

**Sailing Instructions**  
**FALL RACE SERIES - 2019**  
**Sebago Canoe Club**

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**Rules:**

Racing will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, except as amended by these instructions.

**Fleets:**

There will be multiple fleets composed of both Lasers (Full, Radial, 4.7) and Sunfish (race and recreational rigs), and any participating dinghy class with two or more boats of the same class.

**Safety:**

All sailors must wear a pfd (life preservers) while on the water. At the discretion of the Sebago RC, racing may be canceled when potentially unsafe conditions exist.

**Communication:**

Display of the L flag followed by one horn blast requires boats to sail to leeward of the RC boat for instructions.

**Skippers Meeting:**

There will be a brief Skippers meeting at 11:30 pm.

**Check-in Procedures:**

Skippers are required to sail by the RC boat prior to the start of the regatta and confirm their listing by hail and repeat this procedure until acknowledged by the RC.

**Start Time & Time Limits:**

Racing will begin at 12:30pm. A throw out race that day will be allowed after 5 completed races on that day. There is a 40 min. time limit for one race. No races will be started after 3:30pm.

**Starting Sequence:**

RRS 26 is modified - the starting sequence used will follow Appendix U which uses a 3 min. starting sequence. Alternatively the RC may change the starting sequence to a 2 min. start upon hail to the fleet prior to the race. All boats shall have the same start unless otherwise hailed and so stated by the RC.

**Course Area:**

Course Area in Jamaica Bay will be signaled by the actual presence of the RC boat in the area.

**Courses:**

The RC will hail the chosen course prior to the start sequences. The courses will be Windward Leeward, Triangle, Lindsay Hewitt, Harry Anderson, a combination of these or multiple rounds - or any other course as hailed by the Race Committee prior to the warning signal.

**Marks:**

All marks (except finishing marks, where applicable) will be rounded to port, unless otherwise stated by the RC. All marks will be orange or white balls, inflatable buoys or government buoys (red or green).

**Start/Finish Line:**

After starting and before finishing, the starting/finishing lines may be crossed unless so stated by RC prior to the race.

**Individual Recalls:**

In the event of an individual recall, the RC will attempt (but is not required) to hail the last three digits of the sail numbers of boats

on the course side of the starting line (OCS). When all OCS boats have started properly an "all clear" hail will be made.

**General Recalls:**

After a general recall the I flag will be in effect.

**Protests:**

Protests must be lodged with the Race Committee at the end of each race and must be filed with the RC within 60 minutes from when the RC returns to shore after racing.

Sebago RC will select a protest committee and will try to conduct the hearing the same day.

**Scoring:**

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A will be used except as modified below. For each day, boats scored as OCS, DNF or DNS will receive one more point than the number of finishers in that class. Boats scored as DSQ will receive two more points than the number of finishers.

The final scoring for the Fall Series will be a compilation of all days in the series as outlined below:

- The minimum participation to rank in this series is 3 days (one of the days must be the required RC duty).
- The final series score for each participant will be an average of all day score total averages for each qualifying participant once scores have been compiled without non-qualifying participants.
- No points will be given on days where participants did not attend after the 3 day participation requirement has been met. The RC requirement day will be scored as a Q, designating that the participant has met this requirement.

**Qualification:**

A boat will qualify for the Series and shall be scored as a competing boat if they participate in at least three days of the Spring Series, which includes a mandatory 1 day service on the RC boat.

**Responsibilities:**

It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. (See RRS rule 4). The competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

However and additionally, *due to SCC's limited powerboat support*, any member of the RC or Sebago Canoe Club Sailing Committee may terminate any sailor's participation and mandate that they return to shore for not following the procedures, regulations or for any safety reason. The sailor must comply and retire from the days sailing.