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2018 Yankee Duo Regatta  
Sailing Instructions  
Orleans Yacht Club  
Town Cove, Orleans, Massachusetts  
September 22-23

## 1 Rules

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing, the 2017-2020 prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, the rules of the International Sunfish Class Association, with modifications made by these Sailing Instructions.

## 2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

2.1 Any changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the Yankee Duo web site at <http://yankeeduo.org/nor+si/2018-Yankee-Duo-SI.html> no later than 0900 on the day before the changes take effect, except the schedule of races, which may change the day of the race. Any changes in the schedule of races will be posted promptly and also reviewed at the skipper's meeting.

## 3 Number and Schedule of Races

3.1 The schedule for the day's racing is provided below.

### September 22-23

0700 Boat Launch, Registration and Breakfast  
0930 Skipper's meeting  
1000 First Start for Morning Races  
1200 Lunch  
1330 First Start for Afternoon Races  
1630 Awards

## 4 Postponement or Cancellation

4.1 The regatta will be cancelled if less than six boats are registered three days prior to the regatta date. In the event of cancellation due to insufficient number of registered participants, any registered participants will be notified by email and reimbursed in full.

4.2 Should wind, weather or other conditions make it impossible to complete the normal number of races, the day's races shall be terminated and the results based on the number of races completed. The Race Committee shall determine such termination and decisions regarding results.

4.3 If racing on September 22-23 is cancelled due to weather, postponement will occur as described in the Notice of Race (NOR).

## 5 The Courses

5.1 The courses are illustrated and described in Appendix A: The Courses. Appendix A will be available in printed form at the skipper's meeting.

5.2 Appendix A is available as a web page at <http://yankeeduo.org/2018-SI-courses.html>

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## 6 Class Flags

6.1 The Sunfish class flag will be used.

## 7 Marks

7.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be yellow tetrahedron floats.

7.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a yellow or orange flag displayed on the Race Committee boat and a nearby red or orange ball type float, at least 15 inches in diameter.

## **8 The Start**

**8.1** Races will be started according to the signal sequence defined in rule 26 (five minute start).

**8.2** Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. Approximately 15 seconds prior to the warning signal, the race committee will sound multiple short blasts to prepare the Racers for the Start sequence.

**8.3** The start and finish marks are described in the "Marks" section.

## **9 Recalls**

**9.1** Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1.

**9.2** General recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2.

**9.3** After a general recall the warning signal for a new start shall be made one minute after the First Substitute flag is removed (one sound).

## **10 Change to the Course**

**10.1** Course changes will not be made after the beginning of the preparatory period of the start sequence, except moving a drifting mark or moving the finish line prior to the last leg to adjust for major wind shifts.

## **11 The Finish**

**11.1** The start and finish marks are described in the "Marks" section.

## **12 Penalty System**

**12.1** Rule 44.1 and 44.2 (the Two-Turns and One-Turn Penalties) is in effect. Rule 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) is not in effect. A boat which fails to take a penalty under Rule 44.1 and 44.2 is disqualified if protested by another competitor.

## **13 Time Limits and Target Times**

**13.1** The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 1 1/2 hours.

**13.2** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finished will be scored "Did Not Finish".

**13.3** If a yacht in last place in a race is delaying the next start, the jury may order the race terminated and score the yacht point equal to last place.

## **14 Protests and Requests for Redress**

**14.1** A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw, she shall hail "Protest". A red flag is not necessary for boats less than 6 meters.

**14.2** A boat shall notify the Race Committee boat at the Finish line of her intent to protest and the identity of the protested boat.

**14.3** Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Committee and lodged with a Race Committee representative ashore. Protest time will end one hour after the Race Committee boat docks.

**14.4** Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as a witness or the parties will be contacted directly.

**14.5** The jury will try to hear protests approximately in the order received.

## **15 Scoring**

**15.1** The Low-Point System, Appendix A, of the USSA Racing Rules will apply.

**15.2** The regatta result will be considered valid if at least three races have been completed.

**15.3** If four or more races are completed one scoring discard will be allowed.

**15.4** A scoring tie will be broken as described in Appendix A8.

## **16 Safety Regulations**

**16.1** PFDs must be worn at all times when sailing.

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

## **17 Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

**17.1** Substitution of crew shall not be allowed.

**17.2** Substitution of equipment shall be allowed within limitations of Sunfish class rules.

## **18 Official Boats**

**18.1** The race committee boat will be marked with the OYC burgee on the hull and will display the Race Committee flag. The race committee boat most often used is a pontoon boat.

## **19 Support Boats**

**19.1** Support boats owned by OYC are marked with the OYC burgee. If OYC member boats are used as support boats, skippers will be notified at the skipper's meeting.

## **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** Race committee normally use VHF channel 72, except in rare cases where chatter is present on channel 72.

## **21 Prizes**

**21.1** Prizes of nominal value are awarded for first, second, and third place competitors.

## **22 Disclaimer of Liability**

**22.1** Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against Orleans Yacht Club, Sherborn Yacht Club, and its officers, directors, members, committees, volunteers, and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of The Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.

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