

2019 Match Racing Qualifiers

Sailing Instructions

Organizing Authority: Boston Sailing Center

Report Time: 9:30 AM, March 16, 2019

Location: 54 Lewis Wharf, North End, Boston, MA

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020, including Appendix C and by the BSC Frostbite Sailing Instructions 2018-2019, except as modified herein. Where differences exist, these Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.2. J/24 Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3. Match racing will not be umpired.
- 1.4. Rule C2.3 is modified from two hull lengths to three hull lengths.
- 1.5. Delete rules C3, C6, C7, C8, C9, C10.3, C10.5, C10.6

2. Boats and Sails

- 2.1. The event will be sailed in J/24s.
- 2.2. Sail use restrictions shall be indicated by flags on the Mako Race Committee boat as determined by the Frostbite Sailing Instructions and announced on VHF.
- 2.3. Boats will be allocated by random draw by skipper or designated crew.

3. Event Format

- 3.1. There will be two separate starting lines, A and B, and assignment will be based on the boat drawings. Line A will use VHF channel 71, line B will use VHF channel 72. See rotation and boat list for flight information and starting assignments. The intent is to run a complete round robin on each line.
- 3.2. There will be one boat swap as indicated on the rotation. See Section 11 for details.
- 3.3. In the event that the round robin is not completed, all races sailed will count. A minimum of three flights must be completed for the series to become official.
- 3.4. The skipper's meeting will be held at 10:30 AM. The first warning signal will sound at 11:30 AM. No flight will be started after 4:00 PM.

4. The Start

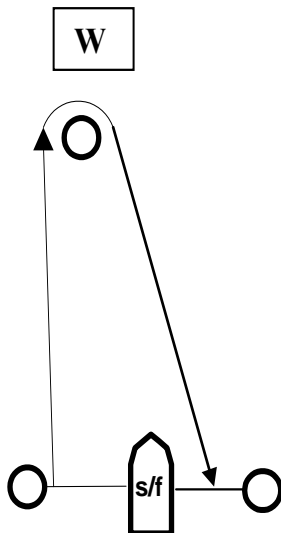
- 4.1. Shortly before the warning signal of each flight, a numeral pennant shall be displayed and several short blasts of horn.
- 4.2. Unless otherwise indicated, the starting signal for the first race of each flight will be the warning for the second race. Unless otherwise indicated, the starting signal of each successive race will be the warning for the following match in flight.
- 4.3. Assigned side: Each team is assigned either the starboard or port end of the starting line for each race. At her preparatory signal, a boat shall be outside a line that is perpendicular to the starting line through the starting mark at her assigned end of the line.
- 4.4. Within the two-minute period following her preparatory signal, a boat shall cross the starting line from the course side to the pre-start side, and shall keep clear of any boats racing in a preceding match until she is wholly on the pre-start side.
- 4.5. A boat that does not fulfil its pre-start requirements shall take an alternative penalty immediately after starting.

5. Starting Sequence

THE SEQUENCE	HORNS	TIME
WARNING Pennant of flight displayed	1 LONG	5 MINUTES
PREPERATORY P flag displayed. Start of Entry period	1 LONG	4 MINUTES
End of Entry period		2 MINUTES
P flag removed	1 LONG	1 MINUTE
START Warning for next match	1 LONG	START

6. COURSE

- 6.1. The course will be windward/leeward as shown below.
- 6.2. The finish will be between a blue flag on the Committee boat and a finishing mark off the Committee boat's starboard side.



7. Alternative Penalty

A boat that may have infringed a rule of Part 2 while racing may exonerate herself by one of the following:

- 7.1. when beating to windward, by gybing immediately following the infringement
- 7.2. when not beating to windward, by dousing her spinnaker and then tacking immediately following the infringement.
- 7.3. when the infringement occurs before she has started, the penalty turn shall be taken as soon as possible after starting. This changes rule 44.1.

8. Protest Committee Decisions

- 8.1. If the Protest Committee finds a boat that has won a match broke a rule (or rules) it will lose a point, the team that lost the match will be awarded a point.
- 8.2. If the protest Committee finds both boats have broken a rule (or equal number of rules) it can decide to impose no penalty and let the match results stand, or decide that neither boat will be awarded a point for the race.

9. Scoring

Each race will be scored in accordance with RRS appendix C10.

10. Match Race Championship

At the end of the individual round robins the top two (2) teams from both groups will advance to the finals.

Finals will be held the following Saturday. In the event that 3 flights are not sailed, BSC will select the top four (4) boats based on fleet racing overall standings.

11. Procedure for boat swap

In order to expedite a quick boat swap and not sustain any damage, we ask that each team follow the following steps.

- Drop your headsail and sail to the vicinity of the motorboat conducting the swap for your line.
- Talk to the boat you are swapping with and each pick a side to approach the motorboat.
- Stay in close proximity to the motorboat while waiting for other teams to switch boats.
- Make sure all gear is on deck and ready to move to the next boat.