



HUGUENOT FROSTBITE SAILING

HYC Frostbite 2017-18 Season Sailing Instructions

RESPONSIBILITY: As a condition of participating in winter dinghy racing at the Huguenot Yacht Club, each skipper is required to sign a Waiver and Release of Liability in a form provided by the Frostbite Committee. By participating in such racing, each skipper thereby confirms and agrees to the terms of such Waiver and Release of Liability.

1. RULES

- A. This Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*
- B. RRS 42 – Propulsion – shall be strictly adhered to.
- C. **CLASS RULES:** In the interest of fair sailing all boats must conform to the local Class Rules and Specifications, a variance may be allowed if the deficiency does not violate the intent or spirit of the rule or specification in question.

2. TIME OF START and NUMBER OF RACES

- a. Lasers will have a dock departure time of 12:30; races will commence promptly at 1:00 PM each day
- b. JCs will have a dock departure time of 12:30, races will commence more or less as soon as all the boats have arrived at starting area and have been milling about for a while.
- c. The number of races sailed on each day will be decided solely by the Race Committee.

3. **WEATHER CONDITIONS** – While the final decision as to whether racing should be held will rest with the Race Committee, the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing hers alone.

4. START AND FINISH

- a. Lasers: The Starting Line and Finish Line will be between a staff flying an Yellow Flag on the committee boat and a port side mark flying a Yellow Flag unless otherwise indicated by special announcement. The start and finish line may be ignored except when starting and/or finishing.
- b. JCs: The Start/Finish Line will be announced from the committee boat.

5. MARKES AND COURSES

- a. Courses will be announced from the committee *boat*.
- b. **JCs:** Courses will use the existing Docks and Buoys in the Harbor or such other marks designated by committee.
- c. Lasers: Courses will be set using inflatable drop marks. Modified Windward/Leeward, Modified Triangle, Harry A (figure 4 course), or No-Gibe Course. See Attachment 3

6. **STARTING SIGNALS and RECALLS** - Races will be started in accordance with **Appendix S - Sound-Signal Starting Sequence** (this is a US Sailing prescription.) and as changed by Attachment 2 for **JCs**.

7. LIFE PRESERVERS

- A. Non-inflatable, Coast Guard approved life preservers **MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES** by skipper (and crew). **This applies to the Race Committee (re: New York State Law 2009 Section 40, Subdivision 1 of the Navigation Law paragraph (e)).**
- B. Failure to comply with this rule may lead to disqualification.

8. CAPSIZING

- A. It is mandatory that boats in the neighborhood of any overturned boat go to the rescue of her crew if they are in danger.
- B. Boats going to the rescue must report their action to the race committee and will be given credit for that race for finishing in the position at the time of rescue or, if that cannot be determined, by taking their average for the day.

9. **PROTESTS** - A protesting boat shall hail "Protest" to the other boat(s) at the time of the incident and report her intent to protest to the race committee at the conclusion of the race. No flag is necessary.

10. **SCORING** (this section is for the **Lasers** - the **JCs** have a similar variation.)

A. Daily

- i. Scoring for a DAY is based on a RRS Appendix A2 Low Point System: 1 point for 1st, 2 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, and so on . . . The winner of the day will have accumulated the least number of points.
- ii. If five or more races are sailed, each boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- iii. Boats scored RAF, DNS, OCS, DNF, and DSQ will receive "Number of Racers for the Day" points +1 for its race.
- iv. Intra-Daily results and throw-outs have no bearing on Season and Series Scores.

B. Season Championship, Fall/Winter and Winter/Spring Series

- i. Scoring for a SERIES or SEASON is based on both RRS Appendix A2 and A9 - a combination of Low Point Scoring and Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta. Essentially, all Race Scores will be counted and considered as one long regatta: scoring will be decided on an accumulation basis. For each boat this is done by summing all of the points earned on days sailed and days missed.
- ii. On days when a boat does not sail, or is scored RAF, DNS, OCS, DNF, or DSQ, it will receive "Number of Racers for the Day" points +1 for each race.
- iii. At the end, each boats score will be calculated on the scores of the BEST 50% of the races sailed during the SERIES or SEASON. In other words, the worst 50% of the race finishes will be thrown out - the throw-outs will be selected by the scorer from the boat's worst races from a SERIES or the SEASON.
- iv. The skipper is scored and not the boat. -- Those individuals wishing to qualify as co-skippers of the same boat should notify the committee prior to the first



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11. PRIZES

- A. First, second and third prizes will be awarded for the Season's Overall racing and first, second and third prizes each for the Fall/Winter and Winter/Spring series. A number of other prizes may be awarded based on improvement in one series over another, for winning individual races, etc.
- B. Prizes will be awarded at a dinner DATE TBD.

12. WINTER DINGHY MEMBERSHIP

A. ELIGIBILITY:

- i. **Members** of the Huguenot Yacht Club who is an owner of an eligible Frostbite Program boat, or who has chartered a boat, are eligible to participate.
- ii. **Non-Members** of the Huguenot Yacht Club, "Winter Members," to whom an invitation has been extended may take part in activities sponsored by the Huguenot Yacht Club Program.
- iii. **Juniors** aged 17 and under, to whom an invitation has been extended to enter their dinghies in these races may do so. All juniors may be required to submit a brief resume and take a proficiency test prior to participation.

B. FEES:

- i. All participants shall make application to the appropriate Fleet Captain and upon payment of **Dingy Storage and Participation Fee** shall become a participant in the program.
- ii. Frostbite Program fees paid by **HYC Members** and **Winter Members** shall be at the same rate. The Huguenot Yacht Club Board of Trustees set the fees for the winter season at \$150 for each participant.
- iii. Visiting participants pay \$15 per race and are limited to competing a maximum of two days per winter sailing season.

13. DINGY STORAGE AND SERVICE

- A. A limited amount of space is available on the floating docks for the storage of dinghies.
- B. A Seasonal charge of \$10.00 per foot will be billed to each skipper: \$140.00 for Laser Sailors and \$90.00 for JC9's.

14. NOTES

- A. **BOAT IDENTIFICATION:** It is required that each skipper label or paint identification of his dinghy on the mast, dagger board and rudder.
- B. **BOWLINE.** There shall be a painter, which extends beyond the bow by at least 15 feet. The line should float and should be secured to the mast.
- C. **JC9 Weight Requirement:** the minimum crew weight requirement and set it at 160 lbs (including wetsuit, vest, etc.)
- D. Failure to wear a lifejacket is punishable by a NYS fine of not less than \$100 not more than \$250, applicable to either the operator and/or the owner of the vessel.