



## Stone Horse Yacht Club Senior Sailing Instructions

**1. GOVERNING RULES:** All SHYC races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, effective January 1, 2021, as adopted by the U.S. Sailing Association, including U.S. Sailing Prescriptions, except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions. (Rule 87)

**2. ELIGIBILITY:** SHYC races are open to all members of SHYC. Individual crew need not be members but the skipper must be a SHYC member. The Race Committee (RC) may grant permission to sailboats skippered by non-club members to race. The sailboats skippered by non-club members will be eligible for daily trophies but not for SHYC series or season awards. SHYC skippered boats scores will be adjusted to eliminate the placing's of non-club skippered boats.

**3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official SHYC bulletin board located at the clubhouse.

**4. CHANGE IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 on the day that the change will take effect, or on the water, communicated to each boat before her warning signal.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SHYC flagpole.

**7. SCHEDULE OF RACES:** The first warning signal is at 1300 unless otherwise stated in the calendar. All sailboats must pass by the stern of the RC boat to check-in prior to the first warning signal. A minimum of two sailboats is required to start a race for a given class. Certain competitions may offer the option to be scored in a "B" fleet. Unless otherwise posted by the Race Committee, competitors wishing to be scored in the "B" fleet must give notice to the Race Committee before the start of the first race on that day.

**8. COURSES AND MARKS:** The course of each class will be indicated by a letter or letters and numbers on the RC boat beneath the class designation before the warning signal. All regular marks except the starting mark will be large orange tetrahedron inflatable marks.

**9. RACING AREA:** The normal starting and finishing area is approximately 0.50 miles in the Southwest direction from the light on the end of the Wychmere Harbor breakwater.

**10. THE START:** Races will be started in accordance with RRS, rule 26. The starting line will be between a orange flag on the RC boat and a orange mark unless otherwise specified by the RC. Sailboats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of sailboats whose signal has been made. Infringement of this rule shall lead to a DSQ for the race.

**11. THE FINISH:** Normally, the finish line will be between an orange flag on the RC boat and the starting marker. This is subject to a replacement mark or the mark of the leg underway in the event of shortened course.

**12. SAFETY:** All competitors shall comply with “*Sailing Safety at Stone Horse*” requirements for each Class and wear zipped or tied U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Devices (PFD’s) at all times while on the water. Any sailboat withdrawing from a race or retiring for the day shall notify the RC boat or a crash boat. Failure to comply with the above safety requirements will result in that sailboat scoring DSQ in all races sailed that day.

**13. RECALLS:** An individual or a general recall shall be signaled in accordance with the RRS. As a courtesy, the RC may notify competitors of recalls by VHF radio on channel number 73 (see Section 19).

**14. TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes. Sailboats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first sailboat finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Exceeded). All starters will be scored the total number of entries in the race. All TLE finishers will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of sailboats entered in the race.

**15. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES:** For all classes Rule 44.2 will be in effect: the 720°turn will be used.

**16. PROTESTS:** A sailboat shall fly a protest flag (this modifies Rule 61.1 (2)). Protests shall be reported to the RC boat upon finishing of each race. Protests shall be written on forms available from the Yacht Club office or the Race Committee and lodged with the RC Chairperson within thirty (30) minutes from the time the RC boat returns to the dock. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after the day’s racing.

## **17. SCORING:**

**Scoring Method:** Low Point Scoring System Appendix A will be used for “day series” races.

**Sailboat Scoring:** Scoring will be by boat not skipper or crew.

**Saturday Senior Races:** Every attempt will be made to hold multiple races each Saturday. The race(s) finished on a given day will be constitute a series and the top three finishers will be awarded prizes at the end of the day based on a cumulative scores of the races. If there is a tie after comparing first place finishes, then the number of second place finishes will be reviewed and so on.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day Series:** To qualify for inclusion in these individual series results, a sailboat must start one of the races held. All races scored DNS (Did Not Start) will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of sailboats entered in the race.

**July and August Series:** To qualify for the inclusion in the individual July and August series results, a sailboat must start at least 70% of the races held in that series. The position of each sailboat in the individual series will be determined by the composite of the best finishes of the number of races that equal the 70% to qualify for that series. All other races will be “thrown out” except if required to break a tie. If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, each boat’s race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat(s) with the best score(s). No excluded scores shall be used. This is in accordance with Rule A 8.1.

**Season Champion:** The season series will be based on the sum of all races held during the July and August series. A sailboat need not qualify in each individual series to qualify for the season series. Each sailboat’s score will be the sum of their best 70% of the cumulative races held during the July and August series.

If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat(s) with the best score(s). No excluded scores shall be used. This is in accordance with Rule A 8.1.

**Other Flying Scot Fleet Races (i.e. Districts held at SHYC):** If these races replace a "Saturday" series scoring will be for all sailboats skippered by SHYC club members only and all non-member scores will be eliminated when determining scoring for a given race.

**18. CREW AND EQUIPMENT – SUBSTITUTION:** Once the warning signal for the first race of a day series has been made, no further crew or equipment changes can be made for the remainder of that series without the express permission of the Chief Race Committee officer on the water that day. It is understood by all that every effort to encourage junior participation or address health or injury concerns will be allowed. Equipment changes to repair failures are allowed with the notification and approval of the Chief Race Committee officer on the water that day.

**19. VHF RADIO USAGE:** A VHF radio may be used by competitors to report to the RC an emergency and retirement from racing. A boat reporting/declaring its own emergency shall be scored RET (retired); a boat reporting an emergency on a competitors boat shall not be penalized, and may seek redress if its finishing position is affected by providing such report. No other transmissions from competitors are permitted.

The RC may use a VHF radio to inform competitors of safety information (such as approaching weather), to hail boats that are on course side of the starting line (OCS) at the start. The RC may also use a VHF radio to assist in the management of a race, however, such communication shall be accompanied by the signals required by the RRS, when applicable.

Communication from the Race Committee to the competitors will be on channel number 73. Although not required competitors are encouraged to carry a VHF radio onboard.