



**Breakwater Yacht Club**  
**2014 Havens Beach WOOD Regatta**  
**Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014**  
**Sailing Instructions**

**1. Rules**

- 1.1 The races shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS) and the JY 15 class rules, except as any of those are changed by these Sailing Instructions or the Race Committee in connection with a particular race.

**2. Eligibility**

- 2.1 Each helmsperson must be a female from the warning signal to the finish. Any gender may crew. Co-Skippering is allowed as long as both skippers are female. Breakwater Yacht Club membership is strongly encouraged but not required.

**3. Notices**

- 3.1 All notices, including amendments to these instructions, will be posted on the bulletin board at the BYC Club House. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be announced at the skipper's meeting.

**4. Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the BYC Club House.

**5. Schedule of Events**

- 5.1 Skippers' meeting: 1400 hrs (2:00 p.m.) at Breakwater Clubhouse.  
First warning signal: approximately 1500 hrs (3:00 p.m.)  
Awards ceremony: approximately 1730 hrs (5:30 p.m.)

**6. Equipment**

- 6.1 All boats must comply with JY 15 class rules, except that Intensity Sails may be used. While sailing, each participant must wear a USCG-approved PFD at all times (including before and after each race). Flag Y will not be flown. This modifies the preamble to Part 4 and Rule 40 of the RRS

**7. Courses**

- 7.1 The course for each race will be announced by the Race Committee; announcements may be verbal or written by displaying a symbol plaque corresponding to the course. Courses will be windward-leeward 1 or 2 (twice around), or triangle.
- 7.2 The Start/Finish line shall be considered "open," unless the Race Committee announces that the Start/Finish line is "closed." When the Start/Finish line is closed, boats racing shall not cross through the Start/Finish line while racing except to start or finish.

## **8. Marks**

8.1 All turning marks shall be rounded leaving them to port.

## **9. The Start**

9.1 The start line shall be between a point designated by the Race Committee on the Race Committee boat and the windward edge of the starting pin.

9.2 Races shall be started using the Sound-Signal Starting System outlined in Appendix S, using a 2 minute start. This changes rule 26.

## **10. Recalls**

10.1 Individual recalls will be signaled by a single short sound signal. The race committee will attempt to hail premature starters, but no "X" flag will be flown. This changes rule 29.1. Failure of the race committee to hail, or a boat's inability to hear a hail, shall not be grounds for redress.

10.2 A general recall shall be signaled two short sound signals and/or a hail of "general recall." The warning signal for the next race will be made as soon thereafter as is practical. This changes Rule 29.2.

## **11. Change of Course After the Start**

11.1 Rule 33 is hereby changed in that the race committee will not display a "C" flag or compass course to the next mark, and the required sound signal may be verbal.

## **12. The Finish**

12.1 The finish shall be between a point designated by the Race Committee on the Race Committee boat and a finishing mark designated by the Race Committee. The pin end of the line may or may not be a finishing mark

## **13. Time Limit**

13.1 The time limit for each race shall be determined by the Race Committee at its discretion and may be hailed verbally.

## **14. Protests**

14.1 Immediately after finishing or withdrawing from a race, a boat intending to file a protest shall so inform the Race Committee.

14.2 Protests shall be heard at Breakwater YC as soon as practicable after the completion of the day's races. Protests need not be in writing unless required by the Race Committee. The Race Committee shall have the authority to determine whether a protest has been validly lodged. The protest committee will be made up of three sailors that were not involved in the incident(s) appointed by the Race Committee.

## **15. Penalties**

15.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the RRS, may exonerate herself by taking a penalty consisting of a 360 degree turn (one tack and one jibe) as soon as reasonably practicable prior to the next mark of the course. This changes Rules 44.1 and 44.2.

## **16. Scoring**

16.1 Scoring will be based on the low point system of Appendix A. If there are more than 5 races there will be one discard race.

16.2 If there is time for a 7th race, it will be a crew race and will be scored separately from the other races.