



PECONIC BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION
NEW SUFFOLK SERIES
STANDING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES & ELIGIBILITY

11 PBSA's 2021 New Suffolk Race Series races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 including the prescriptions of US Sailing. These Sailing Instructions may change one or more of the Racing Rules. If the Sailing Instructions conflict with the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall govern.

12 **Entry Fee and Procedure:** No pre-registration is necessary. The events are open to all monohull yachts eligible for racing in the PHRF of Eastern Long Island (ELIYA) handicap fleet. Additionally, multihull sailboats may be eligible to race by making special arrangements for starts and scoring with the [Race Committee Chairman](#).

13 There shall be no race entry fee for current 'Full' PBSA members. Non-members and other members are eligible to participate in one race for a fee of \$30. Thereafter, said yachts are eligible to participate in additional races only if the skipper has joined the PBSA and paid the appropriate membership fee. The one-time entry fee is waived for OCYC members who race in either, but not both, of the July 4th race or the Fisher Cup and for members of Shelter Island Yacht Club in the Lockwood Race. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification without a hearing. Any yacht which crosses the starting line at the time of a start will be liable for the entry fee, if it applies, and for scoring in the series as per the scoring rules. This changes RRS A5.1 .

14 **Rating Certificates:** All monohull yachts wishing to enter, receive scoring and be eligible for trophies, must submit a current PHRF Certificate issued by [PHRF of Eastern Long Island](#). Certificates must appear on the current PHRF of ELI Fleet Roster or be received by the Race Committee 48 hours prior to any race. Certificates will be accepted by mail (PBSA, P.O. Box 1196, Cutchogue, New York 11935) or by e-mail to the [Race Committee Chairman](#).

15 **Day Rating:** Monohull yachts not submitting a Rating Certificate will be assigned a rating by the Race Committee at the lowest PHRF handicap for the yacht's design as established by [US Sailing's most recent PHRF Class Ratings](#). Ratings assigned in such circumstances are not subject to appeal. This changes RRS 78.2.

16 **Safety Equipment:** All participating yachts are required to comply with applicable class rules. All participating yachts are required to have a working VHF radio on board.

2. The START & CLASS FLAGS

21 The starting procedures will conform to RRS rule 26. The first warning will commence at or about the times specified in the Notice of Race. Starts will not be "rolling".

22 The races will normally start in Cutchogue Harbor or vicinity thereof. The start area will be selected by the Race Committee on the day of the race. Entrants should look for the designated Race Committee boat flying the blue and red "RC" flag in leeward parts of the harbor. The start area is typically in the vicinity of the Wednesday Night Race starting line south/east buoy (S "2"). The PBSA Race Committee will broadcast start locations and courses on VHF Channel 71 one-half hour prior to the start and upon arriving on station.

23 **Class flags.** Spinnaker=Red; Cruising=Blue; Others=Orange (multihull); Others=Yellow

24 **Check-in.** Prior to its warning signal each boat must check in with the Race Committee boat by VHF radio on Channel 71 with its name, sail number and class of the boat, and be acknowledged. Yachts failing to comply with this requirement may be deemed not to have started properly and scored DNS without a hearing. This modifies RRS A5

25 **Recalls.** In the event of a general recall the recalled class shall restart in accordance with RRS 29.2. In the event of individual recalls, the Race Committee may attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF 71; however, the order of the hails or failure to hear a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1.

26 **Withdrawal.** Yachts withdrawing from the race should inform the Race Committee using VHF 71.



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3. COURSES and MARKS

31 Courses for all classes will be displayed on the Course Board located on the Race Committee boat. Courses for each class will be displayed under the class name, "SPIN" for the spinnaker class, "CRU" for the cruising class. Multihull starts will be handled at the discretion of the Race Committee. Additionally the Race Committee may supplement these postings by announcements over VHF channel 71.

