

Coffee Pot Race

Sailing Instructions

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. This series is organized Malletts Bay Boat Club (MBBC).

2. RULES

- 2.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the current the Racing Rules of Sailing, as adopted by the US SAILING Association, these instructions, and notices.

3. ELIGIBILITY/REGISTRATION:

- 3.1. Open to all member and non-member boats with a Lake Champlain PHRF Certificate. The traditional season opener.
- 3.2. The RC will monitor VHF channel 72.
- 3.3. Registration: At the Signal Boat on the starting line.
- 3.3.1. Before the warning signal, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Signal Boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC repeating her number.

4. CLASSES:

- 4.1. Spinnaker and JAM

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 5.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the lower level of MBBC.

6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except any Change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole.
- 7.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

8. SCHEDULE OF STARTS/CLASS FLAG

Class	Flag	Warning	Preparatory	Start
All	White	1000	1001	1005

9. RACING AREA & COURSES

- 9.1. Malletts Bay – Lake Champlain.
- Start in the Inner Bay between RC Boat and a orange, yellow or green mark
 - Stave Island Rock Buoy 2 to Port
 - Stave Island to Port
 - Jones Rock Buoy 31 to Port
 - Finish near the vicinity of the start between Signal Boat and orange, yellow or green mark
- 9.2. Shortened Course: The race may be shorted at any mark of the course. The Race Committee (RC) may shorten the course approximately 200 yards southeast of the Cut in the Outer Malletts Bay. The (RC) will announce the shorted course by displaying the "S" flag and two sounds. They will also announce the shortened course on VHF channel 72.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. All marks will be orange, yellow or green shapes and government buoys.

11. THE START and FINISH

- 11.1. Start location: Inner Malletts Bay north of Coates Island.
- 11.2. Races will be started using rule 26.
- 11.3. The starting line will be between a mark to port of the Signal Boat and an orange flag displayed on a Signal Boat.
- 11.4. The finish line will be between a mark and the Signal Boat displaying an orange flag.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.1. The RC may use VHF channel 72 to broadcast race information. The RC may attempt to identify premature starters by broadcasting their sail numbers on VHF channel 72. However, it is the individual skipper's responsibility to start properly. Failure of a boat to see, hear, or interpret a recall notification shall not relieve her of the obligation to properly start, nor shall it be grounds for redress. A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers or failure of the RC to broadcast recall numbers shall not be grounds for redress.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. Boats not finished more than 1.5 hours after the first boat finishes will be scored TLE. (time limit expired)

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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14.1. Protests will be delivered to the RC within the protest time limit. The protest and redress time limit is 60 minutes after the Signal Boat arrives at the dock, signaled by a sound. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the RC.

15. SCORING

15.1. Appendix A. Low point.

15.2. All classes will use PHRF time-on-time handicap

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1. Each boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to government regulations, class rules, and US Sailing.

16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

17. PRIZES

17.1. The Coffee Pot trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Spinnaker Class at the Annual Banquet.