

**Roton Point Sailing Association  
Rowayton, Connecticut**

**2008 Summer Series  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

The Summer Series will be governed by the “rules” as defined in The *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

**2 ENTRIES**

Competitors may enter by signing in at the Skippers’ Meetings – See Instruction 5 below.

**3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the front porch of the RPSA clubhouse.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RPSA flagpole adjacent to the launching area. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the first warning signal will not be made less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**5.1** A competitors meeting (“Skippers’ Meeting”) will be held in the Lower Grove at 11:00 a.m. on each of the following Sundays (“Race Days”):

1	July 6, 2008
2	July 20, 2008
3	July 27, 2008
4	August 3, 2008
5	August 10, 2008
6	August 17, 2008
7	August 24, 2008
8	August 31, 2008

**5.2** The warning signal for the first race will be 12 noon. Subsequent races each day will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

**5.3** The race committee will run as many races as practical.

**5.4** The original warning signal for a Division 1 start will not be made after 4:00 p.m.

**6 DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS**

**6.1** Each class will be assigned to a starting “division” at the skippers meeting.

**6.2** All boats in a division will start together.

**6.3** Boats will be scored against others in the same division.

**7 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be numeral pennants as follows:

Division 1	Numeral pennant one
Division 2 (if needed)	Numeral pennant two
Division 3 (if needed)	Numeral pennant three

**8 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in Long Island Sound southwest of the mouth of Five Mile River.

## 9 COURSES

Provided at least one division has five or more competitors, and sufficient volunteer help is available, races will be started on the water from the "Flat Top" signal boat. If these conditions are not met, and at least one division has three or more competitors, races will be started from the end of the West Jetty. This rule may be waived by the Race Committee who may elect, on a given Race Day, to run on-water courses with fewer than five boats.

### 9.1 On-Water Courses

- (a) International Hobie Cat Class courses will be used as shown in Attachment A.
- (b) All marks left to port, except gates.
- (c) When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

### 9.2 West Jetty Courses

Competitors will be advised at the Skippers' Meeting as to the courses/to be sailed.

## 10 MARKS

### 10.1 Marks for On-Water Courses

- (a) Marks B, C, and Gates will be orange cylinders.
- (b) If the same A mark is used by all divisions it will be an orange cylinder. If a shorter course is set for Division 1, A mark for Division 1 will be a yellow tetrahedron and A mark for the other division(s) will be an orange cylinder.
- (c) Starting and finishing marks will be orange balls.

### 10.2 Marks for West Jetty Courses

Marks will be government marks and/or orange cylinders, as described at the Skippers' Meeting.

## 11 THE START

### 11.1 On-Water Starts

- (a) Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. The warning signal for each division will be made with or after the preceding start. For convenience, Attachment B restates rule 26.
- (b) The race committee will make a series of short attention signals shortly before each initial warning signal.
- (c) The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- (d) The race committee will hail the numbers of OCS boats. Neither the failure of a boat to hear such a hail nor the timing or order of hails will be grounds for redress.
- (e) Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- (f) The start line shall rank as an obstruction.

### 11.2 West Jetty Starts

- (a) Races will be started by using Appendix Q Sound Signal Starting System with the warning signal given 3 minutes before the starting signal. The warning signal for each division will be made after the preceding start (no rolling starts). For convenience, Attachment C restates Appendix Q.
- (b) The race committee will make a series of short attention signals shortly before each warning signal.
- (c) The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the West Jetty and the course side of the starting mark.
- (d) The race committee will hail the numbers of OCS boats. Neither the failure of a boat to hear such a hail nor the timing or order of hails will be grounds for redress.
- (e) Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- (f) The start line shall rank as an obstruction.

**12 THE FINISH**

**12.1 Finishes after On-Water Starts**

- (a) The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- (b) When the course is shortened at a gate, a race committee boat near the gate will display flag S and boats shall finish by sailing through the gate from the direction of the previous mark. The finishing line will be between the gate marks. This changes race signal S.
- (c) The finish line shall rank as an obstruction.

**12.2 Finishes after West Jetty Starts**

- (a) The finishing line will be the same as the starting line.
- (b) The finish line shall rank as an obstruction.

**13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.2 is changed for all classes to one 360 degree turn that includes one tack and one gybe.

