

# MASSAPOAG YACHT CLUB

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## 2009 RACING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RACING RULES:

1.1 All races are governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the rules of each class (except crew substitutions are permitted) and these sailing instructions.

1.2 RRS Rule 77 is not applicable.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Membership in the Massapoag Yacht Club is not required to compete in regularly scheduled races.

2.2 Competitors must notify the Race Committee of their intent to race before the START of the race.

### 3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Official notices will be posted on the Bulletin Board on the beach at the Massapoag Yacht Club. It is the responsibility of each yacht to check the Board for information.

### 4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hours prior to the start of the first race on the day it will take effect. Any change to the race schedule will be posted at least one week prior to the day it will take effect.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Flagstaff on the beach at the Massapoag Yacht Club

5.2 When postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the AP is lowered.

### 6. RACE SCHEDULE

6.1 The Race Schedule will be listed in the MYC calendar unless otherwise posted.

6.2 For each series, the table below shows the number of races scheduled, including the type of race run.

Series	# Races	Type of Race
Spring	8	Large Boats and Board Boats
Wednesday	12	Large Boats and Board Boats
Summer 1	12	Class and Handicap
Summer 2	12	Class and Handicap
Fall	8	Large Boats and Board Boats

### 7. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Class	Flag
Day Sailor	The letter "D" on a GREEN background
Flying Scot	The Flying Scot logo on a WHITE background
Handicap	The letter "H" on a PURPLE background
Laser	The letter "L" on a TEAL background
Sunfish	The letter "S" on a BLACK background

### 8. SERIES REQUIREMENTS

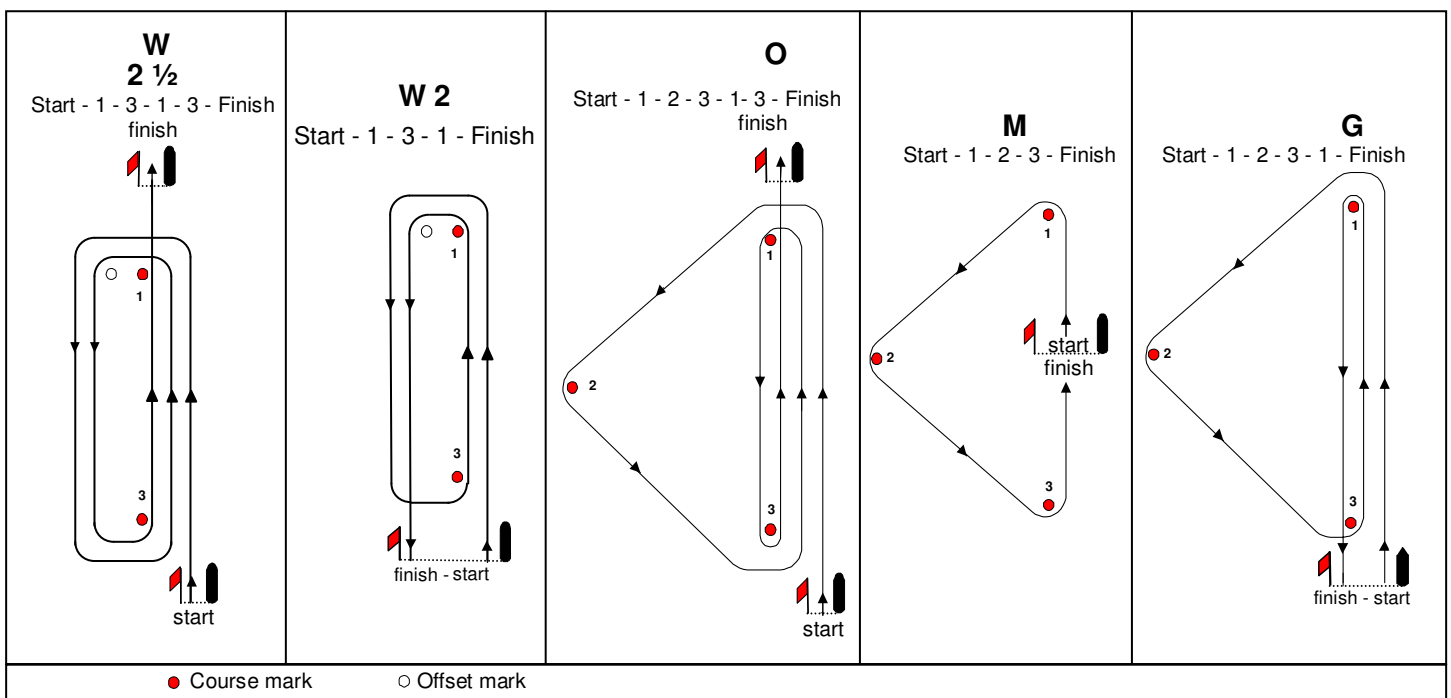
- 8.1 A minimum of 2 yachts in a designated class may start and the finishes will be counted as a class race.
- 8.2 Any yacht may sail with the Handicap Fleet. If a yacht sailing with the handicap fleet is also eligible to sail with another class, it must register its intention to sail with the handicap fleet to the Race Committee prior to the start of the handicap fleet.

**9. RACING AREA RESTRICTIONS**

- 9.1 The “ledge” area (bounded by 4 WHITE “R” marks) is an obstruction. The “taut string”, as described in RRS rule 28.1 must lie outside all these marks.
- 9.2 Fletcher’s Cove is an obstruction. The “taut string”, as described in RRS rule 28.1 must lie outside (on the East side) of the white “R” mark.

