



2021 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES

46th Season

May 19th – September 1st, 2021

Awards Party November 7th, 2021

**Norwalk Yacht Club
Norwalk, CT**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:

- 1.1. The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- 1.2. The PHRF Class Rules as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS) (<http://www.yralis.org>);
- 1.3. The Nearshore category of US Sailing's Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) (https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/US_SER_2019.0_Categories.pdf); and
- 1.4. The House Rules of Norwalk YC including any COVID-19 protocols in place at the time. (DP)
- 1.5. RRS A5.3 shall apply. RRS 62.1(a), 29.1, 33, 44.1, 61.3, A5.3, 35 and A10 will be changed as stated in these Sailing Instructions.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on www.YachtScoring.com at least 24 hours before taking effect; or
- 2.2. On the water from the race committee signal boat by displaying international signal flag L and orally communicating the change by broadcasting on VHF radio channel 5A (1005) in the 10 minutes before the warning signal on the day they take effect.
- 2.3. Communications with competitors may be by email; or
- 2.4. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 5A (1005).

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at Norwalk Yacht Club not later than 1800 hours on race days. Any signals made ashore shall also be broadcast on VHF radio channel 5A (1005) at 1800 hours and again at 1830 hours.
- 3.2. When flag AP is signaled ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1. Five races are scheduled for each of 3 series. Dates of racing are:

Series 1: May 19th, May 26th, June 2nd, June 9th, and June 16th.

Series 2: June 23rd, June 30th, July 7th, July 14th, and July 21st.

Series 3: July 28th, August 4th, August 11th, August 18th, and August 25th.

Make-up date: September 1st

4.2. One make-up date is scheduled for September 1st. The race to be rescheduled will be the most recently abandoned race selected from within the series with the fewest or equally fewest races completed.

4.3. One race for each class or combined classes is scheduled for each date. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1900 hours. Warning signals for succeeding classes will be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

5. CLASSES

5.1. There shall be 2 PHRF classes: a non-spinnaker class (Class 2) and a spinnaker class (Class 1). The Organizing Authority reserves the right to divide any class into two or more divisions.

5.2. The Classes and/or divisions will be designated in the scratch sheet and published in the order of their scheduled starts which will be available at www.yachtscoring.com, and from the race committee signal boat on race days prior to racing.

5.3. Class flags are the numeral pennant from the international signal flags that corresponds to the class designation on the scratch sheet.

6. RACING AREA

Racing will be South of Rowayton, Connecticut with the start and finish lines in the vicinity of Greens Ledge Light.

7. COURSES & MARKS

7.1 The diagrams attached in **Addendum A** show the courses including the course signals, approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7.2 The race committee signal boat will designate the class with class placards followed by the applicable course signal placards for that class. When only one course is displayed, that is the course for all classes. Below is an example of the course board when multiple courses are displayed.

Class Placard:	Example of course signals:
II (Non-Spinnaker Class)	W2
I (Spinnaker Class)	D2

7.3 The number “2” means the displayed course shall be sailed twice around.

7.4. Courses will normally be displayed horizontally and read from forward to aft on the race committee signal boat. If for any reason a course is displayed vertically, it shall be read from top to bottom.

- 7.5. The race committee signal boat will make a series of short horn sounds to draw attention to changes to the course board or one minute before the first warning signal.
- 7.6. The race committee signal boat will announce the approximate range and compass bearing of the “W” mark by broadcasting on VHF channel 5A (1005) no later than the warning signal.
- 7.7. The distance from leeward mark to the committee boat shall be approximately one half the of the distance from the the committee boat to the windward mark unless broadcast otherwise.
- 7.8. All marks will be inflatable tetrahedrons or race committee boats.

8. COURSE RESTRICTIONS & AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions.

- 8.1. While racing, boats shall not cross a line segment: between RN”28” and R”2A”;
- 8.2. between R”2A” and the abandoned lighthouse at the western end of Sheffield Island; or
- 8.3. between RN”28” and the abandoned lighthouse at the western end of Sheffield Island; or
- 8.4. extending true north of R”30” at Smiths Reef.

