



THE LAVALLETTE YACHT CLUB
SAILBOAT RACING RULES & REGULATIONS
2021

1. These rules and regulations apply to the annual season championship series of the Lavallette Yacht Club (LYC) and, insofar as they may be applicable, to any other races held under the jurisdiction of the LYC.
2. All races shall be sailed under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), applicable Notice of Race, (NOR), applicable Sailing Instructions (SIs) and these Regulations. Since no document can be devised to cover every situation, it shall be the duty of the Regatta Committee to decide all questions that may arise. In deciding such questions, the Regatta Committee shall not act before satisfying itself that its action is as equitable as possible to all boats concerned.
3. The annual season championship series of the Lavallette Yacht Club (LYC) shall be conducted by a Race Committee appointed by the Regatta Committee of the Lavallette Yacht Club (LYC), chaired by the Vice Commodore.
4. Each year the Regatta Committee shall adopt all applicable Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions that shall be made available to all entrants prior to any applicable first warning. The Regatta Committee shall also cause appropriate race information not contained in applicable SIs or these Regulations and required by RRS J1, "Notice of Race Contents", to be published on the LYC website.
5. Oral instructions or advice by a Race Committee or official patrol boat personnel may be given on the water to clarify visual signals, or to promote safety.
6. Fleet Captains or other authorized representatives of individual classes shall submit all requests for modifications to these rules, number of races to be sailed, and race schedules, to the Regatta Committee in writing on or before June 1, 2021. The Regatta Committee's decision regarding requests for modifications to these rules, number of races to be sailed, and race schedules shall be final.
7. Changes and/or additions to these Rules and Regulations shall be posted on the official notice board located near the LYC registration desk at least one (1) hour prior to the first warning on the day it will take effect and explained at a skippers meeting, if any, called by the Race Committee's Principal Race Officer. Notice of these meetings, if any, shall be posted on the official notice board located near the LYC registration desk not later than 2000 hours on the day before said meeting.
8. Eligibility; Registration; and Withdrawals
 - a. A boat entered for the LYC season championship series must be the bona fide property of LYC or of the person in whose name she is entered, who must be a member of LYC in good standing (or those entitled to all privileges of membership).
 - b. Upon completion of the required number of races, series registrants will be designated as "qualifiers". ONLY series registrants are eligible to participate in awards reserved for "qualifiers".
 - c. Except for the annual season championship series of the Lavallette Yacht Club (LYC), all entrants must comply with RRS 75, 75.1 & 75.2, and also provide a copy of any of the following documents along with their registration form: a current US Sailing membership card, proof of membership in a club or other organization that is affiliated with US Sailing or proof the entrant is competing on behalf of a club or other organization that is affiliated with US Sailing.
 - d. Series registrations shall be made in accordance with the applicable Notice of Race.

- e. Daily registrants shall be made in accordance with the applicable Notice of Race and will participate and be scored provided their daily registration fee has been paid in full prior to her first warning.
- f. Registration at the clubhouse for races in the annual season championship series of the Lavallette Yacht Club (LYC) will normally close approximately 45 minutes before the posted time of the warning signal for the first race in the morning and in the afternoon. The Race Committee may accept late registrations at the starting line prior to the warning signal for the first fleet or by radio, at its discretion.
- g. If a registered yacht does not start or fails to finish, the skipper or his representative shall report as soon as possible to a patrol boat, the Race Committee, or the person in charge of radio communications at the clubhouse. Failure to report promptly may result in disqualification from one or more subsequent races. This changes RRS A5.
- h. The skipper of any yacht not registered may be instructed by the Race Committee to keep clear of the course. Any skipper disregarding such instructions shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee or disciplinary action by the LYC Board of Governors.

