

2015 BWYC Sailing Instructions

1. Authority

- a. These races will be conducted by the BWYC Race Committee and its appointed representatives and governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, prescriptions of U.S. Sailing and these instructions.
- b. Telltales, light-air spinnaker trims, cranks, compass, personal USCG approved life jackets, and ditty bags are allowed.
- c. Competitors' meetings will be held when necessary.

2. Eligibility

Any member of BWYC in good standing may compete in the BWYC racing program.

3. Racing Fleets

There will be two fleets (Expert Class and all other skippers) for Flying Scot competition with various trophies awarded as specified below

- a. The Junior Class consists of those skippers who are Jr. Lipton eligible and who do not declare for the Expert Class.
- b. The Expert Class consists of those skippers who declare to participate in the Expert Class.
- c. The Open Class consists of those skippers who are not Jr. Lipton eligible and do not declare for the Expert Class.

4. Racing Schedule

a. Summer Series

- i. Defined as the weekend days listed at the end of this document.
- ii. *Sailors must contact the Race Committee Chairman and announce their intent to sail two (2) days prior to the scheduled race day. If there aren't enough commitments, the race day may be cancelled. In the event that enough sailors wish to race on a weekend not scheduled, the Race Committee may allow for races to count as long as the criteria laid out in these instructions are met. These races must be conducted from a manned race committee boat, fully recorded and reported to the Race Committee Chairman within two (2) days of completion.*
- iii. Flying Scot is the designated boat.
- iv. Summer Series results will be used to determine entrants for the Club Eliminations (5.d) as provided herein.

b. For the Summer Series, each boat will have:

- i. A crew of three (3) persons or a combined crew weight of no less than 350 pounds.
- ii. At least one (1) of the sailors must be BWYC members
- iii. A minimum of three (3) boats will be required to constitute a race for series scoring.
- iv. Boat rotation is encouraged.
- v. Schedule of Daily Events
 1. 1130 - 1230 hrs: Competitors' Meeting, Boat Assignment and Lunch
 2. 1300 hrs: Warning Signal for First Race of the Day.
 3. Five (5) races are scheduled for each day.
 4. No Start after 1700 hrs.

c. Club Eliminations

- i. Defined as organized events that will be held for the Knost, Jr. Lipton and Lipton Teams.
- ii. Format will be round robin.
- iii. All skippers and at least one crew must be BWYC members who are eligible to sail on the Capdevielle team being chosen.
- iv. More than half of the races scheduled in a round robin must be sailed to complete the event. Should weather, or other unforeseen circumstances, prevent a round robin to be completed, the standings in the Summer Series will determine the team for that event.

5. Lipton Team – Boh Series

The selection process for the four (4) skippers and two (2) alternate skippers will be determined as follows:

- a. Each Skipper must be eligible to compete in the Lipton Regatta for BWYC per GYA eligibility requirements.
- b. Each competitor must have skippered the minimum six (6) races in the Expert Class.
- c. *Up to eight skippers will compete in the Boh Series. The 7th and 8th place skippers in the Summer Series are responsible for providing extra boats to be sailed in the round robin.*
- d. If one or more of the top skippers declines to race in the Boh Series, additional skippers may be asked to fill vacant positions continuing down the results of the Summer Series and the top four at the conclusion of the Boh Series will represent BWYC as skippers at the Lipton. The 5th and 6th place finishers will be the alternate skippers.
- e. A team captain may be recommended by the team (skippers and alternates) subject to final appointment by the BWYC Race Committee Chairman.

6. Knost Team – Bay Bourbon

- a. Skippers must be eligible to compete in the Knost Regatta for BWYC per GYA eligibility requirements.
- b. Competitors must have skippered in at least three (3) races that count in the Summer Series. Additional skippers may be added to the series if hulls are available and the Race Committee determines that such addition would improve the competition.

7. Junior Lipton Eliminations

- a. Skippers must be eligible to compete in the Junior Lipton Regatta for BWYC per GYA eligibility requirements;
- b. Competitors must have skippered in at least three (3) races that count in the Summer Series. Additional skippers may be added to the series if hulls are available and the Race Committee determines that such addition would improve the competition.

8. Boat Maintenance

All participants will be expected to assist in the maintenance of the boats and equipment. This includes proper storage, damage reports to the Flying Scot Chair, and possible repair of the damage, if requested by the Race Committee or Flying Scot Chairman. No unreasonable requests will be made. Any club boats used at any time are subject to inspection upon their return. All club boats must be sailed with safety devices including a throwable cushion, one PFD per person, paddle and anchor.