9. THE START

- 9.1. Boats shall check-in before starting by sailing astern of the race committee signal boat and hailing until acknowledged.
- 9.2. The order of starts will be non-spinnaker (class II) followed by spinnaker (class I) unless otherwise announced:
- 9.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.4. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 9.5. When an Individual Recall is signaled and a boat is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF radio channel 5A (1005). Failure to make a broadcast, or for it to be heard, or the timing or order of the hail, shall not be cause for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.6. When the Round-an-End-Rule is in effect, the race committee will hail boats on course side as they are identified. This may be during the minute before the start. This changes RRS 29.1.

10. CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1. To change a leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark of a different color (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 10.2. Legs of the course will not be changed after sunset. This changes RRS 33.

11. NAVIGATION RULES

A boat observed by the race committee to break a rule shall be subject to protest. (DP)

- 11.1. All boats are reminded that when a boat sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, she shall comply with the Inland Navigation Rules. For the purpose of this SI rule any commercial tug & barge shall be considered a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver regardless of her lights and shapes displayed.
- 11.2. All boats shall exhibit proper running lights after sunset, but not exhibit an all-round light (anchor light) or a masthead light (steaming light) while sailing.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag (or flag S if the course is shortened) on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark which may be to port or starboard at the discretion of the RC.
- 12.2. A boat shall identify herself to the race committee as they finish by illuminating her sail number with a spotlight and hailing her sail number or announcing it on VHF radio channel 5A, (1005) when finishing. Failure to be identified may result in being scored Did Not Finish (DNF).
- 12.3. A boat that retires shall inform the race committee of her status at the earliest opportunity. Failure to do so may result in being protested and if disqualified she may be scored Disqualification Not Excludable. (DNE)

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 2100 hours. The finish of one boat in any class will constitute a race for all classes. Competitors failing to finish by 2200 hours will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A10 See Scoring.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. A party intending to protest shall inform the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity and no later than 30 minutes after the time the race committee signal boat docks. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 15.2. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race office at the Norwalk Yacht Club by hand or email (regatta@norwalkyachtclub.com). The time limit shall be 1800 hours on the day following the race. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 15.3. Hearings will be held at 2000 hours on the Monday following the protest, at Norwalk Yacht Club or at another time and place agreed by the relevant parties.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. Time shall be corrected by the PHRF handicap system as administered by the YRALIS based on the following "Time-on-Time" formula: $\text{Corrected Time} = \text{Elapsed Time} \times \left[\frac{700}{600 + \text{PHRF}} \right]$.
- 16.2. Five races are scheduled for each of the 3 series. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. One completed race constitutes a series.
- 16.3. A boat's overall score will be the total of her scores for the 15 scheduled races excluding her 3 worst scores.
- 16.4. RRS A5.3 will apply with the following changes: A boat scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) shall receive the same number of points plus two as the number of finishers in her class in that race. This changes RRS A5.3, 35, and A10.
- 16.5. Results will be posted on YachtScoring.com.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Trophies for the three series will be awarded in each class for 1st; and 2nd if 5 or more boats race in the class; and 3rd if 7 or more boats race in the class.
- 17.2. Trophies for the season's best overall will be awarded in each class for 1st; and 2nd if 5 or more boats race in the class; and 3rd if 7 or more boats race in the class.
- 17.3. If a class is divided into divisions as provided in section 5 above, trophies will be awarded accordingly in each division rather than for the class as a whole.
- 17.4. The perpetual Tomfoolery Cup will recognize the boat with the best overall score for the spinnaker class.
- 17.5. The perpetual Robert J Kienle Memorial Gala Cup will recognize the boat with the best overall score in the non-spinnaker classes.
- 17.6. Prizes will be awarded at the Norwalk Yacht Club at an awards party on Sunday, November 7th, 2021. Time to be announced.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Norwalk Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman, and each crew member agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. Each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor, or assignee may have against the Norwalk Yacht Club and each of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents, or volunteers arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea, and weather conditions rests with each competitor, as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat, including safety equipment, rigging, and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel manning them is at the risk of the participant.

