

## SANDY HOOK BAY CATAMARAN CLUB 2011 FLEET RACING RULES

The overall SHBCC Skipper /Crew of the Year Championship will be determined through these rules.

**1. RULES:** Races will be governed by the following sets of rules, in the order listed: Amendments made at skipper's meetings (where allowed by the RRS), these sailing instructions, US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2009 - 2012. All yachts will be subject to the class rules of that particular yacht. Non-class standard or modified yachts will be addressed in Section 5.

There are three types of "day of races": A closed course (cc) buoys race, an extended (et) buoys race, and a distance race. All types of races will count toward the overall skipper/crew of the year. Only distance races will count toward the distance series. The purpose of the extended buoys race is for those days when a buoys race is scheduled, but no RC boat is available. Only one race that day will be held for a distance or et buoys race.

The penalty for hitting a mark or fouling a yacht is a penalty turn which consists of one tack and one jibe.

### 2. SCHEDULE:

Date	Race #	Skippers Meeting	Description
April 17	1	11 am	Buoys
May 1	Alternate 1	11 am	Buoys
May 15	2	11 am	Buoys
May 29	3	12 pm	Buoys
June 26	4	12 pm	Distance (3 Light House)
July 3	5	9 am	Distance (Statue)
July 24	6	12 pm	Buoys
Aug 6/7	7 (BlueWater)*	TBD	Distance(sat) Buoys (sun)
Aug 14	8	12 pm	Buoys
Aug 28	9	12 pm	Distance (tentative Breezy Point)
Sep 18	10	12 pm	Buoys
Oct. 9	11	11am	Buoys
Oct 23	12	11am	Distance (Nutsfreezer)
Oct 30	Alternate 11	11 am	Nutsfreezer) alternate
* See addendum regarding the Blue Water Regatta			

All buoy races will be sailed in the waters off the club beach.

The first race of the day will start no earlier than one hour after the scheduled skippers meeting (the sequence may start earlier as long as the actual start is at least one hour but no more than 2.5 hours after the scheduled skippers meeting) . Racing for the day will be cancelled if the first race is not started within 2.5 hours after the posted skippers meeting, with the exception of the Statue race.

**3. MAKE UP DATES:** With 6 days notice via the club web site (fleet250.org) and club bulletin board, a race may be added to the schedule. Note – this may increase the number of races required to sail to be eligible of Skipper/Crew of the Year. See 5.

**4. REGISTRATION & FEES:** \$10 per yacht per race date sailed, or a one time \$60 fee for all race dates (\$40 for one man yachts and \$35 for youth skippers) paid in advance. Additional fees may be charged for special races (this would accompany a “give away”), such as the Statue race. There will be a late fee of \$10 for fees not paid on a timely basis; also, fees must be paid before their next race for the score to be considered in the fleet championships.

Registration in writing should be completed before the start of the first race each race day. The Registration Committee will accept registration until 30 minutes after the last race of the day. Racers who fail to register with the required information will not be scored unless they submit a written request for redress. It is the sailor’s responsibility to notify the scorer of any scoring deficiencies in writing, on a timely basis.

**5. SCORING:** There will be separate scoring for both skipper and crew for the overall Fleet Championship and the Distance Series championship.

**a)** All races will be scored using the Wind Handicapped Portsmouth Rating System (PRS) as defined by the US Sailing. The latest available ratings will be used at the time of the race, included all the available corrections and adjustments. Yachts must have a PRS number to race. Yachts with modifications not adhering to class rules will have their PRS number adjusted by the measurer. If there is no measurer then the Staff Commodore and Race Captain will decide what modifications will be allowed, and, if allowed, what the adjustment to PRS number will be.

**b)** In order to be eligible for the Fleet Championship Series and any associated giveaways, you must participate in at least half of the scheduled races (rounded down) plus one.

Examples:

11 races sailed: 5.5 races = half, rounded down to 5, + 1 = 6 to qualify.

12 races sailed: 6 races = half, + 1 = 7 to qualify.

13 races sailed: 6.5 races = half, rounded down to 6, + 1 = 7 to qualify.

14 races sailed: 7 races = half + 1 = 8 to qualify.

**c)** Skippers and crews who work as RC will receive race credit equal to their best point score of the series. The RC will receive credit for RC if the racing does not occur and shall receive 1 point. They may RC another race in order to obtain credit equal to their best point score of the Championship series.