9. Safety

- a. All boats must carry safety equipment as specified by their class, as may be required by the USCG and as set forth in Appendix 1. Deviations for any class may be granted by the Regatta Committee. The Penalty for violating this rule shall be DSQ, DNE, or DGM.
- b. If the skipper of a yacht is less than 18 years of age that skipper and any crewmembers or passengers aboard must wear an approved PFD (life jacket) at all times while that vessel is afloat. This changes RRS Part 4 Preamble and RRS 40.
- c. Skippers of all single handed yachts must wear an approved PFD (life jacket) at all times while that vessel is afloat. This changes RRS Part 4 Preamble and RRS 40.
- d. Attention is directed to; **“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”**
- e. A boat or equipment may be inspected by the race committee at any time for compliance with the rules and the sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. When Flag L and a class signal are displayed at the finish line boats shall proceed immediately to the patrol boat flying the same signal in the vicinity of the finish line for a mandatory safety inspection. Boats must remain in the area until dismissed by the inspection team. While awaiting inspection, contact with other boats is prohibited. The penalty of a boat that fails to comply with the rules or this instruction shall be DSQ, DNE, or DGM.
- f. On each race day for their class, registered yachts sailing in the annual season championship series of the Lavallette Yacht Club (LYC) must check in both at the club house prior to leaving the dock or beach for the racing area and again at the Race Committee signal boat upon reaching the racing area. This rule may apply to other Races or Regattas organized by the Lavallette Yacht Club if so stated in their applicable Notice of Race (NOR) and/or Sailing Instructions (SIs).

10. Scoring and Penalties

- a. The scoring record of all competing yachts in each class or division of a series shall be compiled and posted in the Clubhouse by the official scorer. Questions or Requests for a Scoring Review because of an error in the scoring must be filed with the scorer of the Race Committee within ten days after the posting of the score. This changes RRS 90.3(e).
- b. In order to be scored for series awards a boat must register for the series.

- c. In order to qualify for series awards, a boat must come to the starting line in at least 50% of the scheduled races that are completed for her class or division.
- d. A registered boat that does not come to the starting line will be scored DNC. DNCs are excludable as provided below.
For the annual season championship series of the Lavallette Yacht Club (LYC) The Low Point scoring system of RRS
- 1) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 2) When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 3) When from 7 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
 - 4) When from 9 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
 - 5) When from 13 to 15 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores.
 - 6) When more than 15 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her five worst scores.
 - 7) RRS A4, A5, and A10 will be changed as follows: Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. Boats scored DNC will be scored points equal to the number of boats that came to the starting area plus one point.
- e. Scoring for other Races or Regattas shall be in accordance with the applicable Notice of Race.

11. Protests; Requests for Redress and Requests for reopening a Hearing

- a. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 30 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks or the last boat in her class or division finishes, whichever is later. Protests, Requests for Redress and Requests for Reopening a Hearing shall be in writing using the US Sailing Protest Form. These forms are available at the LYC Registration Desk. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after the submission of the protest form.
12. The Vice Commodore of the Lavallette Yacht Club shall be responsible for reviewing these rules and regulations annually, revising them as he/she deems advisable, posting them on the Bulletin Board of the Clubhouse before the first race of the regular season series, and making copies available to skippers.

APPENDIX 1 SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT CHECK LIST

	Paddle	Pump or Bailer¹	Anchor	Anchor/ Tow Line²	Life Vest³	Throwable³
Club 420	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Ensign	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
E Sloop ⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flying Scot	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Laser (all)	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
M Sloop (M Scow)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
MC Sloop (MC-Scow)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Optimist Pram (all)	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No

Sanderling ⁴	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sandpiper	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sneakbox	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sunfish	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No

Notes:

1. Manual bailer Min 4 quart
2. All boats must carry a towline solely dedicated to towing and/or anchoring and readily available for use at all times. Line must be at least 24' long and of sufficient strength to tow a swamped boat.
3. All boats must carry a whistle attached to throwable or life vest.
4. Sanderlings must also carry a ladder and an outboard motor on board of at least 4 horsepower with a minimum of at least one hour of fuel.
5. E-Sloops shall deploy mainsail floatation at all times while racing. This modifies E Sloop Class Rules.