**14 TIME LIMIT**

**14.1** The time limit is 60 minutes.

**14.2** Boats that do not finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF. This changes rule A4.1.

**15 PROTESTS**

Protests shall be delivered to the Race Officer within 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks, or within 30 minutes of coming ashore if races have been started from the West Jetty. Hearings will be held in the upstairs meeting room in the clubhouse in the approximate order of receipt beginning as soon as practical.

**16 SCORING**

**16.1 Scoring System**

The High-Point Percentage scoring system as prescribed by USSAILING will apply.

**16.2 Races to Count and Minimum Required**

- (a) The series will consist of all of races sailed under the schedule set out in instruction 5.
- (b) To qualify for inclusion in the final series results a boat shall compete in (i.e., come to the starting area for) at least 51 percent of the races completed in the series.

**16.3 RACE SCORES**

Define 'N' to be the number of boats that compete in a particular race. Each boat finishing that race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored as follows:

Finishing place	Score
First	N
Second	N-1
Third	N-2
Fourth	N-3
And so on	

All other boats that compete in that race, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score 0 points. Boats that do not compete in that race (DNC) will not be scored.

### **16.3 SERIES SCORES**

The series score for each boat will be a percentage calculated as follows:

- (a) Exclude her two worst scores if she has sailed ten or more races, otherwise one worst score. An excluded race counts as a race to qualify a boat for a series score, but not as one of her scored races.
- (b) Divide the sum of her race scores by the sum of the points she would have scored if she had placed first in every race in which she competed; multiply the result by 100.
- (c) The qualified boat with the highest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.

### **16.4 TIES AND OTHER RULES**

Race ties will be broken using rule A7. Series ties will be broken using rule A8.1.

Rules A1, A3, A5, A6, A10 and A11 also apply.

## **17 HANDICAP SYSTEM**

Divisions sailing as "Open" classes will be scored using the Portsmouth Handicap System, with handicaps adjusted where applicable (for example spinnaker or non, single-handed, etc). The spinnaker adjustment will be made on a Race Day if a boat carries her spinnaker on board in any given race on that day.

## **18 SAFETY**

Personal buoyancy devices are required to be worn. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or Beach Captain/Waterfront Assistant as soon as possible.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

**19.1** Substitution of crew will be allowed if notified at the Skippers' Meeting.

**19.2** A "competitor" is a boat with a specific skipper. If any given boat is skippered by different persons on different Race Days, it will be scored separately for each skipper.

## **20 TROPHIES**

Summer Series trophies will be awarded at the Awards Dinner in October to competitors placing first, second and third in each division. Other trophies will be awarded as deemed appropriate by RPSA.

**ATTACHMENT A - Hobie Class Courses**

No.	Course	Finish	Race Committee Options
1	(S) A C A	(F) Downwind	Option 1G
2	(S) A C A C A	(F) Downwind	Option 2G
3	(S) A C A B C	(F) Upwind	
4	(S) A B C A C	(F) Upwind	
5	(S) A C	(F) Upwind	Option 5G
6	(S) A C A C	(F) Upwind	Option 6G
7	(S) A C A B C A C	(F) Upwind	

**S = start, A = weather mark, B = reaching mark, C = leeward mark, G = gate, F = finish**

**ATTACHMENT B – Rule 26 Starting Sequence**

Races shall be started by using the following signals.

Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<b>Signal</b>	<b>Flag and sound</b>	<b>Minutes before starting signal</b>
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

## ATTACHMENT C – Appendix Q Sound-Signal Starting System

***This appendix is a US SAILING prescription.***

*US SAILING prescribes that, when the sailing instructions so indicate, the Sound-Signal Starting System described below shall be used. This system is recommended primarily for small-boat racing and makes it unnecessary for competitors to use stopwatches. Supplemental visual course and recall signals are also recommended when practicable.*

- Q1 Course and postponement signals may be made orally.
- Q2 Audible signals shall govern, even when supplemental visual signals are also used.
- Q3 The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times:

<b>Signal</b>	<b>Sound</b>	<b>Time before start</b>
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	1 short	5 seconds
	1 short	4 seconds
	1 short	3 seconds
	1 short	2 seconds
	1 short	1 second
Starting	1 long	0

- Q4 Signals shall be timed from their commencement.
- Q5 A series of short signals may be made before the sequence begins in order to attract attention.
- Q6 Individual recalls shall be signaled by the hail of the sail number (or some other clearly distinguishing feature) of each recalled boat. Flag X need not be displayed.
- Q7 Failure of a competitor to hear an adequate course, postponement, starting sequence or recall signal shall not be grounds for redress.