

2015 Sailing Instructions

Weeknight Beer Can/Rum Races Wednesday and Thursday Evening Racing Series Early Summer, Summer, and Fall Series

1. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 1.1. The racing series is open to Club Skippers with approved racing privileges of the Brooklyn Bridge Sail Club using Club boats.
- 1.2. Eligible Club Skippers may enter by submitting the online application stating the preferred evenings and preferred class (Melges 24s and J-80s). Accepted applications will be assigned for that particular series in the order of when applications were received. A minimum of four applications per series is required to run the races. The organizing authority will have final authority in allocating boats to accepted skippers.
- 1.3. Registration for these events is by online application. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Confirmed applications and indications of interest (membership pending) may be posted on the website.
- 1.4. Skippers may race more than one evening series based on boat availability
- 1.5. Late entries, after the start of any series, will be accepted based on boat availability.

2. FEES

- 2.1. \$250 entry fee per boat charge to the Club Skipper per series
- 2.2. Late entry fee of \$50 for each remaining race in the series
- 2.3. Gold Level guest fees are \$20 per race and non-member guest fees are \$20

3. RACING CREW

- 3.1. Skippers shall form teams using Club Members who are at the Platinum level or Gold level (with racing crew privileges).
- 3.2. In the event of crew shortages, (i) Gold level members without racing crew privileges and (ii) non-members guests with special permission of the Director of Sailing Operations, can also crew. A guest fee will apply to Gold level members without racing crew privileges and non-members guests.

4. RULES

- 4.1. The racing series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
- 4.2. It is the intention to adhere to the spirit of the Class Rules with the following changes:
 - 4.2.1. Under rule 87, rule(s) Section B.2, Section C.5.2(a)(1) and C.10.2(c) of the International Melges 24 Class Rules are changed as follows:
 - B.2 The helmsman does not need to be a current member of the NCA.
 - C.5.2(a)(1) When not in use, the engine shall be tilted out of the water and the outboard bracket shall remain in place.
 - C.10.2(c) Sails can be changed or substituted whilst underway or away from the dockside or mooring.
 - 4.2.2. Under rule 87, rule(s) C.3.2, C.4.1, C.5.2 (a)(iii), C.5.3.(a)(i) of the International J/80 Class Rules will not apply are changed as follows:
 - C.3.2 Member or Open Class event designation does not apply to these races. (The helmsman does not need to be a current member of the Class)
 - C.4.1 The maximum crew weight is swimming apparel is unlimited with no limit to the number of crew

- C.5.2(a)(iii) Not applicable (mandatory compass, applicable charts and either (a) speed and depth measuring devices or (b) operational GPS)
- C.5.3(a)(i) When not in use, the engine shall be tilted out of the water and any removable outboard bracket shall remain in place.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

5.1. Notices, including notices that may amend the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Club website or the Club Sign-In Binder located at Brooklyn Bridge Sail Club Docks with the Dockmaster.

6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Club website or the Club Sign-In Binder located at Brooklyn Bridge Sail Club with the Dockmaster before 1730 on the day it will take effect.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at Brooklyn Bridge Sail Club docks and announced on VHF Channel 71 ("VHF Race Channel").
- 7.2. If races are postponed from ashore, the first warning signal will be made not less than 20 minutes after the AP is lowered.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1. Dates of racing:

Early Summer Series (5 Races)	Summer Series (5 Races)	Fall Series (5 Races)
Wednesday: June 3, 10, 17, 24 & July 1	Wednesday: July 8, 15, 22, 29 & August 5	Wednesday: August 12, 19, 26, September 2 & 9
Thursday: June 4, 11, 18, 25 & July 2	Thursday: July 9, 16, 23, 30 & August 6	Thursday: August 13, 20, 27, September 3 & 10

- 8.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1825.
- 8.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, sound signals at least one minute before a warning signal may be made.
- 8.4. It is the intention of race committee to hold more than one race on any day.
- 8.4.1. If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display a yellow flag (with no sound) while boats are finishing. Boats awaiting the start of an additional race should assemble in the vicinity of the downwind end of the course and stay clear of boats that are still racing.
- 8.4.2. The next race for each class will begin as soon as practicable after the previous race,

9. RACING AREA AND VHF CHANNEL USED

9.1. The racing area is located in the vicinity of the Gowanus Flats near Red Hook Channel. Communication for racing will be conducted on the VHF Race Channel

