

Part III Rules for Regattas Adopted April 16, 2011

1 General

These Rules for Regattas specify the **minimum** information which a hosting fleet must provide in its NOR and Sailing Instructions.

2 Rules and Procedures

All national regattas shall be conducted in accordance with the following rules:

- 2.1 Prepare a Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions as indicated by current RRS and Appendices and these Bullseye Class Association Rules for Regattas.
- 2.2 The current RRS shall apply. In all cases of conflict RRS shall govern.
- 2.3 No changes or modifications to the Rules for Regattas are authorized if not specifically stated in the BCA rules.

3 Entry, Eligibility and Measurement

- 3.1 Any Association member in good standing (dues current) shall be eligible to enter the regatta as skipper by completing registration with the hosting organization.
- 3.2 All boats and equipment are subject to Association inspection according to the Association Technical Specifications and are subject to protest should a competitor be found out of compliance.
- 3.3 Boat owners shall have all required safety equipment aboard.

4 Notices to Competitors

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board in a prominent location at all venues and functions of the regatta.
- 4.2 Race Committee notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes before the departure of the main Race Committee boat, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 8 PM on the day before it will take effect.

5 Competitors Meeting

There will be a competitors' meeting before each series according to the schedule in the NOR.

6 Crew, Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 6.1 The crew in a boat participating in a Nationals Regatta may number either two or three persons but the number and identity of crew members must be maintained throughout the Regatta.

6.2 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.

6.3 Co-skippers will be allowed subject to the restrictions of 3.1.

7 Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be posted at the host site in accordance with RRS

8 Schedule of Races

8.1 The Race Committee will attempt to complete 5 races.

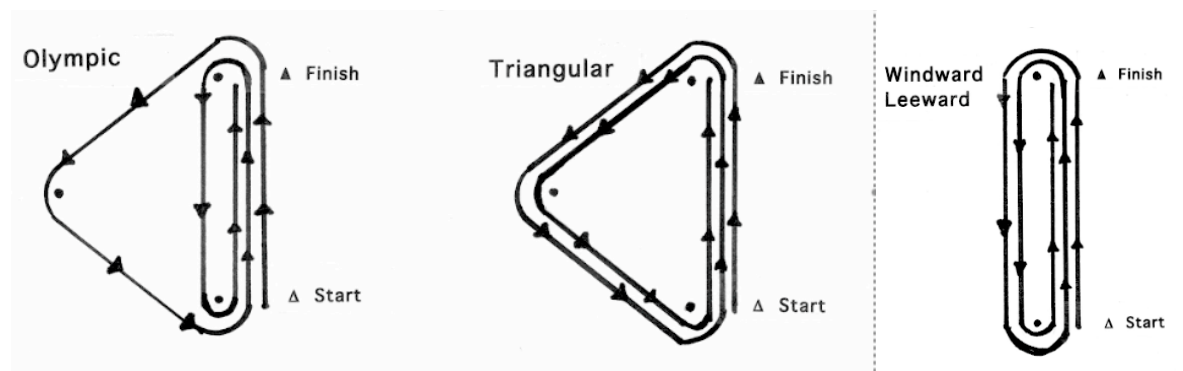
8.2 No races will be started after 1300 hours on the final day.

9 Courses

9.1 The racing area will be shown on an attached chart. The Race Committee shall make every effort to locate the racing area in open areas away from shoreline features.

9.2 Course descriptions

- (a) An Olympic Course, signaled by Code Flag "O" (red and yellow) consisting of a triangle followed by windward, leeward and windward legs.
- (b) A Triangular Course signaled by Code Flag "T" (red, white and blue vertical stripes) consisting of TWO triangles followed by a windward leg.
- (c) A Windward/Leeward Course signaled by Code Flag "W" (concentric blue, white and red squares) consisting of a windward and leeward twice around and followed by a windward leg.
- (d) In a Variant Course the first leg must be to windward and the course shall be defined during the competitors' meeting.



9.3 Course requirements

- (a) The course diagram shall indicate the order in which marks are to be passed.
- (b) Course marks shall be left or passed to port.

- (c) The Course Signal Flag ("O", "T", or "W") and the compass bearing of the first mark shall be displayed at least one minute prior to the Warning Signal for that race and shall remain displayed until ten minutes after the last starter in the race.
- (e) Weather/wind conditions allowing, no leg of a course should be less than 0.5 miles long. The Race committee should strive for longer legs if possible.