9. Safety.

Competitors participate in the BWYC Sailing Program entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, its directors, officers, employees and/or volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Sailing Program or any of its events.

10. Scoring

- a. Cox-Sprague scoring system for a six boat race will be used:

1 st	1.000	Disqualification from a race will be scored as the number of boats starting that race plus one from the table to the left.
2 nd	.900	
3 rd	.833	
4 th	.767	
5 th	.717	
6 th	.667	
DSQ	.633	

- b. All Summer Series races will count.
- c. A skipper may count any Capdevielle races skippered on the GYA Schedule
- d. An average will be computed; however, for every two races after the 6th race one race will be excluded.
- e. Crew points will be given 1 point for each race and an additional .25 for finishing first.

11. Bay-Waveland Yacht Club Trophies

BWYC Skippers and crews may compete for the following trophies.

- a. The Breath Trophy is presented to the skipper in the Junior Class with the best average in the Summer Series. A minimum of six (6) races is required to qualify for this trophy.
- b. The Pepperdene Trophy is presented to the top average skipper in the Open Class. A minimum of six (6) races is required to qualify for this trophy.
- c. The McDonald Trophy (Cock of the Walk) is presented to the skipper in the Expert Class with the highest average at the end of the Summer Series. A minimum of six (6) races is required to qualify for this trophy.

- d. The Romac Trophy is presented to the sailor with the most crew points accumulated at the end of the Summer Series.
- e. The Bay Bourbon Trophy is presented to the winning skipper in this round robin series to determine the Knost team.
- f. The Bob Boh Trophy is presented to the winning skipper in the round robin series to determine the Lipton team.

12. GYA Capdevielle Events

The Capdevielle Coordinator will appoint teams to attend these events with the exception of the Knost, Jr. Lipton, Lipton and Race of Champions. The Capdevielle Coordinator is responsible for the maintenance and preparation of the Capdevielle Flying Scot and its equipment.

13. Sugar Bowl Race of Champions

The highest finishing skipper in the Boh Series who agrees to compete in the Race of Champions will represent BWYC.

14. Chapman Regatta

A Team Captain, chosen by the BWYC Race Committee Chairman, will appoint skippers to the Chapman Team based on interest, experience and ability.

14.1 Other Team Racing Events

A Team Captain, chosen by the Chairman of the BWYC Race Committee for each event, will select by eliminations or will appoint skippers for team racing events like the Soiland Cup, Nichols Cup and Hinman based on interest, experience, ability and availability.

15. US Sailing Championships

The selection process for participating in these events will be determined as follows.

- a. A signup sheet will be posted on the Bulletin Board for those interested in competing for a USSA Championship.
- b. If the event requires that the skipper bring one of the club Flying Scots, then the Race Committee, in coordination with the Flying Scot Chairman, will determine what boat(s) will be used for the event.
- c. Should more than one (1) team request to compete; the Race Committee will then determine the method for selection of the team(s) that will represent the Club.

16. Other Events

The selection process for participating in these events will be determined as follows in cooperation between Race, Flying Scot, Sunfish and 420 chairs.

- a. Competition in events, other than those previously described, will require that those interested contact the appropriate chairman and request the use of the club boat.
- b. In the event that there may be more than one team interested in competing in an event, a sign up sheet will be posted on the Bulletin Board with the date and time of the drawing for each event.

17. Wednesday Night Racing

Racing will be conducted under the direction and supervision of a Chairman appointed by the Chairman of the BWYC Race Committee. Use of club owned Scots will be determined by a drawing to be held on the Sunday before each race. A skipper wishing to use a BWYC hull must sign up on the bulletin board or by noon on the previous Sunday. Flying Scot drawings will be posted on the bulletin board.

The scoring formula will be:

$$100 / \text{Handicap} \times \text{Time}$$

Handicaps are taken from the US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick and may be adjusted by the BWYC Race Committee Chairman if deemed necessary.

The Wednesday Night Racing Schedule will be as follows:

- a. Spring Series: April 1 – May 27
- b. Lozano Series: June 3 - August 19
- c. Fall Series: August 26 - September 28

19. Changes to these Instructions

The Race Committee reserves the right to make changes to these instructions and to the sailing calendar as may be necessary from time to time. All amendments or changes shall be disseminated in the form of a dated email or notice. Inquiries regarding these instructions should be directed to:

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