

18' CAPE COD KNOCKABOUT ASSOCIATION

2014 Championship Regatta

54th Nationals & 77th SMYRA

August 9 & 10 Yarmouth Sailing Center

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for this Regatta is the Cape Cod Knockabout Association

1. **RULES** All races will be governed by the US Sailing "Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS), the RRS Prescriptions and the rules of the Cape Cod Knockabout Class Association (except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions), and by posted instructions.

2. **ENTRIES**

Eligible yachts may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority. Eligible competitors shall be dues paid members of the Cape Cod Knockabout Class Association except as may be exempted by the class administrator. Entry fee of \$45, and Knockabout Class Dues of \$20 must be submitted with the registration

3. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors and any changes to the schedule will be posted on the official regatta notice board located at the Sailing Center.

4. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 9:00 AM on the day it will take effect.

5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals from ashore will be made using the Yarmouth Sailing Center flagpole. If postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after Flag AP is lowered. This changes Race signals, "AP".

6. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Saturday August 9: SMYRA ELIMINATION & CHAMPIONSHIP, NATIONALS 1 & 2

ORDER OF EVENTS WILL BE DETERMINED AT THE SKIPPER'S MEETING

8:30 AM LATE REGISTRATION

9:00 AM SKIPPERS MEETING
9:45 AM HARBOR DEPARTURE
10:30 AM FIRST RACE WARNING SIGNAL

Races are “back to back”.

SMYRA second fleet: keep clear of starting line until after your warning signal.

***Sunday August 10:* NATIONALS RACES 3 & 4**

8:45 AM HARBOR DEPARTURE
10:30 AM FIRST RACE WARNING SIGNAL

7. CLASS FLAG

The Cape Cod Knockabout class flag is Q (solid yellow).

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be designated at the skippers meeting

9. COURSES

Courses will be “WINDWARD – LEEWARD”

A letter “**W**” on the course board will designate a windward leeward course with a downwind finish at the committee boat.

A letter “**M**” on the course board will designate a windward leeward course with an upwind finish at the committee boat.

A number after the course letter will designate the number of times a course is to be sailed to the weather mark. (**W2**, therefore, would designate a windward - leeward course, sailed twice to the weather mark, finishing downwind at the committee boat.

All marks are to be left to port

10. MARKS

Turning marks are orange inflatable "tetrahedrons". A mark boat designated by the race committee will be in the general vicinity of the turning marks and beyond the finish line. In the event that a mark is moved the new or moved mark will be an orange polyball. Failure of the mark boat to be on station will not be grounds for redress.

The start and finish mark will be an orange inflatable "tomato cylinder" unless the Race Committee uses a turning mark as a start/finish mark.

11. START/FINISH

The start will be in accordance with ISAF race signals and rule 26. Races shall be started by using the following signals:

| Signal | | Flag | Sound | Minutes Before Starting Signal |
|---------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Warning | | Class Flag Hoisted | 1 Sound | 5 |
| Preparatory | | Code Flag "P" Hoisted | 1 Sound | 4 |
| One-Minute | | Prep Flag Dropped | 1 Long Sound | 1 |
| Starting | | Class Flag Dropped | 1 Sound | 0 |

Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. The Cape Cod Knockabout Class Flag is "Code Flag Q" (Solid yellow). Code Flag I (Yellow w/ Black Center) flown as the Preparatory Flag means the one-minute rule (Rule 30.1) is in effect.

WARNING Signal for SMYRA Division # 2 will be 5 minutes AFTER Div. 1 Starting Signal.

WARNING Signal for SMYRA Consolation Race will be 5 minutes AFTER Championship Race Starting signal.

The start/finish line will be between the committee boat mast (designated by a orange flag) and the start/finish buoy.

12. TIME LIMITThe time limit will be 1.5 hours for an entire race. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or after the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored "did not finish" without a hearing.

13. PROTESTS

Protests shall be in compliance with Rules 60 and 61 except boats will have to comply with the hailing requirement and fly a proper protest flag. (the Rules 61.1(a)(2) exemption is deleted). Verbal notification of intention to protest must be given to the race committee as soon as possible after the finish.

An onshore race committee member will record the last competitors return time to the harbor and post the information on the official regatta notice board. For all Nationals races a written protest is required and shall be delivered to a member of the race committee at the club no later than 30 minutes after the return to the harbor by the last competitor in the race.

Protests for SMYRA elimination races will be heard onboard the committee boat immediately after completion of the race, conditions permitting. (Rule 61.2 shall be waived in this case) Forms will be available on board the committee boat. A postponement of subsequent races, and reinstatement of rule 61.2 may be called for at the discretion of the race committee in order to complete protest hearings.

For SMYRA championship races a written protest is required and shall be delivered to the race committee no later than 30 minutes after the return to the harbor by the last competitor in the race.

14. SCORING

The low point scoring system (Appendix "A" of the Racing Rules) will apply for the National Championship series and Junior regatta. A first place boat will be given a score of $\frac{3}{4}$ point. This changes rule A4.1.

The traditional High Point system will be used for the SMYRA Championship series. Each qualifying yacht gets a point for finishing and a point for each qualifying yacht it beats. An extra $\frac{1}{4}$ point will be awarded to the winner of each qualifying race and an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ point will be awarded to the winners of the Championship and consolation races.

In the event that the entire schedule of races cannot be completed, the race committee and class officials shall have the discretion to decide the number of races to complete the series. There will be no throw-out races.

All decisions of the Protest Committee are final. The right of appeal is denied.

15. NO SPINNAKERS

Code flag "E" (blue over red) will be flown from the Committee Boat to signify "no spinnakers".

16. LIFE JACKETS

Code flag "Y" (diag. yellow & red) will be flown from the Committee Boat to signify that life jackets must be worn by all.