

NOTICE OF RACE
Spring Race Series - 2024
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 Club, City and State Covid Protocols that are in effect on any given race day are to be strictly followed.

. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 Entries will be comprised of Sunfish (Race and Recreational Rig), if there are 3 or more boats who identify as “green fleet”, there will be a separate start for them. They will be scored for the day but may or may not be scored for the season.

Any other dinghy will be permitted to race but will have a separate “en masse” start. These boats will be scored for the day, but not for the series

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Boats must be able to safely launch from the Sebago dock and pass under the Paerdegat Basin Bridge (Belt parkway)

3. FEES

There are no fees for current SCC members.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Series Schedule

Sunday, April 21 2024

Sunday, April 28 2024

Sunday, May 5 2024

Sunday, May 12 2024

Sunday, May 26 2024

Sunday, June 2 2024 (Distance Race and Awards)

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

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

5.1 Starting Penalties

5.5.1 - Individual Recalls

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

5.5.2 - 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", will be at the discretion of Race Committee, 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

The Sailing Instructions are available on the SCC Sailing website. Any changes made on land will be announced during the Skippers' Meeting while onshore, on the water changes will be given by audio hail by Race Committee.

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 and pleasure of the Race Committee, as dictated by conditions and are limited only by the imagination of RC. 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 participant must participate in a minimum of 50% of the series AND do a volunteer activity. If that volunteer activity is as a race committee member (PRO or assist) the racer will receive a placing for the day equal to the average of they're score for the season.

Other Volunteer opportunities in order to qualify include but are not limited to:

- Volunteering at the regatta on May 18th
- being the Debrief Director for a day
- bringing a "green fleet" racer for the day
- providing food for a debrief or final banquet

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13. SCORING

High point percentage scoring system will be used, as described in the US Sailing Management Handbook, also here: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/racing-rules/scoring-a-long-series/> 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. (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.

At the discretion of the PRO, racing may be canceled or abandoned for any reason where the PRO feels that the backup or rescue boat(s) cannot safely assist the sailing 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. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers, and other prizes at the discretion of the race committee.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

Event website: <http://www.sebagocanoeclub.org/sailing> for updates, visitor information, and directions to Sebago Canoe Club. Preregistration is not required but is requested. If possible, please contact sailing@sebagocanoeclub.org.