



Ossining Boat & Canoe Club

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Longitude 073° 52.3' W



Annual Labor Day Open Regatta Monday September 4, 2023 **Sailing Instructions**

Rules

The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* published by US Sailing Association of America and by these Sailing Instructions of the OBCC Race Committee.

Management

The regatta shall be managed by the Race Committee of the Ossining Boat and Canoe Club.

Entry Limits

Official registration closes August 28, 2023. Participants attempting to register after this time will be scored at the discretion of the race committee. Boats will be registered in a single PHRF division limited to 26'. The race committee reserves the right to limit the number of boats registered on a first-come-first-served basis.

Notices and Changes

Notices will be posted on the bulletin board located in the main hallway of the clubhouse.

Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 1 hour prior to the first Scheduled Warning Signal on the day of the regatta, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 7pm of the day before it takes place on the bulletin board located in the main hallway of the clubhouse.

Classes

There will be a single open fleet for each race, Non-Spinnaker.

Schedule

Coffee -- 9am -- OBCC Clubhouse

Skippers Meeting -- 9:30am -- OBCC Clubhouse

First Race Starting sequence will begin at 11am

Second Start Approximately 15 minutes after the last finisher in the first race

Third Start Approximately 15 minutes after the last finisher in the second race

No race will be started after 2pm.

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Time Limits

Any boat which has not started 15 minutes after the first boat starts will be scored DNS for that race. Any boat which has not finished 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF for that race.

Race Area

The racing area will be in the vicinity of government buoy #16 offshore south of OBCC.

Course

A Start/Finish line will be set offshore of OBCC. A Leeward mark will be set to leeward of the Start/Finish line. The Course will be from the Start to the Windward mark to the Leeward mark and back to the Finish line. Boats may not sail through the Start/Finish line in either direction except to start or finish. All marks shall be left to port.

Protests

A written protest must be filed within ½ hour after the Committee Boat's return to the dock at the end of the racing day. Protest meetings will be held as soon as possible after the race.

Awards

Race results will be announced on the club patio after the race. The overall winner of the regatta will be named on a club plaque to remain in the club in perpetuity. Standard Low Point Scoring will be used for this regatta.

Safety

Each yacht must comply with current US Sailing Association safety equipment recommendations. The skipper is responsible for all safety decisions, including whether to race. Anchoring is allowed at any time under the rules, and life vests should be worn by all crew.

VHF Radios

Each yacht shall monitor VHF channel 72 for race committee notifications. A yacht retiring shall notify the Race Committee on Channel 72. No general inquiries will be entertained. Racing will be governed by sound signals. Radios should not be used for racing information.

Responsibility

In accordance to Part 1 of the Racing Rules of Sailing Fundamental Rules of Sailing.

Committee Boat "Keep Away Buoys"

One or more "keep away" buoys (floating balls or fenders) may be employed near the Committee Boat. If used, the keep away buoys will be located in the immediate vicinity of the race committee boat and should be considered an extension of the committee boat itself. A yacht may **not** enter the area between the keep away buoys and the race committee boat at any time. Yachts entering this area will be subject to the same penalty(s) as though they had collided with the committee boat itself. If more than one yacht is involved, a protest committee hearing will be held to determine which yacht(s) will be penalized.

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