



Wickford Frostbite Association Seadog **Fleet 166**

2016-2017 Frostbite Sailing - October 2, 2016 thru April 30, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Rules**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. **Entries**

The regatta is open to all Seadog sailors, see the Notice of Race for fees and other requirements.

3. **Notices to Competitors**

3.1. Notices to Competitors will be made verbally by the Race Committee.

3.2. All changes in the Sailing Instructions will be made verbally by the Race Committee.

4. **Cancellation of Racing:**

4.1. Racing will be abandoned if there are less than 3 competitors.

4.2. Racing will be abandoned if the temperature is less than 20°F or sustained wind speed exceeds 20 kts.

5. **Safety:**

5.1. Boats shall comply with Seadog Class Rules. This includes a floating painter and adequate flotation.

5.2. USCG approved personal flotation devices must be worn.

5.3. Wet suits (at least “shorty” or “farmer john”) or dry suits must be worn after December 1st.

6. **Schedule**

6.1. Races are scheduled for Sunday afternoons except the January 1st Hangover Bowl and the Worlds.

6.2. Races are scheduled to start no earlier than 13:00.

6.3. Number of daily races – as many as possible, where 3 races constitutes a scored day. No starts after 15:30.

6.4. The Season will consist of two (winter and spring) or three (fall, winter, spring) Series.

7. **Racing Area**

7.1. The racing area will be within Wickford Harbor and surrounding waters.

8. **Courses and Marks**

8.1. The courses will be given verbally by the Race Committee, on the water.

8.2. Marks will be inflatable set marks, other buoys, or moored boats, etc. as designated by the RC.

9. **The Start**

9.1. The Start Line shall be from a flag on the RC boat and an inflatable mark or other mark designated by the RC.

9.2. The starting sequence will be a two minute sequence indicated by a horn or whistle. This changes rule 26.

10. **The Finish:** The Finish Line shall be from a flag or staff on the RC boat and an inflatable mark or other mark designated by the Race Committee.

11. **Penalty Turn:** A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing. This changes Rule 44.1

12. **Protests**

12.1. Protests shall be lodged on the water after the race in question.

12.2. If the protest cannot be resolved on the water a written protest must be filed within 30 minutes of the completion of the last race.

13. **Scoring:** RRS Appendix A low point scoring.

13.1. All races sailed are counted for daily scores.

13.2. Daily Scores are added for the Season Score, 1 throw out is given for each 3 days sailed (3 throwouts maximum). Fleet 166 leadership may change the scoring between Series.

14. **Race Committee:**

14.1.1. Racers may be recruited for Race Committee duties once per season until all racers have served.

14.1.2. Race Committee shall be scored 1 point for the first day of the series that they serve.

15. **Time Limit:** The time limit for all races is 30 minutes, or within 10 minutes of the 1st finisher.

16. **Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing.