

2014 GSBYRA MIDGET CHAMPIONSHIPS SINGLE-HANDED & DOUBLE-HANDED

Wednesday, July 30, 2014
Thursday, July 31, 2014
(Rain Date)

NOTICE OF RACE (Revised July 21, 2014)



Organizing Authority: GSBYRA

Host: Westhampton Yacht Squadron
Remsenburg, NY 11960

1. RULES

1.1 The races will be governed by “The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 Including US Sailing Prescriptions” (“RRS”), except as changed by this Notice or the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 This championship is not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event. Only the Equipment Measurement Rules for the Optimist and 420 classes will apply. However, US SAILING encourages sailors to join the Optimist and 420 Class Associations to support their efforts.

1.3 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:

RRS 29.1 and RRS 30.1 are changed to permit the hailing of recall numbers. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress.

RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved Type III or V Personal Flotation Device (PFD), inherently buoyant (i.e. not inflatable) at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while changing clothes.

RRS 44.2 is changed so that a boat that takes a two-turn penalty shall inform the Race Committee upon finishing.

RRS 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.

RRS 60.1(a) is changed so that “A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested, without instructor or spectator consultation.”

RRS 60.3 is changed to permit the protest committee to protest a boat when, from its own observation or a report received from any source, it believes a competitor may have committed a breach of good manners, or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport or the event into disrepute. A protest committee may call representatives from the Organizing Authority and/or Regatta Committee as witnesses.

RRS 61.1(a) is changed so that “Protest flags need not be flown by competitors”.

RRS 64.1 is changed to allow penalties imposed by the Protest Committee, for hearings held under RRS 60.3, as changed, which may range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to members in good standing of US SAILING and a full-member club of the GSBYRA.
- 2.2 Competitors shall not have reached their 15th birthday during calendar year 2014.
- 2.3 Both crew members of double-handed boats must be members of the same club.

3. QUALIFICATION

- 3.1 Each club may enter 2 boats in both the single and double-handed championship.
- 3.2 The helmsperson named on the entry form shall continue as helmsperson for the series.
- 3.3 Substituting of an alternate crew in the 420 Class shall be approved by the Race Committee.

4. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The completed Entry Form, Event Release Form, and Medical Release Form must be received at the Registration Desk before the 9 a.m. Skippers' Meeting on July 24, 2012. Entry forms are available on the GSBYRA web site at <http://www.gsbyra.org/forms.htm>

- 10.3 Outside contact is defined as a parent, family member, spectator, or coach. Competitors shall not receive advice, instruction, or any type of outside assistance including using electronic communication devices while at the sailing venue during racing days. It is the intent of this rule to prohibit contact between any person, who, in the opinion of the Protest Committee, is a coach, instructor, or advisor.
- 10.4 The Protest Committee may protest and disqualify a competitor for breaking the rules of NOR 10 on racing days.

11. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 Competitors shall wear a U S Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PDF) at all times while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The PDF shall either be a USCG Type III or V that depends 100% on foam for flotation. No modifications of the PDF are permitted. The PDF must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PDF to prevent snagging.
- 11.2 The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a team may take aboard a boat shall be: magnetic card compass, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, normally equipped ditty bag, personal effects including PFDs and protective clothing.
- 11.3 Electronic flux gate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles, and combinations are specifically banned.

12. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES - For Junior and Youth events, or for junior or youth competitors in any US SAILING championship, no participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U. S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in Chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use). An alleged breach of this requirement shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached this requirement shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series, and where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

13. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

- 13.1 All competitors are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 69.1) and the policies and procedures of US SAILING (Regulation 15.01).

- 13.2 Competitors are not permitted to drive any vehicle, including their own, during the event.
- 13.3 An alleged breach of this requirement shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached this requirement shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series, and where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Keeper trophies for the GSBYRA Orr and Picken Trophies will be awarded for First place at the GSBYRA Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner in October at Bay Shore Yacht Club.
- 14.2 The winner of the single-handed championship will have his/her name and club name engraved on the Orr Trophy.
- 14.3 The winner of the double-handed championship will have his/her name and club name engraved on the Picken Trophy.

15. BOAT AND TRAILER STORAGE

- 15.1 Boats shall be dry sailed.
- 15.2 Boats and trailers shall be stored in designated areas.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Competitors participate in the championship entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. REGATTA CHAIR – To be determined. For information contact email@yachtsquadron.com