**d)** The skipper and crew will be as defined on the registration sheet and both must sail on the registered yacht. To be eligible to earn points for the Fleet Championships, the participant must be a member of SHBCC at the time of the race. Non-SHBCC members may participate in the daily races. Their position for the day will make them eligible to receive trophies for that day. Day of race standings for non-

SHBCC members will be pulled out of the Skipper/Crew of the Year scoring (after daily scores have been totaled), moving fleet member sailors behind them up in the scoring. Single-handed yachts will place only in the Skipper of the Year scoring and will not place in the scoring for Crew of the Year. Crews from yachts finishing behind single-handed yacht will be moved up to the first vacant crew finishing positions.

**e)** A participant who sails as both skipper and crew will qualify in the category where he/she actually sailed the most races in. The skipper scores (or crew scores if scoring in the crew category) will be totaled first and crossover scores added if needed. Scores will be transferred as is unless the crossover score is better than any of the current scores in the category. Then the scores will be carried over using a one-to-one matching criteria. For example, if a participant has skipper scores of 1,3,3, and crew scores of 1,1,4, he/she can only carry one first into the skipper category. Thus, the scores carried over will be 1,3,4. The second first becomes a third since this is the next best match and the 4 is carried over as is.

**f)** “Day of race” individual finishing position will be scored using the low point scoring with 1 point going for first, 2 for second, etc. This will determine an overall finishing position for the day. Provided there are more than 3 races on a race day, one throw-out race will be allowed in scoring. A DNF for a distance or “extended buoys” race shall receive a position equal to the number of finishers plus one. If the race is held, a yacht must at least start a race in order to get scored. For the Statue of Liberty race, those who are turned back at the bridge and scored in the Little Miss Liberty scoring will be added after those who completed the full course in finish order.

**g)** Ties (day of racing) will be broken in the following order of precedence (stopping once the tie is broken): a) compare finishes, who had most firsts, seconds, thirds, etc. b) who beat who in the last in a race in which both yachts sailed and kept their score c) Shall remain tied.

**h)** “Day of racing” overall finishing position will be assigned the associated points which will be counted toward the Fleet Championship scoring:

Position	Points	Position	Points
1	25	13	13
2	24	14	12
3	23	15	11
4	22	16	10
5	21	17	9
6	20	18	8
7	19	19	7
8	18	20	6
9	17	21	5
10	16	22	2
11	15	23	3
12	14	24	2

**i)** Ties for the Fleet Championship series will be broken in the following order (stopping once the tie is broken): a) compare finishes counted in scoring, who had most firsts, seconds, thirds, etc. b) Compare head to head races (all races sailed). c) Who beat who in the last race in which both yachts sailed in that category. (crossover scores don’t count) d) Shall remain tied.


**j)** A yacht must start at least one race to have participated in the race day and be placed in the scoring for that day. If racing is cancelled for the day, all skippers and crew, who registered, will receive 1 point for the “non”race. This race shall count toward the series, but may be thrown out. If the skipper and/or crew sail in the scheduled makeup race, the actual finishing score will replace the 1 point score if they registered for the original race. If he/she doesn’t attend the makeup race but registered for the cancelled race, they keep the 1 point score.

## **6. STARTS/COURSE:**

No race sequence will begin unless the wind is blowing greater than 5 knots at the starting line and less than 25 knots (29 mph) with the exception of any races held in April or October which will have a 20 knot maximum. All cc buoy races are intended to be sailed on the courses listed in 6e with the weather mark being to windward of the start finish line. Depending on the course selection, B mark may be omitted and C mark may be a gate. The gate may be set above or below the starting line. Extended buoy and distance courses will be defined at the skippers meeting. Both extended and distance courses shall have the mark rounding requirements stated at the skippers meeting.

a) For a cc buoys race, a minimum of two races must be completed with at least two yachts finishing each race to qualify to receive Skipper of the Year points greater than 1. For an et buoys race or a distance race, only one race will be sailed with at least 2 boats finishing to receive Skipper of the Year points greater than 1.

b) Starts will be a 5 minute sequence. However, the first race of the series may have a warning signal, which will be a yellow shape raised at a 10 minute mark and taken down at 6 minutes then the below sequence will start.

