



**Midnight Madness Overnight Race  
Friday, August 6, 2021  
Sailing Instructions**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The Race is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Double-handed entries may use autopilot during sail changes. *Changes RRS 52.*

**2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. Will be posted before 1200, August 6, 2021 on the Official Notice Board.
- 2.2. Changes may be announced via VHF radio prior to the first warning.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is on the Yacht Scoring Events Page accessible at [mudhead.org](http://mudhead.org).
- 3.2. The Race Committee (RC) will broadcast on VHF Ch. 01A and competitors are asked to monitor that channel during the race.
- 3.3. Competitors in need of emergency assistance should phone 911 and broadcast on VHF Ch. 16.

**4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1. Competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1. Early abandonment or postponement will be posted to the Official Notice Board prior to 1500 on August 6.
- 5.2. The RC will also attempt to notify competitors by email and text.
- 5.3. The RC will also make announcements on VHF starting at 1730.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1. One race is scheduled
- 6.2. First warning is scheduled for 1755 on Friday, August 6, 2021.

**7. CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1. Class flags will be assigned on the Scratch Sheet.
- 7.2. The start order will be announced on VHF prior to first warning.
- 7.3. Competitors shall check-in at the stern of the RC boat prior to first warning.

**8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1. The course to be sailed will be displayed on the Course Board on the RC signal boat.
- 8.2. **Round the Buoys** or **Pre-Defined** courses will be offered.
- 8.3. **Round the Buoys** course will be designated by a series of Marks posted on the Course Board in order of rounding. P or S indicates which side to leave the preceding mark(s). See **Appendix A**.
- 8.4. **Pre-Defined Course** will be designated by number and include the following choices:
- 8.5. **Course 1.** From Start leave Valiant Rock "G11" to Starboard, "1GI" to port, thence to Block Island leaving SW Pt Whistle "4", NE Whistle "5" and Gong "1BI" to port, then to Finish. Approximately 70 miles.
- 8.6. **Course 2:** From Start leave Gong "1BI" then Shagwonk Reef "SR" to Starboard, leave "1GI" to Port, leave "2PG" to Starboard thence to Finish. Approximately 63 miles.

- 8.7. **Course 3:** From Start, pass Seaflower Reef (Fl 4 S) to Port, thence around Block Island in either direction, passing seaward of "1Bl", NE Whistle "5", SW Pt Whistle "4", thence to Finish. Approximately 55 miles.
- 8.8. **Course 4:** From Start, leave Valiant Rock "G11" to Starboard, then "1GI", Montauk Harbor Bell "M" and Watch Hill Reef Gong "1" to Port then to Finish. Approximately 42 miles.

#### **9. THE START**

- 9.1. Competitors shall rendezvous in the vicinity of Horseshoe Reef.
- 9.2. The Starting Line will be between a staff flying an orange flag and an inflatable buoy.

#### **10. THE FINISH**

- 10.1. The Finish Line extends 150 yards westerly from Seaflower Reef.
- 10.2. Competitors shall take their own GPS time when the center of the tower on Seaflower Reef bears 110 degrees magnetic.
- 10.3. Phone or text finish time to 860.625.0094. Please report yacht name, sail number, GPS time of day finish, and person reporting.

#### **11. TIME LIMITS**

- 11.1. The time limit for this race is 1900 on Saturday, August 7, 2021.
- 11.2. Competitors who do not finish by the time limit shall be scored TLE and receive points for Finishers plus 1.
- 11.3. Competitors who retire from the race shall notify RC by phone or text.

#### **12. PROTEST**

- 12.1. Competitors who wish to file a protest or request for redress shall make note of their intention when reporting their finish time.
- 12.2. Protest forms may be prepared on-line under the documents section of the Yacht Scoring Events Page and emailed to [fpmurf@gmail.com](mailto:fpmurf@gmail.com).
- 12.3. Protests must be filed by 2130 Sunday, August 7, 2021.
- 12.4. Protests will be heard Tuesday, August 9, 2021 at 1800 at the MudHut on Front Street, Noank, CT.

#### **13. SCORING**

- 13.1. Boats will be scored using the time-on-time formula.

#### **14. TROPHIES**

- 14.1. Trophies will be awarded for the top finishers in each class at the season ending party. Free event T-shirts will be distributed to participants prior to the first warning.
- 14.2. There is also a Best Photography Award to be presented to the photographer who takes the best photo during the race as determined by a select panel of judges. Please snap away to your heart's content!

#### **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 15.1. Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. It is solely the responsibility of the skipper or boat owner to race or continue racing. 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 this event.

## APPENDIX A: THE MARKS

4	BI SW Pt Whistle 4	41' 08.798' N	072' 37.358' W
5	NE Whistle 5	41' 12.800' N	071' 32.000' W
8	Saybrook Bar Bell 8	41' 14.875' N	072' 18.830' W
A	Bartlett Reef Bell 4	41' 15.652' N	072' 08.299' W
B	Block Island Gong 1BI	41' 15.523' N	071' 34.552' W
C	Cerberus Shoal Gong 9	41' 10.556' N	071' 57.330' W
E	Endeavor Shoals Gong 1	41' 06.059' N	071' 46.238' W
G	The Ruins, Gong 1GI	41' 09.045' N	072' 08.950' W
H	BI New Harbor Bell 2	41' 12.109' N	071' 35.643' W
J	Pt Judith Whistle 2	41' 18.470' N	071' 28.348' W
L	Lords Passage MoA	41' 17.400' N	071' 54.330' W
M	Montauk Harbor Bell M	41' 05.205' N	071' 56.359' W
N	Shelter Island North MoA N	41' 06.005' N	072' 15.663' W
T	Three Mile Harbor Buoy TM	41' 02.682' N	072' 11.295' W
U	Plum Gut Bell 2PG	41' 10.622' N	072' 13.067' W
V	Valiant Rock Gong 11	41' 13.000' N	072' 04.000' W
W	Watch Hill Reef Gong 1	41' 17.900' N	071' 51.650' W

**All positions are approximate.**

**Around the Buoys course will display a line of Marks in order to be rounded.**

**P or S indicate which side to leave preceding mark(s).**