CYC Frostbiting Sailing Instructions

November 2017 – March 2018

1 RULES

1.1 The frostbite series and regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017 - 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 One design classes shall conform to their class rules concerning minimum equipment and accommodation standard, except that the use of sails from manufacturers other than the copyright holder is permitted.

1.3 Centerport Yacht Club is the organizing authority for the frostbiting series and regattas, and these instructions shall also serve as the Notice of Race for said races.

2 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY & FEES

2.1 Eligibility is extended to the following classes: JY 15's, Lasers, Penguins and Ideal 18's, if at least four boats from that class are entered.

2.2 Entry shall be made by providing a signed liability waiver form from the boat owner and for CYC members, by giving the authorization to be billed through the club. Non-members shall provide the above form and a check made out to Centerport YC. Entry fees for the entire 2016-2017 season are $125 per boat, plus non-CYC members must pay an additional $100 boat parking fee. Regattas can be entered separately with an entrance fee of $25 for each.

2.3 Daily sailor participation may be available for sailors seeking to race boats designated by their owners; the race entry fee shall be $20 for regular race dates, $25 for each regatta, payable (or billable) on race day. Daily charter sailors will assume responsibility for any damage incurred to the borrowed boat and to others in the fleet.

3 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS & CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 The official notice board is the club bulletin board located on the clubhouse porch.

3.2 Any notices to competitors or changes in sailing instructions will be hailed by the Race Committee on race day either at a skippers' meeting prior to launching or on the water.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 The 2017/2018 Fall Series, New Year's Eve Regatta, Spring Series and St. Patrick's Day Regatta are scheduled for the following Sundays:

Fall '17 Series: Nov.12, Nov. 19, Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10, Dec.17, **New Year's Regatta** Jan 7, 2018

Spring '18 Series: Jan. 21, Feb. 4, Feb. 18, Mar. 4, Mar. 11, **Mar. 18 - St Patrick's Regatta,** Mar. 25.

In the event that a Spring Series race date is abandoned, **April 8** will be utilized as an alternate race date.

4.2 **Beach launches are at approximately 11:30 hrs., with the first warning at 1200 hrs.**

4.3 A race warning may not be signaled after 15:30 hrs.

4.4 Pre-race cancellations due to poor and unsafe weather conditions will be announced via email. Sailors may also call the Frostbite Chairperson at 631 813-9806 to get a status update. See Safety Protocol 18.3 as a guide line for cancellations.

5 CLASS IDENTIFICATION

5.1 All boats shall identify themselves to the race committee at the outset of each race day.

5.2 If more than one class is present, each class will start separately and the race committee will announce the order in which the classes will start.

6 RACING AREA

6.1 The race committee boat will be stationed in Northport Harbor in proximity to the club house. If necessary, the venue may be located north to Northport Bay, or south in the vicinity of Bird Island. Ample notification of any such relocation by the race committee will be made prior to launching.

7 COURSES & MARKS

7.1 Courses shall be picked from the below selection and announced by the Race Committee. The letter below indicates which course to sail, which is further described by the below cited marks to pass and the number of legs to be sailed.

W	Windward - Leeward - Finish, 3 legs
W2	Windward-Leeward - Twice Around – Finish, 5 legs
L	Windward - Finish, 2 legs
T	Triangle: Windward – Wing Mark – Leeward - Finish, 4 legs
M	Modified Gold Cup Course: Windward - Wing Mark – Leeward – Windward – Leeward - Finish, 6 legs
Z	Z Pattern (No gybes), Windward to port– Leeward to stbd– Windward to port – Finish, 4 legs

7.2 Marks shall be inflatable, moveable, drop marks, unless other instructions are provided by the Race Committee.

7.3 Government aids to navigation may be disregarded at the discretion of the skipper.

8 THE START

8.1 Races will be started by using two minute dinghy starts as stated herewith*:* 2 long blasts of a horn (or whistle) for two minutes; 1 long & 1 short blast for 1 1/2 minutes; 1 long blast for 1 minute; 3 short blasts for 30 seconds; 2 short blasts for 20 seconds; 1 short blast for 10 seconds; countdown (short blasts) from 5 seconds; 1 long blast for Start.