19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact:

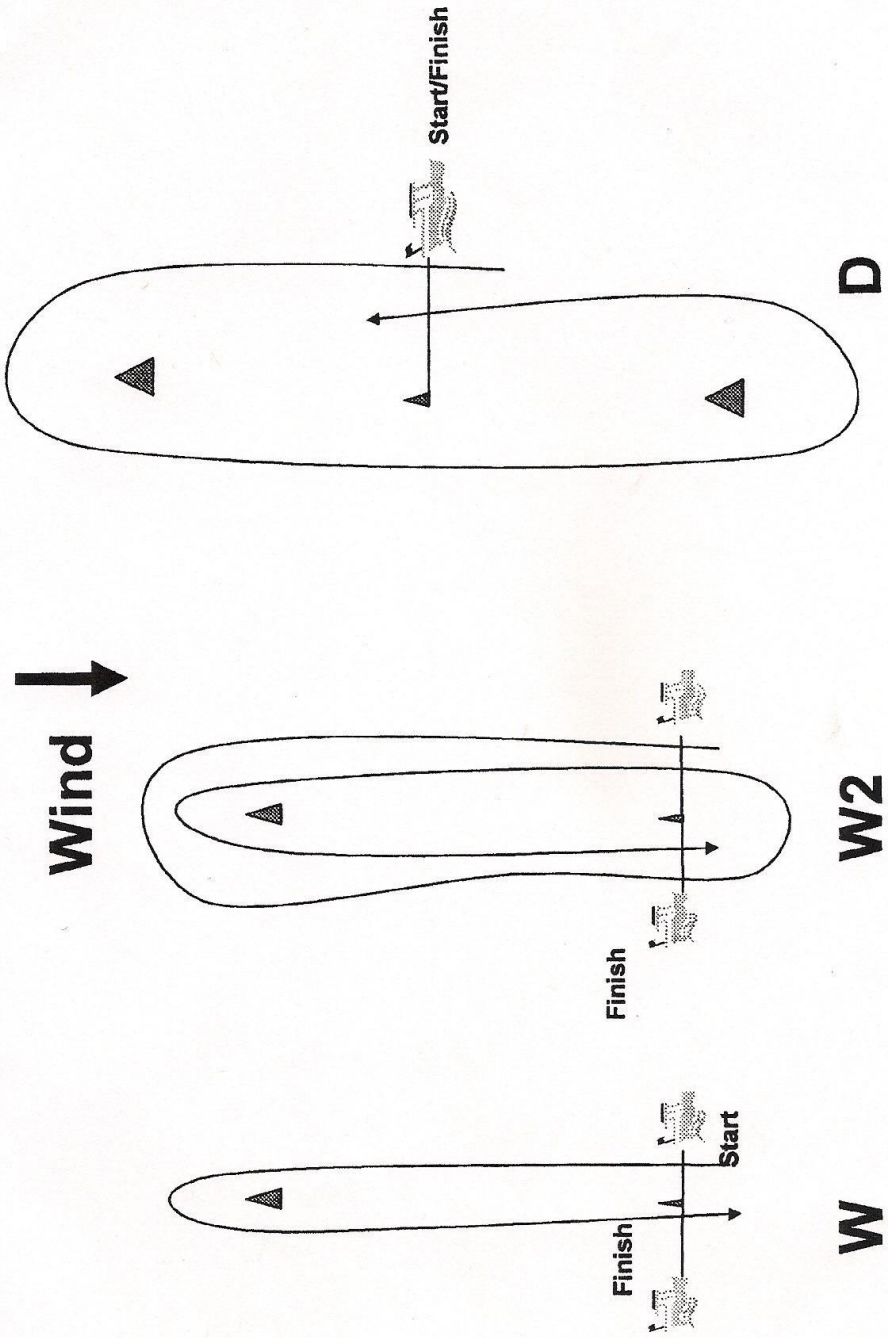
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