



CANANDAIGUA YACHT CLUB – 2007 LOCAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. **RULES:** All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Rules of Sailing as adopted by ISAF and US SAILING, the United States Inland Navigational Rules, the rules of each class concerned and these Sailing Instructions.
 2. **ENTRIES / REGISTRATION:** Sunday club racing is limited to Canandaigua Yacht Club member yachts that have been registered with the Race Committee. Visiting yachts may be allowed entry to a race or a series with prior approval of the Race Committee. Fleet Captains are responsible for providing the Race Committee with a current list for their fleet. This list shall contain the sail number, owner's name and yacht name for each yacht. The list shall be submitted to the Vice Commodore on or before May 1st each year and updated throughout the season as necessary. All yachts must have numbers on their sails to race. If a yacht is sailing with numbers other than that assigned to it, it must receive approval from the Race Committee before each race. Shakedown, Memorial Day, Camp Good Days, Firecracker, Labor Day, Ring-of-Fire and Around-the-Lake handicap races are open to the general public.
 3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:**
 - a. Notices will be posted on the official Race Committee Bulletin Board located at the waterfront restroom facility.
 - b. Notices may be Sailing Instructions, changes in Sailing Instructions including schedule and starting times, courses, protest hearings and results.
 - c. Any changes in Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 hours on the day it will take effect.
 - d. It is the responsibility of each skipper to check the notice board prior to a race.
 4. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** Except as communicated by the CYC Flag through the Downbuoy, CYC Website Calendar, direct mailing, or as posted on the clubhouse bulletin boards, the schedule of CYC club sponsored racing events for 2006 is:

AM and PM club racing:	Sunday May 20 th 2007 through Sunday September 30, 2007*
Genoa Only evening racing:	Wednesday May 30 th 2007 through Wednesday September 26 th 2007
Sunfish evening racing:	Thursday May 31 st 2007 through Thursday September 20 th 2007
Handicap racing:	Memorial Day Handicap Monday May 28 th 2007
	Firecracker Handicap Tuesday July 4 th 2007
	Hospeace House Handicap Saturday July 14 th 2007
	Ring-of-Fire Handicap Saturday September 1 st 2007
	Labor Day Handicap Monday September 3 rd 2007
	Around-the-Lake Race Sunday October 7 th 2007
- *Exceptions: There shall be no club racing on Sunday, September 16th.
5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flagpole on the docked Committee Boat. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 25 minutes after AP is lowered.
 6. **ORAL INSTRUCTIONS:** Oral instructions may be given at a Skipper's Meeting that may be called within 15 minutes of the Attention Signal.
 7. **POSTPONEMENT:** The red and white "Answering Pennant" and 2 sounds will signal Postponement. Postponement will continue until the signal is lowered for one minute. The next signal will be either the Warning minute signal for the fleet or division just postponed or the Abandonment signal.
 8. **INDIVIDUAL RECALL:** The Race Committee may attempt to notify any yacht that is on the course side of the starting line (OCS) at the start, but is under no obligation to do so. Failure of a yacht to see or hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of the obligation to start correctly.
 9. **GENERAL RECALL:** The Warning signal will begin the restart of a fleet or division that has been subjected to a General Recall. All other classes or divisions will move back in their respective start sequences. If a fleet or division is recalled a second time, they will immediately yield the starting area to the next fleet or division. The recalled fleet or division will start after the last regular fleet or division start. If more than one fleet or division has been recalled twice, they will start in the order they were recalled.



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10. **ABANDONMENT:** Abandonment, when deemed appropriate by the Principle Race Officer, is signaled by code flag "N" (white and blue check) and 3 sounds. If a fleet or division flag is displayed below the "N" flag, the Abandonment applies only to that fleet or division.
11. **BARGING MARK:** The Race Committee Boat may trail a barging mark astern. This mark shall be considered part of the Race Committee Boat.
12. **FINISH LINE:** The finish line is the line between the flagstaff on the Committee Boat and the center of the finishing mark. The Race Committee will fly a blue rectangular flag when stationed on the finish line.
13. **TIME LIMITS:** Time limits for club sponsored racing activities are:

Sunday AM and PM racing – Time limit is two hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). No AM race shall start after 11302007 CYC Local Instructions rev 5-18-2007.doc hours. No PM race shall start after 1530 hours.

Wednesday Genoa Only racing – Time limit is 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

Thursday Sunfish racing – There is no time limit for Thursday night Sunfish racing.