8.2 The race committee shall provide advance warning should they employ rolling starts.

8.3 Recalls, both individual and general, will be signaled by a short sound. The race committee will attempt to hail premature starters, but no flag will be flown. This changes rule 29.1. Failure of the race committee to hail, or a boat's inability to hear a hail shall not be grounds for redress.

8.4 If the automated starting system is used, i.e., the Ollie System, racers should be aware of the short, repetitive sounds emitted prior to the initial warning signal and not consider them part of the starting sequence.

8.5 The starting line will be between a flag on the race committee boat and the designated starting pin.

8.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

9 CHANGE OF COURSE

9.1 Marks may be moved after a start to ensure squareness to the wind, however the race committee will not signal any such mark relocations. Courses may also be shortened if conditions warrant.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finish line will be between the flag on a race committee boat and the designated finish pin. The finish line may be placed to starboard of the race committee boat, with a pin that shall be differentiated from the starting line pin.

11 TIME LIMIT

11.1 A 30 minute time limit shall apply for each race.

11.2 Any boat not finishing within ten minutes of the finish time of the first boat in that class will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF). This changes RRS rule 35, A4 and A5.

12 PROTESTS

12.1 In the event of a foul, the “Two Turn” penalty is modified so that the boat being protested may exonerate itself by making one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS rule 44.1.

12.2 A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee immediately upon finishing. Protests shall be handled in accordance of Appendix T, Section C Expedited Hearings and /or Section D, Arbitration. The hearing will be at the clubhouse after racing and will be open to all sailors. The committee may be comprised of the sailors, but none that were involved in the incident nor stand to gain from the outcome.

12.3 In the event that a protest is adjudicated though the Arbitration process, findings of fault will be penalized with their score for that race plus 30% of the number of starters in that race. This changes RRS rule 44.3 C.

13 SCORING

13.1 Each class will be scored separately. The High-Point scoring system will be utilized for both the series and regattas, i.e., a point is awarded for each boat she beats plus one. Boats scored as DNC or DSQ will receive zero points; boats scoring DNF or OCS will receive one point. There will be no throw outs for both series. At the end of the series the boat with the highest sum of scores is the winner and the others are ranked accordingly. This changes RRS rule A4.

13.2 Regattas will be scored separately, as well as being scored as part of the series in which it is contained. For regattas, a boat shall discard one race if at least five races are sailed. The discarded race is for the regatta only and will be counted for the series. One race sailed will constitute a regatta.

13.3 Weight limitations will not apply for this series, however, where two person crews are expected, solo sailors will be penalized with a 20% penalty for that day.

13.4 A credit shall be issued a registered boat owner should they perform the Race Committee function, provided that the sailor and boat was ready to sail with the requisite crew member. The credit shall be two points for each race sailed that day.

13.5 Scoring will be done based on sail number and not by skipper for boats entered in the series. This is to promote greater number of boats being brought to the race area in the absence of the owner/driver, and to facilitate loaner boats being made available to potential new sailors. For the daily Charter Sailors, their scores will be tallied based on their entry(ies), regardless of which boat was sailed, thereby giving them the opportunity to qualify and earn prizes should their cumulative scores so warrant.

14 WITHDRAWAL

14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

15.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16 PRIZES

16.1 First, second and third place prizes will be awarded for both the series and regattas provided that five or more boats have registered and two prizes shall be given for four boats. Prizes will be awarded at the CYC Fleet Activities Dinner held the following fall.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

18.1 All sailors must wear life preservers with an attached whistle while on the water.

18.2 All boats require a bow line or bow loop; JY's require a masthead flotation device providing at least five pounds of positive floatation.

18.3 At the discretion of the Frostbite Chairperson and/or Race Committee, racing may be canceled when potentially unsafe conditions exist, i.e., winds over 20 knots and temperatures in the 20's.

18.4 Sailors must not leave the beach until crash boats are operating and the green flag is displayed on shore; the red flag displayed on the Race Committee shall direct all boats back to shore.

18.5 All sailors must remain in the racing area.

18.6 Competitors are reminded that Fundamental Rule 1.1 states: "A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger."

19 RESULTS

19.1 Results will be emailed and posted each week on the Centerport Yacht Club and frostbite web sites - www.centerport-yc.org; http://jy15fleet104.wix.com/jy15