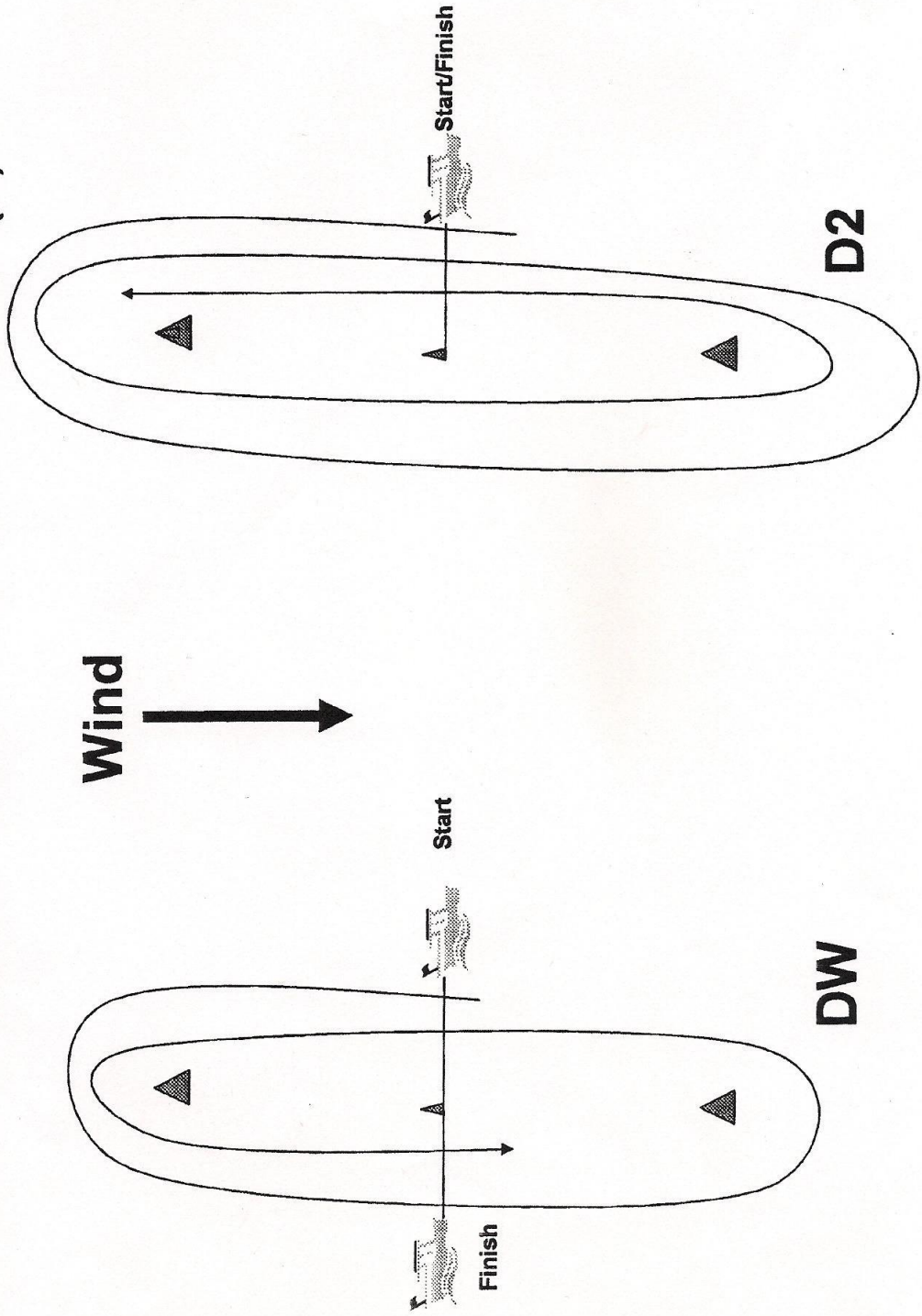
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Triangle Courses

