

# Sailing Instructions Sonar Frostbite Series Winter 2009 – 2010



## Organizing Authority Boston Yacht Club Marblehead MA. USA

- Rules.** Racing will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of the Sonar Class Association, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
  - 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 S applies while Rule 26 does not apply.
- Entries.** This event is open to any Sonar on submission of the completed Waiver/Entry form and payment of the applicable fee. All Sonars will be dry sailed from the premises of the Boston Yacht Club.
- Advertising.** This series are designated as a Category A event.
- Notices to Competitors.** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official board at the Boston Yacht Club.
- Changes to Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.** Any changes to the Notice of Race and / or Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1800 hours on the Saturday before it is to take effect.
- Signals Made Ashore.** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the Boston Yacht Club.
- Schedule of Races.** The schedule of races is given below.
  - All races are scheduled to start around 1200 hours.

### Fall Series

November 15  
November 22  
December 6  
December 13  
December 20  
January 3

### Winter Series

January 10  
January 17  
January 24  
January 31  
February 7  
February 14

### Spring Series

February 21  
February 28  
March 7  
March 14  
March 21

- Multiple races may be sailed immediately after the first race.
  - Any registered boat that, in the opinion of the Race Committee, is not participating shall be removed from the premises at the discretion of the Race Committee.
  - The Team racing days will be determined. These races will be scored separately and will be governed by a separate set of Sailing Instructions which will be distributed on those days.
- Racing Area.** All races will be conducted inside Marblehead Harbor.
  - Safety.** Life jackets or other personal buoyancy shall be worn by all personnel while on the BYC floats and by all competitors while sailing except for brief periods to allow for changing clothing. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This replaces RRS 40.

10. **Courses.**

10.1 All courses will be windward leeward.

10.2 Code flag "T" (red, white and blue) flown no later than the warning signal means "Sail the course twice around".

10.3 Code Flag "J" (Blue and White) flown no later than the warning signal means the course will be windward leeward windward. Start and finish in the middle of the course.

10.4 Windward – leeward course with multiple legs may be sailed and announced verbally by the Race Committee on the water.

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

12. **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.

13. **The Start.**

13.1 The starting sequence will in accordance with Appendix S, sound-signal starting system, of the RRS.

13.2 Course and postponement signals may be made orally. VHF channel 68 may be utilized for notifications.

13.3 Audible signals will govern, even when supplemental signals are also used. RRS 26 does not apply.

13.4 Failure of a competitor to hear a course announcement, postponement, starting or recall signal shall not be grounds for redress.

14. **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.

15. **Shortened Course.** The Race Committee may shorten the course for any reason. (Changes RRS 32).

16. **Penalties.**

16.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident, her penalty shall be one tack and one gybe. (Changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2).

16.2 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing, in which there was ***any contact***, may take a penalty at the time of the incident. Her penalty shall be two tacks and two gybes. (Changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2)

16.3 The Scoring Penalty described in RRS 44.3 will not be applicable for these races.

16.4 If a boat caused injury or serious damage by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire from that race before finish. She will then be scored RAF. Serious damage includes but is not limited to cracking or chips to the gel-coat of a boat, a bent toe rail, etc. (Changes RRS 44.1 (b).)

17. **Protests.**

17.1 Protests shall be in accordance with RRS 61 and the following, with the exception to RRS 61(a) that the display of a red flag is not required (Changes RRS 61(a))

17.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Boston Yacht Club and be delivered there within 30 minutes after the docking time of the Race Committee signal boat. The organizing authority reserves the right to employ "3 minute justice" to resolve protests.

17.4 Protest hearings will begin as soon as all parties to the protest are ashore, on the day of the race in which the protest occurs. This constitutes notice as required by RRS 63.2.

**18. Scoring.**

18.1 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

18.2 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.

18.3 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
DSQ, DNE, BFD	3 + number of starters for that race

18.4 A boats series score will be the sum of her scores for all races in that series. There are no throw outs.

**19. Prizes.**

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

19.2 A series prize will be awarded to the boat finishing first providing the average number of starters for all races is three 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

19.3 Special prizes will be awarded for the following:

A. The combined total for the second race date of each series (November 22rd, January 17th, and Feb 28th) will be used to determine the winner of the Bud Bowl (winner receives a 30 pack of Budweiser).

B. The combined total of the fourth race date of each series (December 13th, Jan 31st, and March 13th) will be used to determine the winner of the Gosling's Cup (winner receives a 1.75L bottle of Gosling's Black Seal rum).

19.4 Season championship prizes will be awarded on the basis of the sum of the final scores for the three series after racing concludes on Sunday March 21th.