32 Courses will be either pre-defined as set forth in ADDENDUM "A" or as selected by the Race Committee from the list of course marks also contained in the ADDENDUM. When a pre-defined course is to be sailed, the letter designating the course will be displayed on the course board under the class designation. When a specially designed course is to be sailed the marks to be rounded will be chosen from the list of marks contained in the ADDENDUM. Course marks will be indicated numerically and displayed vertically on the course board under the appropriate class designation in the sequence they are to be rounded. The letter "P" following a mark number indicates the mark shall be left to Port, and the letter "S" indicates the mark is to be left to Starboard.

33 **Special Windward Mark.** A yellow tetrahedron designated as "W" may be employed as an additional special mark on any pre-determined course. The mark will be located to windward of the starting line. If and when this special mark is used the letter "W" followed by "S" or "P" will be posted on the course board directly above the letter designating the pre-determined course. The letter "P" following a mark number indicates the mark shall be left to Port, and the letter "S" indicates the mark is to be left to Starboard. After rounding "W", boats shall proceed to sail the designated course.

34 **Finish.** The finish line will be between an orange flag on the Committee boat and mark S "2" or another designated finishing mark. If the Committee boat is not on station at the finish line, a boat finishing shall pass close to the finishing mark and note her own finish in GPS time and report it in accordance with RRS 34.

35 **Shortening of Course.** Hoisting of signal flag "S" accompanied by two sound signals by either the principal or auxiliary Race Committee boats indicates a shortened course. In this instance, yachts shall finish from the direction of the prior mark by crossing between a Race Committee vessel and a nearby designated mark of the course.

4. TIME LIMIT

4.1 The time limit for all classes in all races is three hours for the first boat in each class. If no boat in a class or division finishes within the time limit that race shall be abandoned for that division or class.

5. RADIO COMMUNICATION

5.1 The Race Committee will make every effort to keep competitors informed during the course of the races. Competitors should monitor VHF CH 71 throughout the race. However, failure to receive such communications will not be grounds for redress. Flag signals will govern.

5.2 In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c) oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be announced to competitors on the water over VHF. Failure to hear such changes shall not be grounds for redress.

6. PENALTIES

6.1 **While Racing.** In accordance with RRS V1, the first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two Turns penalty.'



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62 After the Race. In accordance with RRS V2, after a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post Race penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a 30 percent Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in RRS 44.3 (c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun. A boat takes a Post Race Penalty by informing the Race Committee in writing and identifying the race and when and where the incident occurred.

7. PROTEST TIME LIMIT

7.1 A yacht intending to protest another yacht shall report its *intention to protest* to the Race Committee upon finishing and no later than an hour after finishing. This changes RRS 61.3.

7.2 Protests must be received by the Race Committee Chairman within 4 hours of the finish of the race. Protests must be in writing and conform to the format defined by the RRS 61.2. All protest hearings will be held as soon as practicable at a mutually agreed upon date and location.

8. SCORING

8.1 The low point system, as per RRS Appendix A (modified), will be used for scoring. PHRF time-on-time (ToT) handicapping will be used in all races except the Sunset/Pursuit Races, which will use starting times derived from time-on-distance PHRF handicapping. Consistent with advice provided by US Sailing regarding the use of the PHRF time-on-time handicap system, the Race Committee will apply a "formula constant" for ToT races that is appropriate for the average prevailing wind conditions for each race (light, moderate or strong). For the series, a minimum of four races must be finished to qualify for series scoring and scores will be based on a contestant's best four results.

8.2 "Golf Handicap": the 1st, 2nd & 3rd placing entrants in each of the races after the Krogman will carry a 9, 6 or 3 second rating penalty, respectively, for the next race in the series, including the Sunset Races; boats participating in the Sunset Races will have their start times adjusted consistent with their rating penalty. This changes RRS Appendix A2 and Appendix A9.

8.3 Contestants not sailing a race due to Race Committee service may receive a score for the missed race equal to the average (rounded up or down to the nearest whole position) of their other qualifying races (minimum of three) for the missed race.

9. AWARDS

9.1 Awards will be presented at the PBSA Holiday/Awards Dinner, typically held in December.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1 Competitors participate in these races entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, 'Decision to Race'. PBSA will not accept any liability for property damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any of the New Suffolk Series races.