10 Marks

- 10.1 Primary marks 1, 2 and 3, New Marks, Change of Course Marks and the Start Mark must be described and/or displayed by the Race Committee during the Competitors meeting.
- 10.2 Temporary marks (inflatable or equivalent) should normally be used. The use of fixed or government marks is strongly discouraged. The use of gates and offset marks is optional.
- 10.3 There is no specific limit on the variety of marks used, but every attempt should be made to use uniform marks for the entire course and all marks shall be clearly identified and described in the Sailing Instructions and, if possible, displayed at the competitors meeting.
- 10.4 The requirement for honoring fixed and government marks shall be as noted by the Race Committee during the competitors meeting.

11 Reporting at Starts

- 11.1 Before starting the first race of each day each boat is required to sail past the stern of the designated Race Committee boat and verbally check-in.
- 11.2 Any Bullseye failing to check-in in accordance with the provisions of 11.1 shall receive a scoring penalty equal to 20% more than the number of starters in that race.

12 The Start

- 12.1 Races must be started using the RRS sequence.
- 12.2 The length of the starting line will be approximately equal to the number of competing boats multiplied by the length of the boat.
- 12.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

13 The Finish

- 13.1 The finish will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on a Race Committee boat and the finishing mark.
- 13.2 The Race Committee may hail a boat for inspection of required equipment at a Race Committee boat beyond the finish line.

14 Time Limit

The time limit is 2 hours for the first boat to finish. Any boat finishing 1 hour after the first boat or after the time limit, which ever is later, will be scored DNF. Should the first boat fail to complete the first lap within 1 hour, the Race Committee shall abandon the race.

15 Withdrawing from the Race

A boat which leaves the sailing area shall notify the Race Committee at the first opportunity.

16 Protests

- 16.1 Protests shall be in writing on forms available at the registration desk and filed with the Race Committee Chairman within 1 hour of the posted time of the Race Committee returning ashore.
- 16.2 Protest notices and hearing schedules specifying the protestor and protestee shall be posted no later than one-half hour after the expiration of the protest filing time limit.
- 16.3 The BCA recommends the use of US Sailing judges for on the water observations and to hear protests.
- 16.4 Boats are required to have a red protest flag on board during the Regatta. RRS 61.1 will be changed to require the displaying of a red protest flag.
- 16.5 Decisions of the Race Committee, Protest Committee, and Bullseye Association Officials shall be final as far as the award of prizes is concerned.

17 Team Racing

Under no circumstances shall the use of team racing tactics be tolerated in fleet racing. If the Race Committee or Protest Committee determines that the use of team racing tactics may have significantly influenced the outcome of a race they shall order that race abandoned and resailed, excluding the participation of the offending boat(s).

18 Scoring

- 18.1 The low point scoring system of RRS will apply.
- 18.2 A drop race will be permitted upon completion of 6 races. In cases of a tie, first add back any dropped races for those boats that are tied, and if a tie still remains, then select on the basis of which boat (skipper) beat the other the most times.

19 Disposal of Refuse and Trash

The discharge of trash into the water is prohibited during the entirety of the event. Any boat observed in violation is subject to disqualification, at the discretion of the Race Committee, from all races sailed on the day of the infraction.

20 Radio Communication

- 20.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications *not available to all boats*. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones
- 20.2 The Association requires the Race Officers of the host fleet to use VHF radio communication with competitors.

21 Prizes

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded to skipper and crew for the top 3 places of the regatta.
- 21.2 Prizes will be awarded to first place skipper and crew for each race of the regatta.
- 21.3 Three perpetual trophies are presented at the annual Bullseye National Regatta; when presenting each trophy the following descriptions are to be read:

THE E.L. GOODWIN BULLSEYE NATIONAL TROPHY. This trophy, awarded each year to the winner of the Bullseye National Regatta, is a varnished, wooden half-model surrounded by the plaques of past winners from Larchmont in 1962 until the present. Every year the new recipient is asked to add a plaque with his or her name and yacht club on it. Originally known as the Bullseye Annual Trophy, the name was changed in 1984 to honor E.L. Goodwin of Cape Cod Shipbuilding Company who began building the fiberglass Bullseye in 1949.

THE BEVERLY TROPHY. The Beverly “Most Improved” Trophy was initiated in 1994 by the Beverly Yacht Club. It is a perpetual trophy awarded to the skipper who shows the most improvement from one National Regatta to the next

THE ROCKPORT TROPHY. The Rockport “Away” Trophy is a perpetual trophy awarded to the highest finishing boat that is not a member of the host fleet in a National Regatta. The trophy is a pen and ink drawing by avid Rockport sailor Peter Vincent, generously donated to the Bullseye Association. The Rockport Bullseye Fleet first awarded this trophy at the 1999 Bullseye Nationals to recognize that it is the boats, skippers and crew traveling to the Nationals which make this annual event so special