

# Still Waters Yacht Club

## Spring Series 2007

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Spring Series is organized under the authority of Still Waters Yacht Club (SWYC) and will be sailed under the management of its Race Committee (RC)

#### 2 RULES

The Spring Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008* (RRS).

(Available online at SWYC Website and at USSailing.org)

#### 3 ENTRIES

Competitors may enter by filling out an entry form (available at the skippers meeting) and paying the entry fee: \$50 for non-members of SWYC for the entire series, \$25 for members of SWYC for the entire series, or \$10 per each single race in the series. Entry form and race fee may submitted at the skippers meeting before the race.

#### 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the bulletin board at the clubhouse before 10:00am on the day it will take effect. Competitors will also be informed of posted changes during the skippers meeting.

#### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

##### A. Dates of racing:

February	17	Spring Series Race 1
March	3	Spring Series Race 2
	10	Spring Series Race 3
	24	Spring Series Race 4
	31	Spring Series Race 5
April	14	Spring Series Race 6
May	5	Spring Series Race 7 AFTER Blessing of the Fleet
	19	Spring Series Races 8 and 9
June	2	Spring Series Final Race 10

**B.** Ten races are planned for the Spring Series over a course of nine days. On at least one day we plan to have two races but, lake conditions being less than predictable, the exact day in which that happens is weather dependent and will be determined by the race committee. If the weather permits more than ten races then we may choose to have more races. The decision to have an additional race will be communicated to the fleet by the RC on VHF Channel 68.

**C.** All the Spring Series races are scheduled on Saturdays, and a skipper's meeting will be held at 10:00am on race Saturdays at the clubhouse. The scheduled time of the 5 minute warning signal for the first race each day is 11:55am, but that may be changed if the race committee needs more time to set the course, in which case the change will be posted as a change to the SI and communicated in the skippers meeting. Postponement of race will be communicated by the RC on the water by

VHF Channel 68 and/or red and white striped AP flag. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

**D.** When there has been a long postponement and/or when more than one race will be held on the same day, the 5 minute warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. Whenever possible, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, several short blasts on the horn and a call over the VHF Channel 68 will be made approximately one minute before the 5 minute warning signal is displayed.

**6 RACING AREA**

Our general racing area is between Harbor Point Marina and The Ridge Marina.

**7 THE COURSES**

The specific course to be sailed will be determined based on conditions on the race day. The course will be described during the skippers meeting, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

**8 MARKS**

Marks will be anchored PVC poles with orange flags.

**9 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES**

When there is no committee boat, the starting and finishing line will be between two anchored PVC poles with orange flags.

When there is a committee boat, the starting and finishing line will be between one anchored PVC pole with orange flag and the anchored committee boat.

**10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part Two: When Boats Meet while racing may take a penalty by promptly making one turn (including one tack and one gybe) after getting well clear of other boats as soon as possible after the incident. This changes RRS rule 44.

**11 TIME LIMITS**

The time limit for each race will be two (2) hours for all boats to finish. Boats that do not finish within the time limit will be finished in place by the RC. This changes RRS rule 35

If no boat has finished within time limit the race will be abandoned. Abandonment will be communicated by the race committee by VHF Channel 68

**12 SCORING**

**A.** A minimum of six races constitutes the Series. If we have fewer than six races, we will have winners for each race but no Series winners.

**B.** The scoring system is a modified High Point system as follows. This changes RRS rules 89.3, A2, A4, and A9.

**C.** First place in a race receives points equal to the number of boats entered in the Series. Second place receives points equal to the number of boats minus 1, and so on.

**D.** No points will be awarded to:

a boat that does not show up to compete (DNC),  
a boat that shows up but does not start (DNS),  
a boat that does not finish (DNF),  
or a boat that is disqualified (DSQ).

**E.** The Series score for each boat is determined as follows: (The goal is that the total number of races scored is as close to 70% of the total number of races as possible.)

- (1) When 6-7 races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores with no throw-outs.
- (2) When 8 races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her scores for those races minus 1 throw-out.
- (3) When 9 races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her scores for those races minus 2 throw-outs.
- (4) When 10-11 races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her scores for those races minus 3 throw-outs.
- (5) When 12-14 races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her scores for those races minus 4 throw-outs.
- (6) When 15-18 races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her scores for those races minus 5 throw-outs.
- (7) If there are more than 18 races, the number of throw-outs will be determined such that the total number of races scores is as close to 70% of the total number of races as possible.

**F.** Ties will be resolved according to RRS rules A7 and A8.

### **13 SAFETY**

During the skippers meeting before each race, the RC will make a list of all boats competing that day. All captains are requested to check in with the RC as soon as possible after end of the last race to verify that all boats have finished the race safely.

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

### **14 TROPHIES**

Trophies will be awarded to the first, second, and third place boats in the Series.