



## Sailing Instructions – 2008

1. At the Yacht Club of Stone Harbor, our primary concerns are for your fun and safety. We have a first-rate Patrol Committee and our race management is committed to providing good, safe racing. We monitor your boat, the weather and bay conditions, motorboat traffic and the like. Accordingly, if a member of the Patrol or Race Committee directs you to take a certain action, we ask that you promptly comply. We routinely use VHF Channel 6 to communicate during our regattas.
2. All our races are sailed using US Sailing Racing Rules and Prescriptions, except when we are required to modify those rules, such as when we host the MAYRA Regatta. Sailors are responsible for knowing these rules and for complying with them. The US Sailing website maintains current information and you can obtain it by visiting <http://www.ussailing.org/rules/>
3. In order to compete, your boat must have an official, legible sail number properly displayed. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. We also require each boat carry a bow line that is greater than or equal to 2 times the boat's length and all other equipment required by the boat's national class organization.
4. The Race Committee and the Sailing Committee reserve the right to make changes to race dates and times and to these sailing instructions. Changes will be posted on the Sailing Committee bulletin board in the Grill Room. We use Daylight Savings Time and tide predictions are for the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. If we are conducting races in The Great Sound, then add 30 minutes to the listed tide predictions.
5. Because of tide constraints, in the event that all boats in a race have not finished, the Race Committee has the right to award finishing positions, in order to start the next race. The Race Committee will abandon any race if no boat has rounded the first mark after 30 minutes. The Race Committee will also abandon any race if no boat has finished a race within 90 minutes of a start. Any boat not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat in a fleet will be scored DNF.

6. We have Series A and Series B racing on Saturdays, according to the official Yacht Club Calendar, which you should consult for all race dates and times. For our Series racing, we use *The High-Point Percentage Scoring System* taken from the US Sailing Racing Rules, Appendix A:



**NOTE: If any fleet wants to change which races are to count as Series A and which as Series B, the Sailing Committee will accept such change if:**

- a) **The request is made by the Fleet captain in writing**
- b) **After a Fleeting meeting of that class and**
- c) **The notice is given prior to the first scheduled race of Series A.**

**For example, if the Sunfish wanted to score the 4 morning races as Series A and afternoon races as Series B, in order to encourage participation, we will accommodate that.**

a. Races to Count and Minimum Required

In order for you to be included in each series' result, you will need to complete at least 60% of all races in each series. If in any class, there are fewer than three boats that qualify for scoring in a particular series, then we will combine Series A and Series B for that class, and will have an overall ranking for the entire season. If no boats qualify for the overall ranking, then we will not award a prize for that boat class for the season. The Commodore's Regatta, MAYRA Regatta and the Rear Commodore's Regatta are not included in either Series A or Series B.

b. Race Scores

Define "N" to be the number of boats to compete in a particular race. Each boat finishing that race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored as follows:

<u>Finishing Place</u>	<u>Score</u>
First	N
Second	N-1
Third	N-2
And so on	

All other boats that compete in that race, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score 0 points. Boats that do not compete in that race also score 0 points.

c. Series Scores

The series score for each boat will be a percentage calculated as follows: divide the sum of the boat's race scores by the sum of the points the boat would have scored if it had placed first in every race in which it competed, and then multiply that result by 100. The *qualified* (per letter a above) boat with the highest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly. *There are no race throw-outs.*

d. Ties and Other Rules

We break race ties by using US Sailing rule A7. We break series ties using rules A8.1 and A8.2. Rules A1, A3, A5, A6, A10 and A11 also apply.



7. We score other regattas, such as the Commodore's Regatta and the Rear Commodore's Regatta (please consult the Yacht Club Calendar for the schedule) using the Low-Point System. Boats that did not start, did not finish, did not compete or were disqualified will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats *entered* in the regatta class. *All races will count toward final scoring.*
8. We manage the Annual YCSH MAYRA Regatta according to MAYRA guidelines, which in general are the same rules as those used by US Sailing. Scoring will be done using the Low-Point System with *no race throw-outs*. Boats that did not start, did not finish, did not compete or were disqualified will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats *entered* in the regatta class. According to MAYRA, all sailors must wear life jackets at all times when on the water. Other details for the Annual YCSH MAYRA Regatta are contained in the official *Notice of Regatta* for this event which is posted on our website ([www.ycsh.org](http://www.ycsh.org)) and on the club bulletin board at least one month before the regatta.
9. In other YCSH races, we strongly recommend that sailors wear life jackets while racing, and we require our junior sailors to do so. For all others, the Race Committee will display a life jacket at the starting line and/or will make an announcement whenever life jacket use is mandatory.

10. In order to have an official race scored, we need to have at least two boats in a particular class at the starting line. The Race Committee has the right to combine classes for any race.
11. To qualify as a Junior Sunfish sailor, you cannot be 18 years old before December 31st. To qualify for Optimist sailing, you must be under 16 years old on racing day. If you are a 420 sailor, you qualify if you are less than 22 years old on racing day.



12. We use the Sound-Signal Starting System (Appendix Q of the Racing Rules of Sailing) i.e. the 3 minute system

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Time before start</u>
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	1 short	5 seconds
	1 short	4 seconds
	1 short	3 seconds
	1 short	2 seconds
Starting	1 short	1 second
	1 long	0

13. We present sailing awards and prizes at the Annual Sailor's Brunch which is usually held on a Sunday in late August. Please check the Yacht Club Calendar for the exact date. All are welcome to attend this function.