



# QUISSETT YACHT CLUB

Quissett Harbor, Falmouth, Massachusetts  
2017 Sailing Instructions

**Rules:** Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

Junior Series Races and certain Trophy Races may have special rules governing eligibility which are covered in the Quissett Yacht Club Yearbook.

**Changes to the Sailing Instructions** will be posted at the Harbor House Dock Notice Board, at least two hours before the first scheduled warning signal on the day they will take effect.

The Race Committee may issue oral or written changes to the Sailing Instructions, afloat, prior to the warning signal, after displaying flag L.

**Schedule:** Dates, start times and classes racing will be posted in the Quissett Yacht Club Yearbook and on the Harbor House Dock Notice Board. Canceled series races will not be rescheduled.

**Courses and Marks:** Letters A, D, E, H, J, S, Y & Z designate Quissett Yacht Club marks in positions as indicated on the Sailing Instructions. X, X1, X2 etc. indicate drop marks to be identified by oral instructions. Letters B, C, K, L, Q & V designate government marks likewise indicated. When these letters are displayed, the marks are to be rounded in the order that the course letters read from left to right. When more than one turning mark is indicated, each should be passed on the side farthest from the next mark. If only one turning mark is indicated, it should be left to port. A colored panel may be displayed on the committee boat with the course letters to indicate which side a mark is to be passed. The panel will refer only to the mark it immediately follows. A red panel indicates the mark is to be left to port, a green panel to starboard.

Letters W, T, G, O, I, M & F indicate standard courses as diagrammed on the back of this sheet. The course letter may be followed by a number or fraction and the approximate compass bearing to the first mark. A fraction or number ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 2, etc) indicates that the course is to be continued for additional legs. For example, T  $1\frac{1}{3}$  indicates a triangle plus an additional windward leg to the finish. These courses use drop marks unless oral instructions indicate otherwise.

**Start and Finish:** The starting and finishing lines, unless otherwise specified, will be between the mark-side mast on the committee boat and a nearby mark.

**Starting signals:** Each class will have a separate 5-minute starting sequence as specified in RRS 26 at the times given in the QYC calendar, except in case of postponement.

A race will not be started unless there are at least two eligible boats in the starting area.

**Required Equipment:**

**H Class:** In addition to H Class requirements, a compass and a horn.

**S Class:** Pump or bailer, paddle or oar, anchor and adequate line, horn, Coast Guard approved non-inflatable life jackets for all aboard and a compass.

**Handicap Class** boats must comply with Coast Guard regulations on safety equipment for their boats.

**Crew:** A QYC member must be on board each boat racing.

**Scoring:** For 5 or 6-race series, the best 4 races count. For 4-race series, the best 3 count. Scoring for an incomplete series will be as follows: if 4 races are run, 3 races count. If 3 races are run, 2 races count. If 2 races are run, both races count. A series must have at least 2 races. Ties will be resolved according to Rule A8. The boat, rather than the skipper, is scored. An individual may qualify for a series while racing in different boats providing he/she informs the Race Committee before racing in a different boat. PHRF ratings will be applied to boats racing in the Handicap class.

**Time Limit:** If no boat finishes within 2½ hours of the starting signal for its class, the race shall be abandoned and may be ordered resailed at another date. A boat not finishing within 3 hours of the starting signal for its class may be scored DNF. The time limit for special series or cup races will be at the discretion of the Race Committee and will be conveyed orally before the start of the race.

**Protests:** Protest flags are required. This changes Rule 61.1 (a) 2 which does not require protest flags for boats less than 6 meters hull length. Protests are to be given to a member of the Protest Committee before 6:00 pm on the day following the race. This changes Rule 61.3. which requires protests to be delivered to the race office.

**QYC Changes to H Class Rules:** Spinnaker cars and track on masts may be used to adjust the spinnaker pole position. Single handed racing is allowed in the Wednesday Series, without spinnakers. In accordance with Rule 87, written permission for these changes from the H Class Association is posted on the Harbor House Dock Notice Board.