

Taylor Pond Yacht Club

STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES** Racing will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing published by the US Sailing Association, and by the class rules of the classes racing.
2. **ENTRIES:** As a courtesy to the Race Committee, competitors are requested to register at least 24 hours before any race. The Committee will signal a separate start and score any class of three or more competitors.
3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Written Notices, if any, will be posted on the bulletin board located on the deck between the Junior and Senior clubhouses and may be posted on the TPYC website..
4. **SCHEDULE:** Unless otherwise announced by the Race Committee, racing will commence at 3 PM and no race will start after 5 PM.
5. **RACING AREA:** Taylor Pond. Competitors should observe closely where the committee boat anchors and proceed promptly to that vicinity to be on time for first and subsequent starts.
6. **COURSES AND MARKS:** Courses for each race will generally be windward-leeward, leaving the windward mark to port. **[It would probably be good to have a visual signal to indicate twice around, a flag.What do you think?]** In the event the committee announces a race will be more than once around, the leeward mark will be the red buoy at the end of the starting line, which will be rounded to port. In the event the Committee decides to shorten a course, it will signal with three prolonged whistle blasts repeatedly before the first competitor rounds the mark before the new finish. If the new finish at the windward mark the committee boat or a mark boat will move to that mark and anchor so competitors will finish between the boat and the mark.
7. **STARTING AND FINISH LINES:** The starting and finishing line will be between the committee boat mast and a red buoy. The committee boat will remain at anchor, so the committee boat should be passed to starboard to start, and to port to finish.
8. **STARTING SYSTEM:** The Sound Signal Starting System in Appendix U3 of the Racing Rules (3 minutes - whistle signals 3 min., 2 min., 1 1/2 min., 1 min., 30 secs., 20 secs., 10 secs, 5,4,3,2,1,go) will be used. Competitors should anticipate a warning signal for the next race promptly after the last boat finishes the prior race.

9. TIME LIMIT: There will be no time limit for any race. If it determines sailing conditions are no longer fair the Committee may abandon any race by sounding five prolonged whistle signals.

10. PROTESTS: Competitors must inform the Committee of the intent to protest before the start of the next race, and deliver a written protest to Principal Race Officer within 15 minutes after the committee boat returns to the dock at the end of the day's racing.

11. SCORING: Low point scoring will be used. All races will count.

12. CHANGES: The Race Committee may change these instructions at any time after notification to competitors, which may be oral.

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