

NOTICE OF RACE
Spring Race Series - 2023
Sebago Canoe Club
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The organizing authority is the Sailing Committee of the Sebago Canoe Club, Brooklyn, NY.

1. RULES

The racing series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, U.S. Sailing Prescriptions, as well as Laser (ILCA), Sunfish (ISCA) class rules and the class rules of any other one-design class that is participating, except as amended by this NOR. All competitors shall be bound by RRS Rule 4 – Acceptance of the Rules. Additionally, all Club, City and State Covid Protocols that are in effect on any given race day are to be strictly followed.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 Entries will be comprised of Lasers (Standard and Radial), Sunfish (Race and Recreational Rig) and any other dinghy class. Boats must be able to safely launch from the Sebago dock and pass under the Paerdegat Basin Bridge (Belt Parkway).

Racing is open to L-3 Certified SCC sailors and non-SCC members.

3. FEES

There are no fees for current SCC members, \$60 for non-members. This includes all racing, storage for the duration of the Series, and a Chalk Talk post race discussion in the club house. Please reach out to SailComm Chair with any questions at: sailing@sebagocanoecub.org

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Series Schedule

Series will be held on the Saturdays in April and May

Saturday April 29th Season Opener

Saturday May 6th Regula Racing

Saturday May 13th Regula Racing

Saturday May 20th Regula Racing

Saturday May 27th Closing Day

4.2 Daily Time

11:30 pm - Skippers' Meeting

12:30 pm - First Warning Signal

No warning signal will be given after 3:30 PM.

Post race debrief and scoring in the clubhouse or via email notification.

As many races as is practical will be sailed. The number of races will be adjusted by the race committee to accommodate weather, tide and other conditions. One race shall constitute an official race day.

5. STARTS

There will be one mass start for all classes. If there is a sufficient number of boats in any one class to warrant a separate start, it will RC's discretion to provide a separate start for said class(es).

5.1 Starting Sequence

Sequence will be by automated horn, aka Ollie Box, and will be audible sounds only. Class Warning, Prep and Starting Flags will not be flown. This changes RRS 26 Starting Races.

A two minute starting sequence will be used as follows:

- 2 Long - 2 Minutes
- 1 Long, 3 Short - 1 Minute, 30 Seconds
- 1 Long - 1 Minute
- 3 Short - 30 Seconds
- 2 Short - 20 Seconds
- 1 Short - 10 Seconds
- 5 Short Countdown - 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Seconds
- 1 Long - Start

5.2 Starting Penalties

5.2.1 - Individual Recalls

Individual Recalls will be by hail only, X Flag will not be displayed. This changes RRS 29.1 Individual Recall.

5.2.2 - General Recalls

General Recalls will be by hail only, First Substitute will not be displayed. This changes RRS 29.2 General Recall.

Rule 30.1 - I Flag, aka "1 Minute Rule" or "Around The Ends Rule", is not automatic in the event of a general recall, and will be by hail only. I Flag will not be displayed. This changes RRS 30.1 I-Flag Rule.

6. CHECK IN PROCEDURE

Competitors shall sail by the leeward side of the Race Committee on starboard tack and hail their sail number and name. This shall be repeated until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1 Each boat participating is expected to conform to her class rules. Measurements will not be taken.

7.2 Laser “practice” sails are permitted. This changes ILCA Conforming Sail Rule.

7.3 Sunfish recreational rigs are permitted. This changes ISCA Conforming Sail Rule.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Daily Sailing Instructions will be announced during the Skippers’ Meeting while onshore, on the water changes will be given by audio hail by Race Committee. Information in this NOR supersedes any conflicting information in the SI.

9. VENUE

The series will be conducted in the waters comprising Jamaica Bay in the Gateway National Recreational Park, Brooklyn N.Y.. The specific racing area for each day shall be determined by the Race Committee and the Chairperson of the Day based upon the expected weather, tide and other conditions. The racing area will be announced at the Skippers’ Meeting prior to launching from the dock.

10. COURSES

Courses to be sailed will generally be Windward-Leeward once or twice around, however, any other course may be used at the discretion of the Race Committee, and are limited only by the imagination of RC. Additionally, different courses may be used for each class, a separate start will not necessarily be given in such cases. All Courses will be announced by hail.

Marks will be red, orange or white balls, government buoys, or any combination of the same. The red and blue RC flag is one end of the starting line, and will not be an orange flag. This changes RRS Race Signals - Other Signals.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 Taking A Penalty.

12. QUALIFICATION

To Qualify and achieve final ranking in the series, a sailor must participate in a minimum of half of the days raced, rounded up in cases where there is an odd number of days raced. A race day credit will be given for serving on Race Committee in any capacity: PRO, Assist or Power Boat Operator. A sailor may use a maximum of 1 such credit towards Series qualification.

13. SCORING

Cox-Sprague High Point “Percentage of Perfection” system will be used, as described in the US Sailing Race Management Handbook. The final series score will be an average of day place scores for each class in the series after eliminating any non-qualifying participants. There will be no throw-outs.

14. RISK

It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. 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.

At the discretion of the PRO, racing may be canceled or abandoned for winds over 20 mph or for any other reason when the PRO feels that assistance cannot be safely given to the fleet.

Furthermore, 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 day's sailing.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

Questions about this event or sailing at Sebago?

Email us at sailing@sebagocanoeclub.org

or visit Sailing at Sebago: sebagocanoeclub.org/sailing

Interested in our club, our history and other Committees and events?

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Due to low underpass clearance and twisting roads, car topping and the use of trailers on the Belt or any other Parkway in New York State is prohibited.