

Sailing Instructions  
SEBAGO CUP - 2020  
Sebago Canoe Club  
Paerdegat Basin @ Foot of Ave. N / 1400 Paerdegat Ave. North  
Brooklyn, NY

**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 that can safely launch from the Sebago dock or join the racing fleet on Jamaica Bay under the guidelines stated in the NOR and SI for this event.

**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.

All State and Club Covid-19 rules and restrictions must be strictly followed.

**Communication:**

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

**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.

**Skippers Meeting:**

There will be a brief Skippers Meeting at 11:00 pm to announce the course.

**Start Time & Time Limits:**

Racing will begin at 12:00 pm. Race Limit – 4.5 hrs.

**Starting Sequence:**

A 3 min. starting sequence, as per Appendix U of the US Sailing Rules shall be used. All boats shall have the same start unless otherwise hailed from by the RC.

**Course Area:**

The course area will be designated by the actual presence of the RC boat in the area and the instructions given at the Skippers meeting.

**Course:**

The course will be multiple loops using navigational buoys in Jamaica Bay as specified during the Skipper's Meeting, UNLESS revised and hailed on-the-water by the PRO before the race or during the race.

**Marks:**

Mark roundings shall be as specified during the Skippers Meeting, UNLESS revised and hailed on-the-water by the RC.

**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 Rule will be in effect. I-Flag will not be displayed and will be by notification only. This changes Rule 30.1

**Protests:**

Protests must be lodged with the Race Committee at the end of the race. Protests must be filed with the RC within 60 minutes from when the RC returns and protesting sailor reaches shore directly following racing. Arbitration will be offered by a committee of three sailors selected by the RC for boats involved in a protest. In arbitration, acceptance by the involved parties to a finding of fault will result in a scoring penalty

as stated in 44.3(c). Should arbitration not be accepted the 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 by class. 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.

**Responsibilities:**

It is neither the RC's nor the Sebago Canoe Club's responsibility to decide whether a boat should race. It is the decision of each skipper to sail or race in all circumstances except as noted below.

Due to SCC's limited powerboat support, the PRO or a Sebago Canoe Club Sailing Committee member may terminate any sailor's participation and mandate that they return to shore for not following the procedures and regulations set forth herein, or for reasons of safety the sailor must comply.