



DRY PANTS MODEL
YACHT CLUB

2024 DPMYC PLATTWOOD SERIES

DF-95s

Plattwood Park Pond Deep River, CT

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 *Racing Rules of Sailing*, Appendix E for RC sailing, prescriptions of US Sailing, these Sailing Instructions and the DF-95 class rules.
- 1.2 All DF-95's shall comply with ALL class rules.
- 1.3 Rule 31 is changed to Boats may hit marks without penalty. **EXCEPTION** Starting and Finishing marks may not be hit while Starting or Finishing. If you hit a starting mark while starting properly simply do a proper penalty turn and continue racing. If you hit a finishing mark while finishing do a proper penalty turn then return completely to this course side before you finish.
- 1.4 A boat that has gone ashore, aground or become entangled with another boat or a mark, may be freed and re-launched by anyone or any means.
- 1.5 While ashore or at the water's edge, boats may be adjusted, drained or repaired. They may have entangled objects removed and batteries may be changed. Rigs may be changed at any time (cannot call 5 minute hold to change rigs), only one A,B,C,D rig may be used per event.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be given verbally by the RD or on an official notice board if available.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Verbal changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made at any time by the RD. Every effort will be made to notify all competitors. This changes rule 90.2(c).

4 SCHEDULE

- **SPRING SERIES** Starts April 21st and concludes after 8 weeks of competition.
- **FALL SERIES** Starts September 8th and concludes after 8 weeks of competition.
- **SUNDAYS** 12:15 – 1:45

5 RACING FORMAT

- 5.1 The racing format will be a single fleet.

6 THE COURSE

6.1 The Course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left, will be given verbally by the RD and may be posted on the Course Board if available.

7 CONTROL AREA

The control area is unrestricted with the exception that no one can stand on anything where they would have a visual advantage.

8 LAUNCHING / HAUL OUT AREA

The area is unrestricted. Please make way immediately for other sailors.

9 THE START

9.1 Heats will be started as required by rule E3.4 or as changed by the RD to a one-minute start sequence.

9.2 Prior to the Preparatory signal, a boat may request the Race Director to postpone the starting sequence for five minutes for the repair of a technical problem or breakdown. When such a delay is granted, it will be announced, and the starting sequence will be re-started after the completion of the five minute delay. Each boat may be granted one (1) such delay. Delays for tuning, adjusting sails or changing sails due to weather will not be granted.

9.3 Rule 29.1 (Individual Recall) will be changed as no flag will be shown. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at the start signal, the line judge or other competitors will attempt to hail that boat and you will be "OCS" for the race until restarting and clear. Skippers will be on their honor if OCS to restart the race if no hail is given. Failure of the skipper to hear such a hail will not be grounds for a request for a redress hearing. This changes rule 62.1(a).

9.4 Round-the-End rule (30.1) is in effect for ALL races. In 30.1 change (the last minute before her starting signal) to the last 10 seconds before her starting signal.

10 FINISH

10.1 Boats that have finished must stay clear of the racecourse and boats still racing. If you interfere with another boat racing you may be disqualified from that race.

10.2 The Race Director may award a finishing position to any boat(s) that lags the balance of the fleet in finishing to promote more heats sailed.

11 PROTEST

11.1 A boat protesting another boat, while sailing, shall hail the other boat, as required by rule 61.1a as modified by rule E6.3, no red flag required.

11.2 Boats filing a protest with the protest committee must notify the RD immediately following the relevant heat. A protest form is not required. The protest hearing will be conducted using the "Five-minute format". One minute for the person lodging the protest, one minute for the offending boat to rebut and three minutes for the protest committee to issue its finding. This modifies Rule 61.1.

11.3 The protest will be heard after the completion of the last race.

12 REDRESS

12.1 Boats requesting redress must notify the RD immediately following the relevant heat. A redress form is not required, this changes rule 62.2. The redress hearing will be conducted using the “Five Minute Format”. One minute for the boat requesting redress, one minute to research the facts, three minutes for the redress committee to issue its finding.

13 SCORING

13.1 The individual race days will be scored using the Low Point System described in Appendix A of the RRS with the following modification. The worst score for one race will be discarded after 4 races, two discards after 8 races, three discards after 16 races, etc. Boats not competing on a given day will be scored 2 places more than the boats entered that day, this changes rule A5.2.

13.2 The eight-week series will be scored using a Low Point System. To count a day’s scoring a minimum of four (4) boats must compete and a minimum of five (5) races must be completed.

13.3 The Series standings will be the sum of your five (5) lowest scores. If you sail in more than five (5) weeks of racing your worst race day scores will be discarded.

13.4 To decide the club champion we take the sum of the five (5) lowest scores in the Spring Series and the five (5) lowest scores in the Fall Series.

13.5 Any ties that result in sections 13.1, 13.2, 13.3 or 13.4 will be broken using Appendix A of the RRS.

14 AWARDS

14.1 Trophies will be presented to the top three skippers in the series.

15 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in sailing entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. Sailing is an activity that has risk of damage and injury. Dry Pants Model YC as the Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after sailing for both on-the-water and on-land activities. By participating in DPMYC, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers and all persons from any and all liability associated with such competitor’s participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16 FAIR SAILING

Rule 2 Fair Sailing - Sailors will exhibit sportsman-like behavior at all times during this regatta. Any sailor deemed to be in violation of Rule 2 may be issued a warning by the Race Committee. Second infractions may result in disqualification from the event and points earned will be revoked.