

Harper Lake Model Yacht Club

Annual Sailing Instructions

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1. Races are governed by the current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as modified by Appendix E, the prescriptions of US Sailing when they apply, the Odom class or Victoria Class as applicable, these sailing instructions and any amendments to these sailing instructions.
2. The Notice of the Club Championship Regatta Series is considered part of these Sailing Instructions.
3. The courses, as well as the starting and finishing lines, shall be selected and set by the Race Director (RD) or designate. The course for each race shall be announced to all racing skippers prior to the start of each race and prior to the starting sequence.
4. Each boat shall display easily recognized sail number as prescribed by the governing class.
5. The American Model Yachting Association (AMYA) one minute starting tape or equivalent shall be used to signal the starting sequence.
6. The starting and finishing lines shall be tangential to, and on the course side of the starting and finishing marks.
7. HLMYC will attempt to have only one heat in the monthly scheduled regattas. If more than 20 boats are competing, the AMYA Heat Management System *may* be used for scoring each race. Scoring will be by the low point system.
8. Time limits will not be used. All racing boats will be allowed to finish each heat unless the Race Director decides to terminate the heat and assigns finishing places.

Discards will be permitted as follows:

After 5 races have been completed	1 discard
After 10 races have been completed	2 discards
After 15 races have been completed	3 discards
After 20 races have been completed	4 discards
After 25 races have been completed	5 discards
After 30 races have been completed	6 discards

Due to the complexity of figuring and applying redress, HLMYC has decided to allow additional throw outs as prescribed above, in lieu of allowing redress.

9. RRS E 1 is replaced by:
“Boat” competitor means a boat that is radio controlled by a competitor who is not on board. A race consists of one or more heats and is completed when the last heat in the race is finished. Event means one or more races.

10. **RRS 30.1 may be applied at the discretion of the Race Director as modified below. “If any part of a boat’s hull, or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or its extensions during the minute before her starting signal, she shall sail to the pre-start side of the line around either end before starting.”**
11. **RRS E3.3 Launch and Control Area shall not apply. Competitors are permitted to launch at any point on the shoreline and walk along the shoreline to obtain the best possible view of their boat and tend to the boat. However, during the one minute starting sequence, competitors are not allowed to be within fifteen feet of the shore line to allow all competitors a reasonable view of the starting line.**
12. **Boats not racing may be penalized for interfering in any way with boats that are racing. Interference includes but is not limited to physical obstruction, wind interference and radio interference.**
13. **Unless a boat has been disqualified under RRS 32, a boat that has sustained damage while having the right of way shall be given reasonable time to effect repairs before her next heat.**
14. **The Race Director may postpone or abandon a race for any reason. In the event that there is no Race Director, a race may be abandoned by the consensus of the competitors if it appears that a fair start was compromised by a preponderance of boats crossing the starting line prematurely.**
15. **A boat intending to protest another boat because of an incident that occurs in the racing area shall hail “Protest” and the boat’s sail number as soon as reasonably possible. The hail shall be repeated as necessary to make sure the other boat understands that she is being protested. The other boat shall acknowledge the protest against her and indicate without delay whether or not she intends to exonerate herself by taking a penalty turn.**
16. **The Race Director or his designate may file a protest.**
17. **One full turn, including one tack and one gybe, shall be the penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2. This turn needs to be made as soon as possible after the protest. A boat which fails to keep clear of other boats while making a penalty turn shall be considered to have broken RRS 20 and may exonerate herself by making one additional full turn after properly completing her first penalty turn.**
18. **It is hoped that most, if not all on-water incidents can be handled on the water by the offending party doing his/her penalty turn. If not, a (3) person ad-hoc committee made up of participants not involved in the incident will hear the protest. Protests will be heard before the next scheduled heat. Protests need not be in writing.**
19. **Prior to the preparatory signal a boat may ask the Race Director to delay the starting sequence for 5 minutes for the repair of a technical problem or breakdown. Only one such 5-minute delay will be permitted before the start of each heat.**
20. **RRS 45 Hauling Out is interpreted as follows: Boats scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, taken ashore or re-launched at any time during the heat, except during the one minute starting sequence. Also, boats may be adjusted, drained of water or be repaired; have entangled objects removed; or have batteries replaced at water’s edge during the starting sequence provided that**

the boat is held at waters edge until the starting bell is sounded and then not pushed or propelled in the direction of the starting line.

