

Edgewood Yacht Club  
Beetle Cat Class Racing  
2016 Notice of Race

**Schedule:** Beetle Cat races are scheduled at Edgewood Yacht Club on Wednesdays from June 8 through Sept 28. We will try to start as many races as possible on each race evening, starting promptly at the designated start time. We may also try to schedule some special races on weekends or holidays, based on group interest.

**2016 June Series (Spring Tune-up): Start Time 6:15PM**

Wednesday June 8  
Wednesday June 15  
Wednesday June 22  
Wednesday June 29

**2016 Summer Series (Class Championship): Start Time 6:15PM**

Wednesday July 6  
Wednesday July 13  
Wednesday July 20  
Wednesday July 27  
Wednesday August 3  
Wednesday August 10  
Wednesday August 17  
Wednesday August 24  
Wednesday August 31

**2016 Fall Series (Harris Sweepstakes): Start Time: 6:00PM**

Wednesday September 7  
Wednesday September 14  
Wednesday September 21  
Wednesday September 28  
Wednesday October 5

**Special Races (Individual Regatta Events): Dates and Start Times TBD**

Special races may be organized based on interest, and at the discretion of the Beetle Cat racers.

**Entry:** Entry fee for EYC members is \$50 for the entire season (nonmembers is \$75). Skippers may be asked to contribute funds as necessary for racing equipment (turning marks, tackle, flags,) on a volunteer basis.

**Registration and Skipper's Responsibilities:** Each participant must sign a waiver form before racing. Each skipper must accept responsibility for his or her own safety during racing and for deciding whether or not to race. Racing crew is allowed, and all crew under age 12 must wear a life jacket.

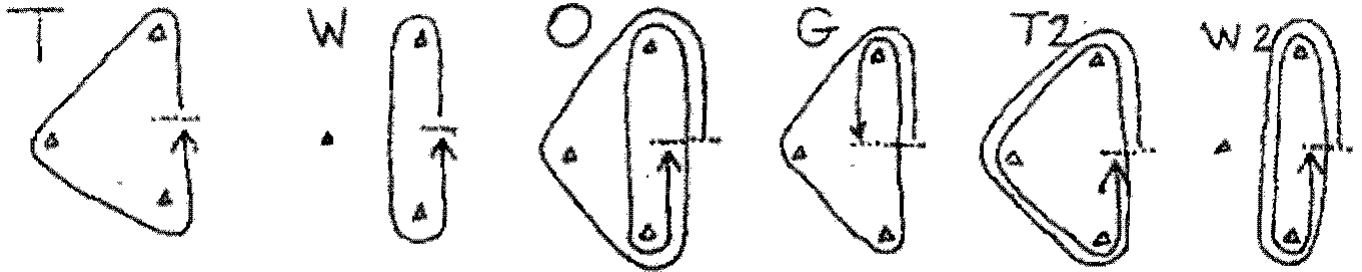
**Race Committee Duty:** Whenever possible, a race committee officer will be present to start and record finishes. If one is not available, individual skippers will be asked to participate in race committee duties (and score a "Q" for each race held that day).

**Rules:** The IYRU Racing Rules (IYRR), USSA prescriptions, Beetle Cat Class Rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions will govern the racing. Rule 44.2 is changed to a 360° turn.

**Social Activities:** Race Night dinners may be arranged at the discretion of the racers.

# Edgewood Yacht Club Beetle Cat Class Racing 2016 Sailing Instructions

**Courses:** The start/finish line will usually be off EYC's north dock, and is between the orange flag on the dock and the nearby starting buoy, unless otherwise determined. The start/finish line is open, i.e. there are no requirements to sail through or avoid it except when starting or finishing. The time limit for each race is 45 minutes. Any boat not finishing within 10 minutes of the first boat may, if still racing, be assigned a finishing position by the race committee corresponding to the boat's relative position at the time. Each mark of the course shall be left on the same side as the starting buoy, which means that the diagrams below may be reversed for some wind conditions. The courses and their designating letters are:



**Starting Signals:** The “dingy start”, RR Appendix T will be used.

**Penalties and Protests:** A 360° turn penalty, similar to the 720° turn penalty of racing rule 44.2, will apply. The protest flag requirement of rule 61.1(a) is waived; however, a protesting skipper must notify the race committee of his intent to protest upon completion of the race involved.

**Qualifications and Scoring:** The Low-Point Averaged Scoring System, RR Appendix AA, will apply to each series, as modified below.

- Minimum to qualify: A race counts if at least 2 boats compete and the race is not cancelled or abandoned. Skippers must compete in at least 60.0% (no rounding) of the races held in a series to qualify for that series.
- Throwouts: The worst 20% of the races in which a skipper competes, rounded to the nearest whole number, may be excluded from the computation of their series average score. For breaking ties per rule A2.3 or any other reason, if one of several equal race scores could be used as a throwout, the earliest one shall be the throwout.
- Example: In a series of 12 races, a skipper needs to compete in 8 to qualify (because 8 of 12 is 66.7% but 7 of 12 is only 58.3%). If he competes in 8 races, he can throw out his worse 2 race scores (because 20% of 8 is 1.6, which rounds to 2).
- Throwouts are limited, in that the number of races counted in the series score must be at least the number of races required to qualify.
- Example: In a series of 12 races, a skipper completes 8 races and qualifies, but gets 0 throwouts (because using a throwout reduces the race total to below the amount needed to qualify). If he completes 9 races (20% are throwouts = 1.8 races, which rounds to 2), but he can only use 1 throwout because using 2 would reduce his total races to 7, which is below the number needed to qualify. If he completes 10 races (20% are throwouts = 2 races), he can use both throwouts because using 2 does not reduce his total below the amount needed to qualify. If he completes 11 races (20% are throwouts = 2.2 races, which rounds to 2), he can use 2 throwouts because using 2 does not reduce his total below the amount needed to qualify (9 races count). If he completes 13 races (20% are throwouts = 2.6 races, which rounds to 3), he can use 3 throwouts because using 3 does not reduce his total below the amount needed to qualify (10 races count) – and so on...
- Race Committee Duty: A skipper who serves on the race committee will receive a score of “Q” for each of the day's races. Each Q is counted as a race for qualification purposes but is not counted in computing throwouts or any series score.

**Changes:** Changes to these sailing instructions will be made based on the collective agreement of the Beetle Cat Racing fleet, and would be effective for the race day following the changes.