Time	Flag Color	Warning (Sound)
5 minutes before start	Class flag up (defined at skippers meeting)	1 sound
4 minutes before start	Prep flag up (P,I,Z or black flag)   P Flag	1 sound
1 minute before start	Prep flag down	1 sound
Start	Class flag down	1 sound

c) Shapes will be the governing signal and will take precedence over the sound signal, and a misfire will not be grounds for protest.

d) All race starting areas shall be in deep water. The RC may start non-buoys races sighting from land or the water. If the RC is on land, a yacht which is OCS and doesn't restart properly will be penalized 2 times their OCS time plus 4 minutes. This amount of time will be added to their finish time and included in their time correction.

e) Cc buoy course numbers, will be posted on the Race Committee station and are as follows:

Course #	Course	Finish	Option
1	S A C A F	Downwind	1 G
2	S A C A C A F	Downwind	2 G
3	S A C A B C F	Upwind	
4	S A C A B C A F	Downwind	
5	S A C F	Upwind	5 G
6	S A C A C F	Upwind	6 G
7	S A C A B C A C F	Upwind	

Marks must be left to port. A is the windward mark, B is the gybe mark and C is the leeward mark and must be left to port, except gate courses. The “G” does not need to be displayed for the gate to be used. When the gate is set, boats shall sail through the gate from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

Note: course numbers are subject to revision.

f) When a course #6 is posted, all Waves and other yachts that are near or behind the first Wave to round “C” mark, will sail a course #5 in lieu of a course #6 and their elapsed time will be doubled for scoring purposes. If it is the last race of the day, the race committee may notified all yachts, in which case all yachts will sail the full course, i.e if a course #6 is posted the Waves and all boats near or behind it will sail 2 laps.

**7. TIME LIMIT:** The following time limits shall apply to cc buoys race. This is the time allowed from start of race until first yacht has finished for a (the time limit is for the first yacht finishing the full course, not a Wave sailing the shortened course):

One Lap Race	.75 hours
Two Lap Race	1 hour
Three Lap Race	1 hour

Extended buoys and distance race time limits may be set day of race at the skippers meeting.

The cc buoys courses and distance races may be shortened in accordance with (iaw) the RRS. Distance races or et buoys may also be shorten or abandon by a predetermined condition announced at the skippers meeting or. iaw the RRS.

**8. RACE COMMITTEE:** To be eligible for the Skipper/Crew of the Year series all participants must RC one race. This requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Staff Commodore.

**9. PROTESTS:** All RRS procedures must be followed in order to protest another yacht. For the propose protesting all yachts will be considered to be under 20 feet. There will be a 30 minute time limit after RC returns to the beach in which to file a protest. Time and location of the hearing will be announced promptly after the protest is filed.

**10. AIDING YACHTS IN PERIL:** A racing yacht must aid a yacht in peril if so requested or in your opinion they need assistance. A yacht which aids a yacht in peril, may petition the RC for redress and the RC may award a finishing position as it sees fit. Don't assume that just because there is a chase boat, they'll render assistance. Safety is everybody's responsibility.

**11. RESPONSIBILITY:** The member or non-member and their crew or guests, shall hold Sandy Hook Bay Catamaran Club a.k.a. Sandy Hook Hobie Fleet 250 Inc. (SHBCC/SHHF) harmless from any bodily injury and all claims, actions, damages or liabilities arising out of, while practicing for or participating in, any contest or exhibition of an athletic or sports nature sponsored by SHBCC/SHHF including sailboat racing.

**12. ELECTRONICS:** Radios and cell phones may be carried for safety reasons only. Radios must be turned off prior to the start. GPS units or GPS enabled cell phones may be used for post race instructional purposes but cannot be actively monitored during the race for information such as position, speed or velocity made-good. This rule is modified by the Statue of Liberty Race sailing instructions.

**13. TROPHIES:** Scores for the daily races shall be promptly tallied (subject to revision) and a trophy presentation with day of trophies 100% deep, limited to 4 per person for the season. Trophies for those who participate in the required number of races and run an official fleet race will be awarded at the Wine Down.

## **Addendum**

### **BlueWater Regatta hosted by Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club**

**Rules:** The race will be governed by the standard US Sailing RRS as in Rule 1.0. In addition there will be an additional set of rules set forth in the sailing instructions provided by AHYC. These rules will supersede our rules. (For example, the start times and cancellation rules will be changed).

**Scoring:** Racing in the BlueWater Regatta will count towards our fleet racing series as one race. Club members can race either one or two days of the regatta. If you sail both days, your best score from either day will count towards the overall fleet championship series.

The races will be scored using the standard Portsmouth Handicap Ratings as stated above in 5a..