**10. THE COURSE**

- 10.1 The diagrams in the figure below show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed. Additional course information will be displayed on the rack on the Race Committee Boat. It is the intention of the Race Committee to start all races in the direction of the windward mark, the first mark of the course. The leeward or windward mark may be used as a starting or finishing mark, respectively.



- W** Windward with Offset and leeward (May only be 1, 1½, 2 or 2½. The ½ is a windward finish.)
- O** Triangle followed by windward, leeward, and windward (Olympic)
- M** Triangle with start and finish in middle of leg
- G** Triangle followed by windward and leeward.

Notes:

1. The race committee has the option of setting a shorter windward leg for any class. The shorter windward leg will be in the same direction as the longer windward leg. The race committee will verbally notify any fleet that will be using the shorter course. See 11.1 for marks.
2. The relative positions of the start and finish lines and all marks in the above diagrams are approximate.

- 10.2 The identifying letter of the chosen course will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat before or with the warning signal. For courses M and W, a number will be displayed indicating the number of laps. The absence of a number indicates 1 lap.

10.3 Marks of the course are to be left to PORT when being rounded.

## 11. MARKS

11.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 will usually be orange colored balls. If a shorter windward leg is set, its mark will be a Red Flag ("Pin")

11.2 Starting and finishing marks will either be an orange colored ball or a Red Flag ("Pin"). Additional nearby marks represent course marks only.

11.3 A White Ball will be used as an Offset mark on a "W" Course.

## 12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS rule 26 with modifications to the sound signal sequence. Classes start at 3-minute intervals in the order displayed on the Race Committee Boat. The table below lists the sound and timing sequence.

<u>Sequence TIME</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>SOUND SIGNALS</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
		Faint beeping sound	10 second countdown to Start
		5 Short Blasts	WARNING for 1 <sup>st</sup> class
3 Min	Raise 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Flag	3 Long Blasts	PREPARATORY for 1 <sup>st</sup> class
2 Min		2 Long Blasts	
1:30 Min		1 Long Blast + 3 Short Blasts	
1 Minute		1 Long Blast	
30 Sec		3 Short Blasts	
20 Sec		2 Short Blasts	
10 Sec		1 Short Blast	
5 Sec		5 Short Blasts	5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Seconds to Start
START	Lower 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Flag & Raise 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class flag	1 Long Blast	START for 1 <sup>st</sup> class & PREPARATORY for 2 <sup>nd</sup> class
...sequence repeats until all other starts are completed.			

Note: If the Race Committee needs to delay the start of any subsequent race after the first race, the Class (or WARNING ) flag for that subsequent race will not be raised with the START of the previous race.

12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an ORANGE flag on the Race Committee Boat and a nearby mark or pin.

12.3 Boats whose *warning* signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and shall keep clear of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

12.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

## 13. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

## 14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an ORANGE flag on the Race Committee Boat and a nearby mark.

14.2 When the Race Committee Boat is on station, it will be indicated by display of a BLUE flag. Failure of the Race Committee Boat to display this signal will not be grounds for redress. **This changes rule 62.1 (a).**

## 15. TIME LIMIT

The time limit from the Start to the Finish for the first boat will be one and one half (1½) hours for each class. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). **This changes rule 35.**

## 16. PROTESTS

**16.1** Written Protests shall be submitted to the Race Committee not later than 30 minutes after the Race Committee Boat arrives at the dock following the last race of the day.

**16.2** A list of the yachts protesting and protested will be posted on the bulletin board. The competitors or their representatives must remain available for a hearing to be held as soon as possible.

**16.3** A protest committee shall be chosen according to RRS rule 91(a).

## 17. SCORING

**17.1** The Low Point scoring system, rule A2, will apply, except as follows: the number of races scored in a series for each yacht will be half of the total races that were run in that series. A fractional number will be rounded to the next higher value. DNS and DNF scores won't be counted toward qualifying for a series **This changes rule A2**

**17.2** A yacht scoring DNF shall be awarded points equaling the total number of yachts in the race + 1.  
A yacht scoring DNS shall be awarded points equaling the total number of yachts in the race + 1.  
A yacht scoring DSQ shall be awarded points equaling the total number of yachts in the race + 1.

**17.3** The Portsmouth Numbering System shall be employed to adjust the elapsed times of yachts sailing in Handicap races and the adjusted times will be ranked to establish each competitor's place.

**17.4** Ties will be broken according to rule A8.1 If a tie still remains between two boats, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race that the boats sailed together that did not include an excluded score. **This changes rule A8.2**

## 18. AWARDS

**18.1** For each racing series, there will be awards for first, second and third place in a class.

**18.2** A boat must start the number of races scored in a series in order to qualify for a trophy. A DNS cannot be used to qualify for a series.

**18.3** Non-members of MYC are eligible to receive skipper awards in only one series per season.

## 19. SAFETY

**19.1** All competing yachts must carry safety equipment specified by class rules and current applicable U.S.C.G. and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement regulations for each boat category.

Current minimum requirements for boats not propelled by motors include and are not limit to:

- 1) One C.G. approved P.F.D. for each person on board;
- 2) A horn or whistle
- 3) A throwable flotation device for all boats 16 ft and over

**19.2** Life Jackets **must** be worn for the Spring and Fall Series.

**19.3** Children under 12 years old must wear a USCG approved Personal Flotation Device.

## 20. ADDENDA

All yachts are warned that there is a large shallow area immediately to the northeast of Flat Rock and extending to the east and north. Water-depth in the area ranges from 3 to 10 feet.