 Course – Starting Area**

8.1 The diagram in Appendix 2 to these SI shows the course including the approximate angles between legs and the order of marks to be rounded.

8.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall wait outside the starting area situated at least 300 feet to leeward of the starting line, as indicated in Appendix 2.

8.3 Boats, which have finished, shall return directly from the finish to the waiting area, keeping well clear of all boats racing and of all boats whose warning signal has been made (see Appendix 2).

## **9.0 Course Marks**

9.1 The course marks are orange inflatable buoys. New marks when used in accordance with SI 11.1 will be an orange inflatable buoys with a black band.

## **10.0 The Start**

10.1 The races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be a line between two staffs displaying an orange flag, on Committee Boats at both ends of the line.

10.3 At its discretion the Race Committee may elect to place anti-barging marks astern of the starting line Committee Boats. Boats may not touch or pass between these marks and the respective Committee Boat at any time while racing when this is done. Infringement of this sailing instruction can be corrected by making a 360-degree turn at the earliest reasonable opportunity. This amends RRS 28.

10.4 Divisions may be started in any order.

10.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

10.6 The warning signal for a subsequent race on the same day will be made as soon as practicable. It will be preceded by a series of short blasts from an air horn.

10.7 Failure of the RC to identify all boats on the course side at the start will not be grounds for seeking redress.

## **11.0 Change of the Position of the Next Mark**

11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12.0 The Finish**

12.1 The finishing line will be a line between staffs displaying orange flags, on Committee Boats at each end of the line. When a finishing vessel on station displays flag H competitors shall proceed to the harbor after having finished and await further instructions.

## **13.0 Penalty System**

13.1 Appendix N will apply.

13.2 For other than Rule 42 infringements the Jury will observe racing.

13.3 Taking a Penalty, rule 44.1, is deleted and replaced with: A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident by taking a 720 Turns Penalty in compliance with rule 44.2. A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a scoring penalty in compliance with rule 44.3 as changed by these sailing instructions. However, if she caused serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach she shall retire.

13.4 Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 is deleted and replaced by: A boat may voluntarily take a Scoring Penalty during a protest arbitration hearing. The boat's penalty score shall be the score for the place worse than her actual finishing place by the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 40% of the number of boats entered, except she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish. The scores of the other boats shall not be changed; therefore two boats may receive the same score.

## **14.0 Time Limit**

14.1 Time limit for the first boat to sail the course is 90 minutes. The time limit for the first boat to reach the first mark is 30 minutes. Boats finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat in her start finishes will be scored DNF.

## **15.0 Protests and Requests for Redress**

15.1 Boats are **NOT** exempted from displaying a red flag according to the third sentence of RRS 61.1(a). This changes RRS 61.1(a), third sentence. A boat required to display a flag shall do so until she is no longer racing, and shall inform the RC of the boat being protested immediately after finishing. This changes RRS 61.1(a), fourth sentence.

- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the protest table in the BBYC clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.4 Notices may be posted within the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and times for hearings. Hearings will be held at the BBYC. No protest hearing will be started after 22:00.
- 15.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 13.1, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the Jury will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 15.6 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible. For the protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, an arbitration hearing will be scheduled and held as soon as possible after submission. One representative from each boat shall meet with the arbitrator. In protest arbitration hearings, no witnesses will be allowed.
- 15.7 Actions or decisions resulting during protest arbitration are not grounds for redress or subject to appeal.
- 15.8 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the “authority responsible” is the USODA Class Liaison.
- 15.9 Breaches of instruction 17 and 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides.
- 15.10 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.

## **16.0 Scoring**

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 Format of the regatta.

A race will be defined as one complete series of 2 or 3 starts of all 4 or 6 divisions. See Appendix 3. The series will consist up to 12 races, of which 5 shall be completed to constitute a series. Only races that have been completed for all divisions will count.

- 16.3 There will be one discard for every five races completed. Each boat’s total score for the Championship will be the sum of her scores for all races excluding her two worst scores when 10 or more races have been completed or excluding her worst score when 5 or more but less than 10 races have been completed. This amends RRS A2.

## **17.0 Safety**

- 17.1 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. If the buoyancy device is of an inflatable type, it shall be inflated at all times while afloat. This changes RRS 40.

- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3 Each competitor shall carry a whistle attached to his clothing. A loop shall be tied to the end of the painter.  
Competitors not complying with this instruction may be protested by the Race Committee.
- 17.4 Each competitor shall check in with the Safety Committee on the safety boat stationed near launching area.
- 17.5 Competitors who require assistance should so signify by blowing a whistle or waving one arm. The RC reserves the right to assist competitors who, in the opinion of the Committee, require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor.

## **18.0 Official Boats**

- 18.1 Committee boats will fly blue flag.
- 18.2 Jury boats will fly a white flag with "Judges" printed on it.
- 18.3 Rescue boats will fly a yellow flag with a number.
- 18.4 Coach boats will fly a white flag with a number.

