**2018 Fair Winds Regatta**

September 8th & 9th

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

 The regatta will be governed by these Sailing Instructions, *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020, Laser Class Rules, and the Flying Scot Class Rules and these Sailing instructions.*

2. ENTRIES

 a. To be eligible to compete in the Fair Winds Regatta, competitors may enter by submitting a completed entry form before 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 8th, 2018.

 b. Entrants are encouraged to register in the class in which they feel comfortable sailing

 Flying Scot Championship Division

 Flying Scot Challenger Division

 Flying Scot Masters Division (Skipper must be 60 years of age or older, plus age of next oldest crew > 120 years)

 Flying Scot Novice Division

 Laser / Open Division. Open division will include any sail-powered vessel

 Appropriate streamers and sail tape will be available at the Competitors’ Meeting and on the Signal Boat.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Boards located at the Turkey Neck and Deerhaven Clubs. It is the responsibility of each participant to check the board for posted changes. Posting to the boards constitutes notice to all competitors.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

 a. Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 9:00 AM on Saturday and 8:30 AM on Sunday.

 b. Any change in the starting time for the first race on Sunday will be posted by 7:00 PM on Saturday.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the Turkey Neck club, and by radio announcement on VHF channel 19.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

 a. A total of five races is scheduled for Championship, Challenger, Laser/Open, and two races for Masters, and Novice as follows:

 Saturday, September 8th

 1030 Competitors’ Meeting Turkey Neck Yacht Club

 1130 Half hour signal for first class RACE 1

 RACE 2

 Shore Break followed by RACE 3

 Sunday September 9th

 1030 Half Hour signal RACE 4; RACE 5

 1300/ASAP TROPHY PRESENTATION

 b. The Masters and Novice Divisions will sail the first race each day for a maximum of two races.

 c. No Warning Signal will be made after 1:30 PM on Sunday, September 10th.

7. THE COURSE

 a. Illustration depicts the courses to be sailed. For courses W and W2, there will be an offset mark (Mark 1b). Course T is depicted in the illustration.

 b. The course to be sailed will be posted on the starboard side of the Signal Boat.

 c. Boats must pass between gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark.

 d. If a gate is not present, a single mark shall be left to port.

 e. Boats shall not sail between a Turkey Neck Club mooring and the Turkey Neck shore when racing.

 f. Boats shall not sail through the starting line except to start or finish.

 g. In the event of a shortened course, the Race Committee will act in accordance with RRS 32.2.

8. MARKS

 a. Primary marks and gate marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

 b. Change marks will be bright orange and spherical.

 c. Offset Mark will be a white sphere.

 d. The Starting Mark will be an orange cylinder.

 e. The Finishing Mark will be a yellow cylinder.

9. THE START

 a. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

 b. Division flags are assigned as follows:

 Flying Scot Championship Red Flag

 Flying Scot Challenger Black Flag

 Flying Scot Masters Green Flag

 Flying Scot Novice Blue Flag

 Laser / Open Yellow Flag

 Note - The starting order may not be as listed above. Divisions may be combined into a single start by hoisting multiple Division flags at the Warning Signal.

 - It is the intention of the Race Committee to sail the first two races of each day back to back

 c. At the start of the first race, a gather signal, Code flag “L” will be hoisted with a sound signal approximately 30 minutes prior to the Starting Signal for the first Division for each race.

 d. When used as a gather signal, Code flag “L” will be lowered with a sound signal one minute prior to the first Warning Signal.

 e. The starting line will lie between a Signal Boat staff displaying an orange flag and the windward side of the Starting Mark.

 f. Before the Warning Signal for the first race each day, boats shall pass astern of the Signal Boat on starboard tack and hail their sail number, which will be acknowledged by the Race Committee. A boat failing to hail will be notified of its failure and, for a subsequent infringement, may be scored DNS.

 g. Boats not starting shall keep clear of the starting area and boats whose Warning Signal has been made.

 h. A boat shall not start later than four (4) minutes after its division’s starting signal.

10. RECALLS

 a. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1.

 b. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats verbally and or by VHF radio channel 19. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11. THE FINISH

 a. The finish line will lie between a RC or Signal Boat staff displaying an orange flag and the Finishing Mark. The Signal Boat on the finish line may be different from the Signal Boat on the starting line. The Signal Boat at the finish will display a blue flag indicating it is in position on the finish line.

 b. Code flag “R” displayed by the Signal Boat at the finish signifies that racing will continue.

 c. Code flag “A” displayed by the Signal Boat at the finish line signifies “No more racing today.”

12. THE TIME LIMIT

 a. If the lead boat of the first starting division does not reach the first mark within 30 minutes, the race for all divisions will be abandoned.

 b. A division flag displayed with another visual signal means that the signal applies to that Division only. No Division flag displayed means that the signal applies to all Divisions.

 c. The time limit for each division race will be 120 minutes for the first boat of its division to sail the course and finish.

 d. Boat(s) still racing 30 minutes after the first boat of its division finishes and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired), with points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one point. This changes RRS 35, 63.1 and A5.

 e. If boats in or near last place in a race are delaying the start of another race, the Race Committee may terminate their race and score those boats based on their position at the time the race is terminated.

13. PROTESTS / PENALTY

 a. Protest Forms will be available at the Turkey Neck and Deerhaven Clubs. Protests will be heard by the Protest Committee in the approximate order received. The Protest Chairperson will determine time and place of the hearing.

14. SCORING

 a. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that each boat’s total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes Rule A2.

 b. Five races are scheduled for Championship, Challengers, Laser/Open. Two races for Masters and Novices, of which one race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.

15. SAFETY

 a. Boats are subject to verification by the race committee that they have all safety equipment on board as required by their class rules.

b. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee either upon leaving the course or, if that is impracticable, immediately upon arriving ashore.

 c. By entering this event each individual acknowledges that he/she is familiar with the RRS, especially RRS 1.2, “Life Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation” and RRS 4, “Decision to Race.”

 d. A boat may monitor VHF Channel 19 before and during racing. Any transmission from a boat racing, unless a call for assistance or to report retirement from the race, shall result in a disqualification.

16. REGATTA CREW SUBSTITUTIONS

 a. Crew substitutions are allowed.