- 21. The starter will notify the skipper of any boat that starts prematurely by calling the sail number of the boat. Nevertheless, it is the sole responsibility of the skipper to start his boat correctly and the inability to hear the starter's recall will not relieve him of this responsibility.**
- 22. The Race Director may amend these Sailing Instructions orally or in writing. Boats on shore as well as boats on the water may be informed orally of changes to the sailing instructions, provided that all boats affected are notified. (RRS 86 applies)**
- 23. RRS e1.5. Aerials. Transmitter aerial extremities shall be adequately protected. 2.4GHz transmitters with 6 inch blunt aerials will not require protection. When Race Director finds that a competitor has broken this rule he shall either, warn him and give him time to comply, or penalize him.**
- 24. Transmitters shall be of the "narrow band" type and must comply with current U.S. Federal Communications (FCC) regulations for radio controlled surface craft. 2.4GHz "Spread Spectrum" radio transmitters are also allowed.**
- 25. *All competitors are reminded that the Harper Lake Model Yacht Club uses a public lake situated in a residential area with the permission and at the discretion of the City of Louisville. Loud outbursts and profane language are strongly discouraged. Further, the City of Louisville specifically prohibits skin contact with the water so that rubber boots or waders are required footwear for those entering the water.***
- 26. In the event that no Race Director is appointed for a scheduled regatta, a Director will be named by the consensus of the regatta competitors when the need for a director arises.**
- 26. To reduce the risk of damage to the boats, a maximum wind limit for competing will be set. If the wind speed is sustained above the maximum speed allowed for 5 minutes or more, racing will be suspended.**
 - 26.1. For Victorias, the wind limit will be 15 mph.**
 - 26.2. For ODOMs, the wind limit will be 20 mph.**
- 27. The length of the race course shall be set according to the wind speed to provide more opportunities for skippers to recover from poor starts, entanglements, mistakes, etc.**
 - 27.1. For average wind speeds of 2mph or less, the desired length will be one lap around the course.**
 - 27.2. For wind speeds between 2mph and 5mph, the desired length will be "1-1/4" laps. The finish line will be defined by the two marks normally upwind of the starting line after one full lap around the course.**
 - 27.3. For wind speeds greater than 5mph, the desired course length will be two complete laps around the course.**
- 28. To qualify as a regatta for the monthly regatta series, a minimum of five (5) races must be completed. In the event five races are not completed, the regatta will be rescheduled if possible.**

29. The standard regatta season consists of eight (8) regattas, with 3 throwouts. In the event the club cannot complete 8 regattas, 3 throwouts will still be allowed and the number of regattas counted in the final scoring will be adjusted downward accordingly.
30. ~~Rule infractions that occur inside the 4-length zone around marks will require a 2-turn penalty. This includes breaking rule 31 (touching a mark) even if no other boats are involved. Aug 16, 2014: Based on a motion Tom Quesenbery proposed and unanimously passed by those present, the sentence above has been removed from the sailing instructions. Thus, if a boat touches a mark and NO OTHER BOATS are involved, the standard one-turn penalty shall be required (Rule 31).~~
December 20, 2014: During the annual meeting on December 6, 2014, Tom Quesenbery proposed this two-turn rule be rescinded. A vote was taken and the proposal passed to revoke this rule.
31. The national Victoria class voted in September 2021 to allow smaller sails for racing in higher winds. HLMYC already has a rule in place to suspend racing if the wind is above 15mph (see #26 above.) Therefore, HLMYC will only allow the standard sail plan in our regattas.