



**Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions
Sonar Frostbite Series Winter 2018-2019**

Organizing Authority

**Boston Yacht Club
Marblehead MA. USA**

1. **Rules.** Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of the Sonar Class Association, and these Sailing Instructions.

1.1 Racing rules shall be changed as follows: Rules 40, 44.1, 44.2, 44.3, and Appendix A4.2 are modified for these series. Appendix U applies while Rule 26 does not apply.

2. **Entries and fees.** This event is open to any Sonar on submission of the completed Waiver/Entry form by the following date Nov. 10th 2018.

All Sonars will be dry sailed from the premises of the Boston Yacht Club.

Entry fees: \$350.00 per Boat

The BYC owned Sonars are available for charter upon signing of a charter agreement along with a \$200 damage deposit.

3. **Notices to Competitors & Changes to NOR/SI.** Notices to competitors and changes to NOR/SI will be posted on the Facebook group site (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MarbleheadFrostbite>) and on the official notice board at BYC. Verbal changes to Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. This changes RRS 90.2c

4. **Drivers.** Anyone is eligible to drive as long as the Sonar in use is registered for the season. Scores will be counted for the season according to the boat. Each boat is encouraged to find guest drivers for weekends they cannot sail.

5. **Schedule of Races.** The schedule of races is given below. We will have a mid-winter break with no racing in January and half February.

5.1 All races are scheduled to start around 1200 hours. There may be a brief skippers meeting at roughly 1145 under crane to notify of any last minute changes.

First Series

November 11
November 18
December 2
December 9
December 16
February 10

Second Series

February 17
February 24
March 3
March 10
March 17
March 24

Geoff Smith Cup – March 31st Team Race EYC vs CYC vs BYC

5.2 Due to bad weather or high winds, cancelations are common. Assume racing is still on unless someone of authority has canceled (Andrew Flaherty, Duncan Swain or PRO for that day).



5.3 Multiple races may be sailed immediately after the first race. It is the intention of the organizing authority and the race committee to run as many fleet races as practical, with the potential for pick up team races afterwards weather permitting.

5.4 Beverages and light snacks will be available inside BYC after racing for competitors, volunteers and guests.

6. Racing Area. All races will be conducted inside Marblehead Harbor. Please avoid moorings when possible.

7. Safety.

7.1 Life jackets shall be worn by all personnel and competitors while sailing. Failure to comply will result in that boat being scored DNC without hearing, for each race there was a violation.

7.2 Each boat is required to have a VHF radio to facilitate with communication between competitors and RC. VHF channel 68 will be used.

7.3 Only BYC members will be allowed to use hoist. If you are not a member, please ask for assistance.

7.4 If retiring from racing you must notify the RC.

8. Courses & Start.

8.1 All starts will be in accordance with Appendix U

8.2 Any competitor not starting within 3 mins of their starting signal will be scored DNC.

8.3 All courses will be windward leeward.

8.4 Code flag "T" (red, white and blue) flown no later than the warning signal means "Sail the course twice around". Leeward mark will be pin end of start.

8.5 No course flag shown means sail the course "once around", windward to finish.

8.6 Code Flag "J" (Blue and White) flown no later than the warning signal means the course will be windward leeward windward. Start and finish are the same line. Leeward mark will be below the start.

9. Change of Course After the Start. When changing the course after the start, the Race Committee will lay a new mark and notify competitors before the first boat rounds the prior mark.

9.1 Changes of course may be announced orally with no sound signal and no "C" flag required. This changes RRS 33

10. Shortened Course. The Race Committee may shorten the course by finishing boats at a mark they were required to pass. No "S" flag is required. This changes RRS 32

11. Marks. Marks will be brightly colored tetrahedrons *and the mooring buoys to which they are attached*. All marks are to be left to port 3



12. **Penalties.** The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing"

13. **Spinnakers and Whisker Poles.** Spinnakers will not be used while racing. The use of spinnaker poles and whisker poles are not allowed at any time while racing.

14. **Protests.** No flags or forms are necessary. Skipper protesting shall find the person in charge who will get 1 or 2 people to listen to protest. "3 Minute Justice" will be used, 1 minute for each side and 1 minute for deliberation. This changes RRS 61.

15. **Scoring.**

15.1 Each boat starting and finishing and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress will be scored points in accordance with The Low Point Scoring System rule A4.1.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within ten (10) minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored points equal to the average points that would have been awarded to all boats failing to finish had all such boats finished.

15.3 All other boats will be scored as follows (modifies RRS A4.2):

DNF, OCS = 1 + number of starters for that race

DNC, DNS, RAF = 2 + number of starters for that race

15.4 A boats series score will be the sum of her scores for all races in that series. There are no throw outs. This changes Appendix A2.1

16. **Prizes.**

16.1 A daily prize will be awarded for the boat with the best score for each race day.

16.2 A series and season prize will be awarded to the boat finishing first providing the average number of starters for all races is four or more. A second place series prizes will be awarded if the average number of starters for all races completed for is five or more, and a third place series prize if the average number of starters for all races is seven or more.

16.3 Season championship prizes will be awarded on the basis of the sum of the final scores for the two series after racing concludes on Sunday March 24th. A first, second and third place prize will be awarded per 16.2 above.

16.4 The Humphreys Winter Series Bowl will be awarded to the overall season champion.

16.5 The Boulter Award will be awarded to the BYC team with the best overall score in the winter racing season.

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