

**Castine Class 2011 Racing Season**  
**Sailing Instructions**

**1. SCHEDULE**

There are nine (9) scheduled race days:

<b>July 4 Mon</b>	<b>Robinson Cup Awarded 1<sup>st</sup> CYC Finisher</b>	<b>Open Fleet Racing</b>
<b>July 9 Sat</b>		<b>CYC Fleet Racing</b>
<b>July 16 Sat</b>	<b>59<sup>th</sup> Birthday Race</b>	<b>CYC Fleet Racing</b>
<b>July 24 Sun</b>		<b>CYC Fleet Racing</b>
<b>July 30 Sat</b>		<b>CYC Fleet Racing</b>
<b>Aug 7 Sun</b>		<b>CYC Fleet Racing</b>
<b>Aug 13 Sat</b>	<b>Eaton Cup</b>	<b>Open Fleet Racing</b>
<b>Aug 27 Sat</b>		<b>CYC Fleet Racing</b>
<b>Sept 3 Sat</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Open Fleet Racing</b>

Each race will be preceded by skippers meeting at 1:00PM.

**2. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”).

**3. ENTRIES – WAIVER AND RELEASE**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this series are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this series. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor’s participation in this series to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Yacht Club or announced at the skippers meeting preceding each race.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal pole located on the Yacht Club pier. If a postponement is signaled, the warning signal will be made not less than five minutes after flag AP is lowered.

## 6. COURSES AND MARKS

The courses will be described at the skippers meeting and may be designated by letter reference to any course chart which may be provided. Government marks which are not marks of the course may be disregarded at the skipper's discretion, except that the Hosmer Ledge day beacon must always be honored.

## 7. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES: STARTING SYSTEM

Unless otherwise provided at the skippers meeting, the starting line will be between the flag staff on the committee boat and adjacent schooner mooring and the finish line will be between the signal pole on the Yacht Club dock and nun 2.

The races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. "P" Flag will be the Preparatory and 1 Minute signal.

### *Starting Sequence*

The warning signal will be made as close as possible to 1:55PM, unless otherwise provided at the skippers meeting

## 8. PROTESTS AND TWO-TURN PENALTY

**In the spirit of these races, protests should only be made in the case of an egregious violation that seriously prejudices a competitor. These are "fun" races and competitors are expected to sail conservatively and avoid dangerous situations.**

- A. Any yacht intending to protest must:
1. comply with all provisions of RRS Part 5;
  2. display a red protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity following an infraction;
  3. immediately attempt to inform the yacht protested against that a protest will be lodged;
  4. inform the Race Committee at the finish line of the yacht to be protested.

- B. Protests must be submitted in written form available from the Race Committee and lodged with a Race Committee representative within 1/2 hour of the docking of the Committee boat. Any hearings will be held at the Yacht Club as soon as possible after each race.

The Two-Turns Penalty (formerly 720 degree turns penalty) as defined in RRS Rule 44.2 shall apply to infringements of Part 2 – When Boats Meet.

## **9. SCORING – AUSTIN CUP SERIES TROPHY**

Castine Class boats owned by CYC members and sailed with a CYC member on board are eligible to compete for the Austin Cup. The Austin Cup will be awarded to the owner of the CYC boat with the lowest scoring total in their best five (5) finishes of the season. In order to help all CYC sailors qualify for the minimum of (5) races, the Race Committee will attempt to run two short course races on one or two of the CYC Fleet Racing days. This will create a potential total of eleven (11) races during the season.

The Race Committee will keep the series results updated and posted in the Clubhouse. Scoring will be on low point system. 1<sup>st</sup> place finished are awarded  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a point and each subsequent finisher is then awarded the same score as their finish position. For Austin Cup scoring purposes during Open Fleet Racing days, the results of non-member boats will be disregarded. Series ties will be broken using RRS Rule A8.1.

### **Castine Class Race Committee**

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