

Racing Instructions
Dartmouth Yacht Club
Wednesday Night Racing

RULES:

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (white board near the bar) located at the Club House prior to start.

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 5:30pm on the day it will take effect.

SCHEDULE OF RACES:

The scheduled time of the start for each race of the spring and summer series is 6:15. It will be 6:00 for the fall series. There will be an additional warning of several short horn blasts one minute prior to the first warning signal.

CLASSES:

Class Flag	Handicap Range
Non-Spin D Delta	101 and lower
Non-Spin C Charlie	102 and up
Spin B Bravo	114 and lower
Spin A Alpha	115 and up

RACING AREAS:

Racing will take place in Bedford Basin in the area defined on the course card or on the course board located on the committee boat. **The Course selection is determined by the race committee via course card or posted course.**

THE COURSES:

Courses shall be posted on Committee Boat prior to the first warning. Courses will be shortened between the committee boat and Navy Island buoy (buoy 11) or committee boat and next mark. Finish: Two horns, with appropriate Class flag and S Flag (shorten course flag.) VHF channel 68 will be used to announce shorten course

MARKS:

The starting and finishing marks will be determined by the race committee. Marks used for Monday and Wednesday night racing are outlined on the course card.

THE START:

Wednesday night racing will now begin at 6:15 in the spring and summer series and 6:00 in the fall series. Beginning with Non-Spin D Delta Class as follows:

Time	Class Flag	Handicap Range
6:15 (6:00 Fall series)	Non-Spin D Delta	101 and lower
6:20 (6:05 Fall series)	Non-Spin C Charlie	102 and up
6:25 (6:10 Fall series)	Spin B Bravo	114 and lower
6:30 (6:15 Fall series)	Spin A Alpha	115 and up

Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 1 minute before the starting signal. **The sequence will begin at White Sail D Delta and work up to Spinnaker A Alpha. Lower handicaps will begin first.**

THE FINISH:

The starting and finishing marks will be determined by the race committee. It will be a standard finish between the committee boat and a floating marker. Crossing between the committee boat and the mark is required to finish.

PENALTY SYSTEM:

It will be understood that Rule 30.1 Round the end rule will be in effect. Code flag P will fly in place of code flag I.

TIME LIMITS:

Time limits are as follows: 9:00 pm for the first boat in each class. If one or more boats in a class finish before 9:00 pm, the time limit for the remainder of the boats in that class will be either 9:00 pm or 30 minutes after the first boat finished, whichever is later. The Race Committee displays N over A (racing done for the day) to indicate when the time limit has expired for each class.

PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

Protest forms are available at official notice board and office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee has arrived at the Clubhouse.

SCORING:

The scoring system is as follows: Low point system with two drops in each of the spring, summer, and fall series.

SAFETY REGULATIONS:

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS:

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the NSYA class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

OFFICIAL BOATS:

Official committee boat will be marked as follows: RC Flag.

RADIO COMMUNICATION:

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

All race committee notices will be broadcasted over channel 68 VHF with corresponding visual and sound aids.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the regatta 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 regatta.

INSURANCE:

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.00 per event, or the equivalent.