## **19.0 Coach boats and Support boats**

- 19.1 All support boats shall register with the Race Committee before the Competitors' meeting on the first day of racing. All coach boats will fly a white flag with a number. This flag will be supplied by the Race Committee and must be returned to the Race Committee after the end of racing on the last day of the regatta.
- 19.2 Team leaders, coaches and all other support personnel shall not enter the racing area during the period beginning 5 minutes before the start of any race and ending after the finish of the last boat or when the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The race area shall be the area as indicated in Appendix 2, and any other area within 100 meters of any boat still racing. Exceptions are made coach and other support boats performing a rescue.
- 19.3 Failure to comply with SI 19.1 and 19.2 may result in disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing boat or other penalty at the discretion of the Jury.
- 19.4 Coach boats will be required to provide overall safety support to all participants in wind conditions exceeding 18 knots.
- 19.5 All the support boats identified with a white flag shall comply with instructions coming from the R.C.

## **20.0 Measurement**

- 20.1.1 Measurement checks may be made throughout the regatta on the instructions of the RC or Jury.

20.2 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the Regatta. This equipment shall comply with Class Rules and shall be submitted for inspection if requested by the R.C. or Jury. Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted after approval has been given by the Jury. Such substitution is subject to the approval of the Jury given retrospectively.

### **21.0 Liability**

21.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See liability waiver that was part of the registration.

21.2 The Organising Authority and any other party involved in the organising of the championship regatta, accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss or claim, whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to participants before, during or after the regatta. Competitors must carry property and liability insurance covering all risks.

### **22.0 Prizes**

22.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top ten finishers in the Red, Blue and White Fleets; the top ten overall; the first female competitors in the Red, Blue and White Fleets.

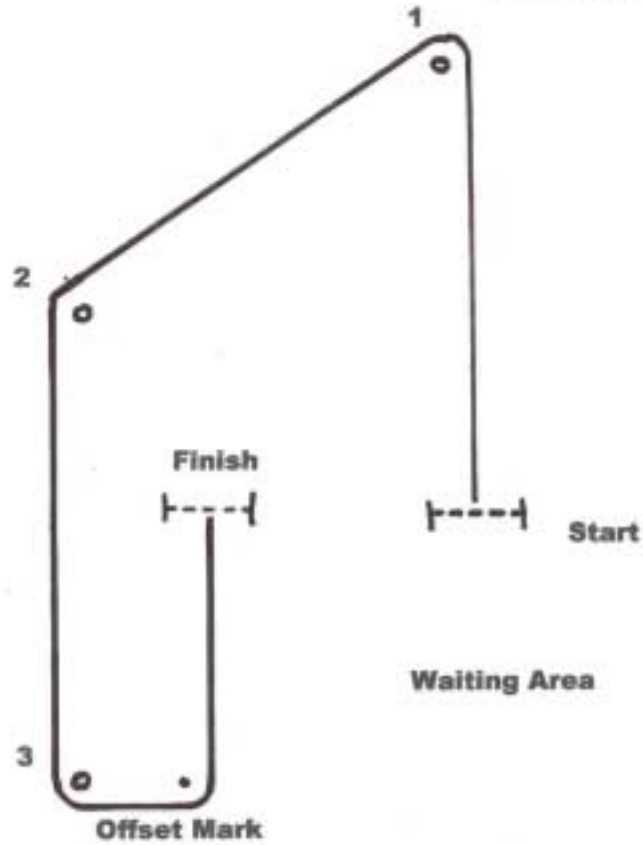
**Appendix 1: Racing Area (map)**

**Appendix 2: Course Configuration**

**Appendix 3: Starting Schedule**



**Appendix 2  
Race Course**



**Course: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Offset (about 50 yards from Mark 3) – Finish**

**Note: This is a general diagram.**

### APPENDIX 3

<b>Day and Date</b>	<b>Harbor Start</b>	<b>1st Warning Signal</b>
Safety Inspection		
<i>Monday, July 15</i>	<i>0900</i>	<i>1800</i>
Practice Race (One Fleet)		
<i>Monday, July 15</i>	<i>1300</i>	<i>1400</i>
Championship Races		
<i>Tuesday, July 16</i>	<i>0930</i>	<i>1030</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 17</i>	<i>0830</i>	<i>0930</i>
<i>Thursday, July 18</i>	<i>0830</i>	<i>0930</i>

#### Starting Sequence For Six Divisions

Race 1 and 6	#1	Black vs. White
	#2	Pink vs. Blue
	#3	Red vs. Green
Race 2 and 7	#1	White vs. Green
	#2	Blue vs. Red
	#3	Pink vs. Black
Race 3 and 8	#1	Pink vs. Red
	#2	Black vs. Green
	#3	Blue vs. White
Race 4 and 9	#1	Blue vs. Black
	#2	White vs. Red
	#3	Pink vs. Green
Race 5 and 10	#1	Blue vs. Green
	#2	Pink vs. White
	#3	Black vs. Red

**Starting Sequence For Four Divisions**

Race 1	#1	Pink vs. White
	#2	Red vs. Green
Race 2	#1	White vs. Green
	#2	Pink vs. Red
Race 3	#1	White vs. Red
	#2	Pink vs. Green
Race 4	#1	Red vs. Green
	#2	Pink vs. White
Race 5	#1	Pink vs. Red
	#2	White vs. Green
Race 6	#1	Pink vs. Green
	#2	White vs. Red
Race 7	#1	Pink vs. White
	#2	Red vs. Green
Race 8	#1	White vs. Green
	#2	Pink vs. Red
Race 9	#1	White vs. Red
	#2	Pink vs. Green
Race 10	#1	Red vs. Green
	#2	Pink vs. White
Race 11	#1	Pink vs. Red
	#2	White vs. Green
Race 12	#1	Pink vs. Green
	#2	White vs. Red