

Midweek Fall Series

Malletts Bay Boat Club
Colchester, VT

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 1.1 Open to all member and non-member boats with a Lake Champlain PHRF Certificate, J/24 and any other one design class with three or more boats.
- 1.2 CLASSES:
 - Class A: Spinnaker PHRF Handicap 92 and lower
 - Class B: Spinnaker PHRF Handicap 93-126
 - Class C: Spinnaker PHRF Handicap 127 and higher
 - Class JAM: Non-spinnaker PHRF Handicap (all)
 - Class J/24: One-Design
- 1.3 Registration: Online using the link on the MBBC-VT.org race calendar.
- 1.4 Before the warning signal, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Signal Boat and hail her sail number and boat name until acknowledged by the RC repeating her number and name.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 If code flag "Y" is displayed, lifejackets are required to be worn.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online using the link on the MBBC-VT.org race calendar.
- 3.2 The Race Committee (RC) will monitor VHF marine radio frequency channel 72.
- 3.3 The RC intends to broadcast courtesy information to competitors.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 Verbal changes on the water are allowed if the RC flies the "L" flag and announces the change on VHF 72.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the MBBC main flagpole or the Signal Boat.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes "Race Signals".

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES & CLASS FLAGS

Class	Flag	Warning	Start
JAM	White	1800	1805
Spin A/B/C & J/24	Red	1805	1810

7 RACING AREA & COURSES

- 7.1 Inner Malletts Bay. Races will start approximately ¼ mile East of MBBC.
- 7.2 The illustrations in Diagram A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.3 Courses for each Class will be displayed on the Signal Boat.
- 7.4 May be a windward or leeward start.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 All marks will be orange, yellow or green shapes.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using rule 26.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag displayed on the Signal Boat and the course side of a nearby mark to port of the Signal Boat.
- 9.3 A buoy may be tethered to the stern of the Signal Boat. This buoy is to be considered as a part of the Signal Boat.

10 RECALLS

- 10.1 The RC may use VHF channel 72 to broadcast race information. The race committee may attempt to hail each boat that is determined to be on course side (OCS) using VHF radio. The failure to hail, the order of hail, the hail of some but not all, or the untimely hail of OCS boats, all will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

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11 CHANGING THE COURSE

- 11.1 When a 2WL (M) course is chosen and during the race it is determined that the course is changed to a 1WL (M), the change will be signaled at mark 2 and the original start line becomes the finish line.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a blue flag displayed on the Signal Boat and the course side of a nearby mark to the Signal Boat.

13 TIME LIMITS & FINISHING WINDOW

- 13.1 The time limit is 1.0 hours for the first boat to finish for each class.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat to finish in each class, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for their finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 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. This changes RRS 61.2(b)(1).

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Appendix A. Low point.
- 16.2 PHRF Classes will use PHRF time-on-time and J/24 will use One-Design.
- 16.3 All races will be counted.
- 16.4 The class you start with in your first race will be the class you are scored in for the rest of the series.
- 16.5 RRS A5.3 will be used.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Each boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to government regulations, class rules, and US Sailing.
- 17.2 PHRF Handicap boats shall use the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 19.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support boats and race committee boats.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1 Awards will be presented at the Series dinner after the last race.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

DIAGRAM A