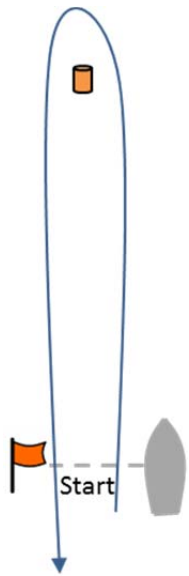
10. CLASS FLAGS

10.1. Class flags will be numeral pennants:

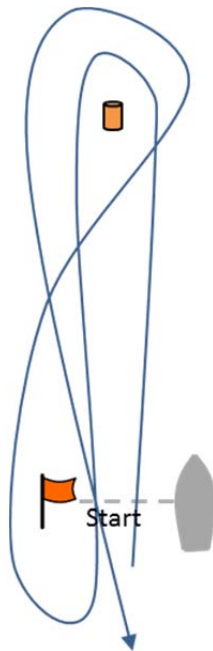
<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
Melges 24	Numeral Pennant 1
J/80	Numeral Pennant 2

11. THE COURSES

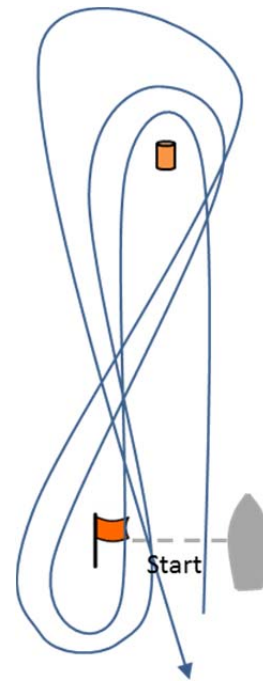
- 11.1. The course for each race will be Windward-Leeward (WL) or a course set around government marks, as provided in Sailing Instruction 11.5.
- 11.2. For WL courses, the race committee signal boat will display the number of legs. For races WL course around government marks, marks will be displayed on a course board or a white board. The information will be announced on the VHF Race Channel.



W2 or X2
Start – X(p) – Finish



W4 or X4
Start – X(p) – Pin(s) -
X(p) – Finish



W6 or X6
Start – X(p) – Pin(s) -
X(p) - Finish

(p) leave mark to port
(s) leave mark to starboard

- 11.3. The race committee, at its discretion, may set a gate as the leeward mark. If the leeward mark is a gate, boats shall pass through the gate from the direction of the previous mark before proceeding onto the next leg of the course.
- 11.4. At the discretion of the race committee, one or more races in the series may be sailed around government marks from the start, around specified government marks and then to the finish.
- 11.5. If government marks are to be used, the race committee signal boat will signal the course by letters according to Sailing Instruction 13.1. Marks shall be rounded in the order signalled and left on the hand so that the rhumb line to the next mark will not cross the rhumb line from the previous mark. If the next mark is reciprocal, the mark shall be left to port when rounding.

12. MARKS FOR WL

- 12.1. Marks for the WL course will be [INSERT COLOR] special marks or governments marks.
- 12.2. A new mark replacing an original mark will be a different color [INSERT COLOR].
- 12.3. The race committee, at its discretion, may set an offset mark at the windmark mark.

13. MARKS FOR AROUND GOVERNMENT MARKS

- 13.1. Marks for courses government marks are shown in Appendix A
- 13.2. Mark X, if signalled, will be a special race mark [INSERT COLOR] used anywhere in the course

14. CHECK IN

- 14.1. Before the first warning signal of each day, all boats shall sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and check in by hailing their bow number. They shall continue to do so until their bow number is verbally acknowledged by the race committee.

15. THE START

- 15.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange mark and the course side of the port-end [INSERT COLOR] starting mark
- 15.2. Class starts may be signalled at five-minute intervals by displaying a class flag at the start of the preceding class, in which case the start of the preceding class shall be the warning for the next class.
- 15.3. At the discretion of the race committee, class starts may be combined. The race committee will signal this type of start by displaying the numeral pennants of all classes sharing the start as the warning signal.
- 15.4. The race committee signal boat may have one or more buoys secured to it which shall be considered to be part of the committee boat for the purpose of rule 31.
- 15.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 15.6. Use of an engine is permitted until one minute before the start signal as per rule 42.3(i).
- 15.7. A boat that starts later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes Rule A4.

16. RECALLS

- 16.1. The race committee will attempt to identify premature starters and to broadcast their sail numbers on the VHF Race Channel. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hail, shall not be cause for redress.

17. CHANGE OF COURSE BETWEEN STARTS

- 17.1. If the race committee changes the first mark following a postponement during a starting sequence flag C will be displayed with short repeated sounds prior to the warning signal and the windward mark for all classes not yet started will be a course change mark in accordance with Sailing Instruction 12.2.

18. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 18.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

19. THE FINISH

- 19.1. The finishing line for all courses will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an official boat and the course side of the finish mark.
- 19.2. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. PENALTIES

- 20.1. Racing rule(s) 44.1 and 44.2 will be changed as follows: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty consisting of one single tack and gybe in the same direction when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing or rule 31. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns penalty.

