

**Stonington Harbor Yacht Club**  
**J22/24 Sunday Race Series 2008**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**May 2, 2008**

**1 Organizing Authority**

1.1 These races are organized by the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club and Wadawanuck Yacht Club

**2 Schedule of Races**

2.1 J22's will race each Sunday from May 25 thru August 24, First warning will be at 1330 hrs.

2.2 J24's will race each Sunday from June 8 thru August 24. First warning will be at 1300 hrs.

2.3 The Race Committee will try to conduct four or more races each afternoon but no race will start after 1600 hrs.

2.4 Cancellation or postponement of races will be announced on VHF channel 79 every 10 minutes from 1200 to 1300 hours on race days. Cancellation information may also be available two hours before race time by calling SHYC at 535-0112

**3 Entry**

3.1 Any J22 or J24 boat meeting Class Rules may enter.

3.2 Entry is made by completion of the SHYC Race Entry form available in hard copy at the SHYC clubhouse or on line at [www.SHYC.us/RaceNews](http://www.SHYC.us/RaceNews). The completed entry form, accompanied by a check for the Entry Fee payable to SHYC is to be mailed (for J24's) to Race Committee, SHYC, 32 Water Street, Stonington, CT 06378, or, (for J22's) to Brandon Flack, PO Box 293, Stonington, CT, to arrive no later than one week before the first race.

3.3 Entry Fee for J22's is \$150; for J24's \$125. There is no discount for racing less than the full series.

3.4 Entry forms and checks may be delivered to the Committee Boat up to 20 minutes before the First Warning Signal each day but competitors are urged to file Entry Forms as stated in 3.2, above..

3.5 Because of insurance requirements, any boat not having delivered a signed entry form to the Race Committee by start of the first race each day will be considered and scored DNC until the form is received.

3.6 Competitors under 18 years old must have written parental consent attached to the Entry Form.

**4 Rules**

4.1 The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing, 2005-2008* except as noted below.

4.2 J22 and J24 Class Rules will apply. J22's not carrying outboards are required to carry 30 lbs of ballast.

4.3 Rule 30.1 will apply regardless of whether or not flag "I" is displayed.

4.4 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will be changed to a penalty of one turn.

4.5 All boats will carry a VHF radio monitoring channel 79.

4.6 All boats will display sail numbers.

4.7 Prior to the warning signal of the first race, all competitors will sail under the Committee Boat's stern and announce their intention to race.

4.8 Any boat withdrawing from or abandoning a race must notify the Committee Boat at the earliest possible time.

4.9 Any boat not finishing within 15 minutes of the winning boat will be scored DNF.

## 5 Courses

5.1 Starting line will be between a staff on the Committee Boat bearing an orange flag and an orange tetrahedron to port. Finishing line will be between a staff on the Committee Boat bearing a blue flag and an orange tetrahedron to starboard *except for Course C – see Course Diagram.*

5.2 Windward and leeward marks will be yellow inflated tetrahedrons. Any reaching mark will be an inflated orange cylinder.

5.3 Courses will be announced by a letter displayed on the course board on the Committee Boat as described below. Number 2 following the letter indicates twice around. Diagrams of these three courses are attached and are part of these SI's. *Course C will be used only when one Class is racing i.e. May 25, June 1, June 22, August 10.*

**A** S-W-L-F

**B** Triangular S-W-R-R-F

**C** Modified Gold Cup S-W-R-R-W-F (down-wind finish)

5.4 The side on which a mark is to be rounded is shown on the Course Diagram.

## 6 Start

6.1 Races will be started using the Sound-Signal starting system specified in Appendix Q to the RRS. This sound system will be augmented by a visual Class Flag system: Class Flag will be displayed at the Warning Signal; Class Flag will be dropped at the Starting Signal. In the event of conflict between the sound and flag signals, the sound system will control. A series of short sounds may be made to attract attention before the starting sequence begins.

6.2 Class Flag for J22's will be the pennant "number 2"; for J24's, the pennant "number 4".

6.3 Individual recalls will be signaled by hail of the sail number by voice and/or on VHF channel 79. Boats hailed as OCS will observe Rule 30.1. A general recall will be signaled by a series of horn blasts, display of First Substitute pennant and announcement on VHF channel 79. In the event of a general recall, starting signal for the next race will begin as soon as practical after the recall is effected.

6.4 The two Classes will be sailing the same courses but with separate starts. Starts may not alternate between Classes and one Class may have two starts in a row. *Be aware of the Class called.*

6.5 The RC will try to provide a short break after each race for boat preparation for the next race. The length of the break will vary from race to race according to the nearness of the succeeding Class. *Be aware of the sounds/signals and the Class called.*

## 7 Protests

7.1 Boats intending to file a protest will inform the RC over VHF channel 79 or by hail after the last boat of the protested race has finished. A written protest will be delivered to the RC within one hour after the Committee Boat docks. Formal protest forms need not be used but the written protest must describe the alleged infraction in detail with reference to appropriate sections of the RRS.

7.2 The RC may protest any competitor for an observed breach of the RRS, the NOR or the SI. The competitor will be notified of the protest as soon as feasible by VHF channel 79 and within one hour after the Committee Boat docks.

7.3 In the event of a protest, the RC will schedule a hearing as soon as possible after the protest is received. Involved parties will be asked for oral and/or written testimony and will receive a written decision from the assembled Protest Committee. Penalties, if any, may consist of scoring penalties and/or exclusion from one or more subsequent races.

7.4 Scores for a protested race will not be posted until the protest is settled.

## **8 Scoring**

- 8.1 J24 races will be scored by Low Point System, RRS A-4 – A-11. Series scores will be the best scores achieved by each boat in 75 percent of the races conducted.
- 8.2 J22 races will be scored by a high point system in which first place is assigned points equal to the number of boats competing; second place the number of boats competing minus one; etc. A boat that does not complete the course after having started or withdraws or is disqualified will be counted as having started and will receive the number of points one less than the lowest number of points assigned a boat that does complete the race.
- 8.3 Boats for which a signed entry form/waiver has not been received by the first warning signal of each Race day will be considered DNC for the day.

## **9 Awards**

- 9.1 J22 awards will be made at the annual Fleet Banquet.
- 9.2 J24 awards for the twelve race series will be made at the annual SHYC Awards Banquet. An additional small prize will be awarded to the winners of each four race segment following the 4<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> race.

## **10 Responsibility**

- 10.1 Each boat's master is responsible on behalf of himself and each individual member of his crew for the decision to race or not; to withdraw or not; for the condition of his boat and all of its equipment , including safety gear; for the conduct of his boat before, during and after the races; and for the capability and conduct of his crew during the regatta. By entering any or all of these races, he acknowledges these responsibilities and that the SHYC, its Race Committee and individual RC members simply perform a service by providing a structure wherein he may or may not chose to race his boat.

## **11 Instruction Conflicts**

- 11.1 In the event of conflict between these Sailing Instructions and the NOR, the Sailing Instructions will govern.