

MENEMSHA POND RACES

2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The Menemsha Pond Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* 2009 – 2012.

2 ENTRIES

Entry is open to all sailing vessels less than 22 feet. A boat may enter by hailing the Race Committee boat and giving them their name, contact information and boat's name. Menemsha Pond Races will contact the skipper about completing his/her entry and paying the appropriate entry fee.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Sail Martha's Vineyard website www.sailmv.com and posted on the notice board located at the Chilmark Community Center.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

There will be no signals made ashore. Postponement or cancellation information will be available at 1200 hrs on each race day (if applicable) by calling Bill Glazer at 508.645.9635 or Bob Ranalli at 508.645.3312. If possible, the Fleet Captain or his designee will send out an e-mail notifying the Fleet of a postponement or cancellation.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The first gun for the first class will be at 1400 hrs. each Wednesday and Saturday with the first day of racing on July 1st, and the last day of racing on August 29th. For Vineyard Cup weekend, July 17th and 18th, the first gun will be at 1300 hrs. The Marjorie Dangerfield will be held on August 29th.

6 CLASSES

The Race Committee reserves the right to create a separate Class if there are six or more boats of the same design. The sequence of starts will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. The Race Committee will attempt to get two races in each race day for each Class.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Menemsha Pond and Quitsa Pond (only for the second race of the Marjorie Dangerfield).

8 COURSES and MARKS

The courses to be sailed will be indicated on a white board on the Race Committee boat. The course to be raced will be displayed showing both the mark numbers in sequence and the side on which the mark is to be passed, e.g. Course 1P– 3S – 4P – 5F (Finish). Marks will continue to be the Styrofoam marks and will retain the original number designation.

9 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES; STARTING SYSTEM

The starting and finishing lines will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the **starboard** end of the line and either an orange buoy or one of the marks of the course at the port end. All boats are to sail by the stern of the Committee Boat on starboard tack and check in prior to their warning signal. The starting sequence shall be:

5 Minutes Before Start	5 Long
4 Minutes Before Start	4 Long
3 Minutes Before Start	3 Long
2 Minutes Before Start	2 Long
1 Minute Before Start	1 Long
30 Seconds Before Start	3 Short
20 Seconds Before Start	2 Short

10 Seconds Before Start	1 Short
5 Seconds Before Start	1 Short
4 Seconds Before Start	1 Short
3 Seconds Before Start	1 Short
2 Seconds Before Start	1 Short
1 Second Before Start	1 Short
Start	1 Long

There may be an inflated orange buoy tethered approximately six feet astern of the Race Committee Boat. This buoy and its painter shall be considered extensions of the Race Committee Boat.

10 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be one hour for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than twenty minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.

11 PROTESTS

A boat intending to protest another boat will be required to follow the conditions set forth in Rule 61 except that no red flag will be required for the Sunfish Class. The Race Committee will arrange a time and place for the protest hearing to be held, prior to which the protestor will be required to submit in writing to the Race Committee his/her protest.

12 SCORING

All boats with a published Menemsha Pond Races rating will be scored under that system. H-12's and any other Class with six or more boats racing (which will constitute a separate Class and warrant a separate starting line) will be scored boat for boat.

13 SAFETY

All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device ("PFD").