Handicap races – No time limits apply to club sponsored handicap races unless established by Race Committee at the Skipper's Meeting.
14. **SHORTENED COURSE:** A Shortened Course, when deemed appropriate by the Principle Race Officer, is signaled by displaying code flag "S" (white with blue square) and two sounds. If a class flag is displayed below the "S" flag, the Shortened Course applies only to that class.
15. **SAFETY:**
 - a. Yachts that have started are requested to notify a Race Committee boat if they retire from the race.
 - b. Non-racing vessels with right-of-way as established by applicable rules (see paragraph 1) shall be given a minimum separation of 50 feet at all times by yachts engaged in any CYC sponsored sailboat race.
 - c. Competitors found in violation (via protest process) of local SI 15b shall be penalized as follows:
 - a. First violation of season: Boat shall be scored DSQ for the race in which the violation occurred.
 - b. Second violation of season: Boat shall be scored DSQ for the race in which the violation occurred and the boat's skipper shall be excluded from participation in CYC sponsored sailboat races for a period of 7 consecutive days.
 - c. Third violation of season: Boat shall be scored DSQ for the race in which the violation occurred and **the boat's skipper shall be excluded from participation in any CYC sponsored sailboat race for the remainder of the season in which the violation occurred.**
 - d. Competitors in all CYC sponsored junior's races are required to wear approved PFDs at all times while on the lake whether or not code flag "Y" is displayed.



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16. COURSE: The topmost flags on the Committee Boat staff indicate the course to be sailed.

- a. An "M" on a course flag indicates a mid-leg start and finish.
- b. A triangular flag indicates a triangular course sailed twice around.
- c. A square flag indicates a windward/leeward course sailed twice around.
- d. A triangular flag above a rectangular flag indicates once around a triangle, then windward, then leeward, then windward to the finish.

The Race Committee will attempt to post the compass heading to first mark of the racecourse, but is under no obligation to do so.

17. SCORING: Results of the day's racing will be posted on the Club bulletin board as soon as possible. Conversion of results into fleet scoring is the responsibility of each fleet.

18. PROTESTS: All Sunday fleets are required to implement the 720° Turns Penalty for infringements of a rule in Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, Rule 44.

For all Sunday series and Handicap protests, the following conditions shall be met:

- a. At the earliest opportunity following her finish, the protesting yacht shall hail the Race Committee with notification of her intent to file a protest and identification of the yacht or yachts she intends to protest. In the event a yacht is unable to finish as the result of a foul, the protesting yacht is exempted from this requirement.
- b. The protest shall be submitted in writing on a protest form available from the Race Committee within 30 minutes of the arrival of the Committee Boat at the dock unless the Vice-Commodore or Principal Race Officer elects to extend this time limit.
- c. The 20% Scoring Penalty (Rule 44.3(c)) shall be applied in the case of protests between yachts of different fleets.

19. REQUIRED EQUIPMENT: Compliance with all Federal, State and local safety equipment regulations is the responsibility of the participant. In addition, CYC requires all equipment required under a yacht's specific class rules be on-board during all club sponsored racing.

20. EXISTING and NEW RACING FLEET POLICY: A racing fleet must participate in 30% of their available scheduled races to maintain fleet status. An official start for a fleet is 3 or more yachts. If a fleet does not have 3 or more yachts starting in 30% of the races in a given year, they will be given one year to restore their participation level. If they do not achieve the participation necessary, they may lose their Racing Fleet status and regular racing start as decided at the following annual Fleet Captain's Meeting

To achieve fleet status, a fleet must demonstrate 30% participation as defined above utilizing the "Open Starts" provided by Race Committee on Sunday afternoons. Application to the Vice Commodore for fleet status can be made at anytime prior to the annual Fleet Captain's Meeting preceding the season for which fleet status is sought.

There is a limit to the number of starts that can be made available. If the time required to start all fleets becomes excessive, the Flag will use participation statistics to combine fleet starts, giving preference to the fleets with highest participation.

21. CHECK-IN: Prior to the start of Sunday AM, Sunday PM and all club sponsored Handicap races, each participating yacht shall sail by the stern of the Race Committee boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: The Race Committee may communicate with competitors via marine VHF radio on Channel 9. Race Committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, count-down to starts, course changes, OCS, etc. are a only a courtesy. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast or failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be subject to protest and shall not be grounds for redress. (amends Rule 25 Appendix L)

The Race Committee will not respond to radio transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirements, protests, or requests for emergency assistance.