



**2017
Bown Race
Pultneyville Yacht Club
Pultneyville, NY**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at The Pultneyville Yacht Club clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1730 on the day it will take effect and/or will be announced on the water by the RC via channel 9

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at PYC yardarms and or RC boat.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Dates of racing: **Saturday 9/2/2017**

There will be a skipper's meeting at the PYC pavilion at **9:00 AM**

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is **10:00 AM**

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be: Genoa - G flag
 Multihull and Spinnaker – F flag

7 RACING AREAS

Attachment C.1 shows the location of racing areas. The racing areas may be expanded beyond what is shown on attachment C.1 and will be communicated at the skipper's meeting

8 THE COURSE

The course for the race will be determined by the race committee on the day of the race and communicated at the skipper's meeting.

9 MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be orange cylinder 9 inches in diameter. The Zero mark is a white & orange cylinder 9 inches in diameter. An inflatable orange tetrahedron or yellow can may be used for an additional mark. Marks to be used for the race will be communicated at the skipper's meeting.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions: The area in and around the channel marks.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made approximately 1 minute before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will utilize the permanent race marks & or regular staffed Race Committee boat.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

11.5 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at any time during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 9. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will utilize the permanent race marks & either the ACB or regular staffed Race Committee boat. Alternate finish lines may be defined by the race committee at the skipper's meeting

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The penalties are as follows: Rule 44.1 & 44.2 is in effect.

13.2 As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Boats failing to finish within 5 hours after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the club house, located at racing bulletin board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the club house.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.

15.6 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

16 SCORING

The Bonus Point System of Appendix A will apply

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Check-Out and Check-In: Boats will check in with the race committee either in person on the water or via VHF channel 9 10 minutes before the warning signal.

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

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water

20 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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 & portable internet devices.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Fleet Captain. Series winners will be awarded at the Pultneyville Yacht Club year end Cups & Flags.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.