- 20.2. At the first reasonable opportunity during, or immediately after, the race, a boat that accepted a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty shall report that fact to the race committee on the VHF Race Channel and identify the other boat(s) involved in the incident. This changes Rule 44.2.

21. TIME LIMIT

- 21.1. If no boat has passed the first mark within 60 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 21.2. The time limit for any race is 90 minutes or 20 minutes prior to sunset whichever is sooner. If no boat has finished within the time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 21.3. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

22. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 22.1. Rule 61.1(a) is changed to require that the red flag must be flown from the backstay.
- 22.2. A boat intending to protest shall comply with rule 61 and additionally report to the race committee (signal boat or finish boat) as soon as possible after finishing, giving the race committee its bow number and the bow numbers of the protested boat(s). This changes rule 61.
- 22.3. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be filed on the standard US Sailing protest forms.
- 22.4. Protest forms are available from dockmaster, located at Brooklyn Bridge Sail Club docks. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 22.5. The protest time limit is 15 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.
- 22.6. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 22.7. To educate Club Members in protest sessions and the racing rules, protest hearings will be held at the Brooklyn Bridge Sail Club docks in an open forum as soon as possible after the day of racing.
- 22.8. Protest committee intends on dispensing their decisions immediately and their decisions are not subject to appeal even if there is an error in the application of the Racing Rules.

23. SCORING

- 23.1. One completed race shall constitute a series.
- 23.2. To qualify for inclusion in the series results a boat shall compete in at least 75% of races completed. Races cancelled due to weather conditions shall count as races completed the series inclusion purposes.
- 23.3. If a team does not leave the dock for a specified week, that team shall will be given BYEs for races completed that week and no scores are counted for the series standing.
- 23.4. A boat that fails to finish (i) within the time limit or (ii) in race abandoned by race committee due to weather conditions, following the finish of a boat in her class that has sailed the course shall, without a hearing, be scored with points equal to the number of boats in her class that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit, plus two points. This changes rules A4.1, A4.2 and A5.
- 23.5. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that if fewer than six races are completed each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. If six or more races are completed in a series, the boat's score shall be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

24. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

- 24.1. Except in an emergency or to report a protest or withdrawal, or as otherwise provided herein, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.
- 24.2. The race committee may announce changes to the starting line or the course on the VHF Race Channel. Failure to hear such broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.

25. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 25.1. A boat and its crew shall at all times keep clear of all commercial vessels and shall not maneuver in any manner which would cause a commercial vessel to be unable to sail its proper course or carry out its commercial functions in a normal manner.
 - 25.1.1. A boat whose actions or maneuvers result in danger signal (5 or more blasts) from commercial vessels shall be protested by the race committee.
 - 25.1.2. The penalty for breaking this rule shall be disqualification from the race.
- 25.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 25.3. All boats should be continuously monitoring the VHF Race Channel throughout the race.

26. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 26.1. On the water transfer and/or substitution of competitors is not be allowed.
- 26.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed at the discretion of the Race Committee or the Director of Sailing Operations.

27. EQUIPMENT MODIFICATIONS

- 27.1. Boats shall not be modified in any manner with the express authorization of the Director of Sailing Operations. This includes (i) any cutting or markings on boat, lines and sails (lines, except halyards, may be taped), (ii) adjustment to lifelines, (iii) tuning the rig (any standing rigging), (iv) use of lubricants or solvents, and (iv) removal of equipment found on boats.
- 27.2. Competitors may only use spinnakers and sails provided unless authorized by the Director of Sailing Operation.

28. ADVERTISING

- 28.1. No boats shall display advertising on the hull or sails unless supplied or approved by the organizing authority.

29. RACE COMMITTEE

- 29.1. Staffing of the Race Committee will be provided by Club Members and guests on a voluntary basis. If required, skippers and racing crews may be asked to volunteer their services on their non-racing evenings. Interested Club Members and guests must sign up with the Principal Race Officer.

APPENDIX A:

2015 BBSC Racing
Government Marks

- A G "11" Erie Basin
- B G "9" Gowanus
- C Y "A" Gowanus Flats
- D GC "7" Bay Ridge Flats
- E R "32" Mid-Hudson N.
- F G "1" S. Governors Island
- G Y "C" S. Bay Ridge
- H R "30" Mid-Hudson N.
- I G "31" Jersey Flats
- J R "2" Claremont Terminal
- K G "1" Pierhead Channel
- L G "33" Statue of Liberty
- M G "35" Ellis Island
- X Special Mark

