



Breakwater Yacht Club

2025 Spring/Summer/Fall JY15 Series

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

1.1 The races shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (the “RRS”) and the JY 15 class rules, except as any of those are changed by these Sailing Instructions or the Race Committee in connection with a particular race.

2. Eligibility

2.1 This series is open to JY15 sailboats either owned or chartered by members of the Breakwater Yacht Club (“Breakwater”) or JY15 Fleet 2 who have (i) completed an Entry Form and (ii) paid any required fees. Forms are available on the Breakwater Yacht Club website, and fees should be paid online at [Race Registration Payment - Breakwater Yacht Club \(breakwateryc.org\)](https://breakwateryc.org/race-registration-payment). Interested non-members are welcome to participate and will be scored for the days they compete. Persons should contact the Breakwater Sailing Director (sailingdirector@breakwateryc.org) or the JY/15 Fleet Captain (wrogers@cravath.com) .

2.2 During the Spring and Fall Series, a skipper may race a boat single-handed if he or she is unable to find crew despite reasonable effort, with a maximum of 3 days of single-handed racing per series. During the Summer Series, each boat must be raced with a skipper and one or two crew in accordance with the JY15 Class Rules.

3. Notices

3.1 All notices, including amendments to these instructions, will be posted on the Breakwater website, <http://www.breakwateryc.org>. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1145 on the day it will take effect, except for changes announced by the Race Committee on the water at the time of a particular race.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Breakwater Club House.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1 Series racing will take place beginning on Sunday April 27 through Sunday October 26, 2025, off Havens Beach as follows:

- Spring Series—April 27 through May 25
- Summer Series—June 1 through August 31
- Fall Series—September 7 through October 26

SPECIAL NOTES:

(1) THE WOOD REGATTA (7/27) THE JY/15 ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS (9/14), AND THE LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS (4/20). WILL ALL BE HELD ON SUNDAYS DURING THE SERIES.

The Results for these regattas will not be included in the Series Scores

5.2 It is the intention of the Race Committee to sound the first signal for each day's racing during the Spring and Summer Series at 1530 (that would be 3:30 pm), and 1430 (2:30 pm) during the Fall Series.

5.3 Notices to competitors regarding the schedule of races may be verbal or written, and if written, posted at the Breakwater Club House.

6. Equipment

6.1 All boats must comply with JY 15 class rules, except that Intensity Sails may be used. While sailing, each participant must wear a personal flotation device at all times (including before and after each race). Flag Y will not be flown. This modifies Rules 40.1 and 40.2 of the RRS

7. Courses

7.1 The course for each race will be announced by the Race Committee; announcements may be verbal or written by displaying a symbol plaque corresponding to the course.

7.2 The Start/Finish line shall be considered "open," unless the Race Committee announces that the Start/Finish line is "closed." When the Start/Finish line is closed, (1) boats racing shall not cross through the Start/Finish line while racing except to start or finish and (2) the Start/Finish Line shall be considered an obstruction on downwind legs.

8. Marks

8.1 All turning marks shall be rounded leaving them to port, unless the Race Committee designates a starboard rounding and advises the competitors verbally or in writing prior to the start of the sequence for that race.

9. The Start

9.1 The start line shall be between a point designated by the Race Committee on the Race Committee boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

9.2 Races shall be started using the Audible-Signal Racing System set out in Appendix U, using a 2 minute start. This changes rule 26.

10. Recalls

10.1 Individual recalls will be signaled by a single short sound signal. The race committee will attempt to hail premature starters, but no “X” flag will be flown. This changes rule 29.1. Failure of the race committee to hail, or a boat’s inability to hear a hail, shall not be grounds for redress.

10.2 A general recall shall be signaled two short sound signals and/or a hail of “general recall.” The warning signal for the next race will be made as soon thereafter as is practical. This changes Rule 29.2.

11. Change of Course After the Start

11.1 Rule 33 is hereby changed in that the race committee will not display a “C” flag or compass course to the next mark, and the required sound signal may be verbal.

12. The Finish

12.1 The finish shall be between a point designated by the Race Committee on the Race Committee boat and a finishing mark designated by the Race Committee. The pin end of the line may or may not be a finishing mark.

13. Time Limit

13.1 The time limit for each race shall be determined by the Race Committee in its discretion and may be hailed verbally. The Race Committee may score any boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her warning signal DNS for that race. The Race Committee may in its discretion finish any boat in place.

14. Protests

14.1 In addition to the requirements of Rule 61.1, immediately after finishing or withdrawing from a race, a boat intending to file a protest shall so inform the Race Committee. The time limit for protests will end once the Race Committee leaves the race course for shore; provided that if it is impractical to so inform the Race Committee, a boat intending to file a protest may inform the Fleet Captain promptly upon arrival at Havens Beach.

14.2 Protests shall be heard at Havens Beach as soon as practicable after the completion of the day’s races, unless the Protest Committee determines that it shall be held at a later specified time and place. Protests need not be in writing unless required by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee. This changes Rule 61.2. The Protest Committee shall determine whether a protest has been validly lodged. The Protest Committee shall be made up of up to three sailors that were not involved in the incident(s) appointed by the Race Committee or the Fleet Captain; The PRO or other member of the Race Committee may also be a member of the Protest Committee.

15. Penalties

15.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the RRS, may exonerate herself by taking a One Turn Penalty consisting of one tack and one jibe as soon as reasonably practicable prior to the next mark of the course. This changes Rules 44.1 and 44.2.

16. Scoring

16.1 Weekly scoring will be based on the Low Point System of Appendix A. If there are more than 5 races there will be one throwout. Crew races will not count toward that total. For the weekly scoring, each boat will be scored separately, regardless of who is skippering. For the season scoring, each skipper will be scored separately only for the races where he or she helmed the boat.

16.2. Crew races will be scored separately for each of the spring, summer and fall series based on the Low Point System of Appendix A using the weekly finishing order of the crew acting as skipper that competed in the crew races. To be eligible to helm the crew race, the sailor must helm less than a majority of the other races. Crew must skipper at least 45% of the crew races in order to be counted for the Series Crew Race trophies.

16.3. Scoring for the Spring, Summer and Fall Series will be based on the Low Point System of Appendix A, modified as follows. To qualify for series scoring a skipper must have competed as helm in more than 45% of the races of the series. Each skipper may throw out the number of races he or she skippers above 45%.

16.4. DNF and DSQ will be scored as the total number of boats that raced that day plus 1 (for both the day and the series). DNC will be scored equal to DNF +1 for the day).

17. WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INJURY: Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Breakwater Yacht Club, Organizing Authority, Sponsors, Support Facilities, Volunteers, Agents, Employees and Service providers, the PRO and the Committee will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the racing for both on-the -water and on-land activities. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners, skippers, and crews) agrees to release the race organizers and all persons and groups listed above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. **All Skippers/ Owners must acknowledge that when completing the online entry form.**