



Safe Harbor Race Weekend
August 11-13, 2023 | Newport, Rhode Island

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Division 2

Superyacht Class

SHM RW, LLC is the organizing authority (OA) of Safe Harbor Race Weekend (SHRW) to be held August 11-13, 2023 in Newport, Rhode Island, USA.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SIs means that a yacht may not protest another yacht for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

Boats racing on Division 1 will have a separate Sailing Instructions.

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Appendix SY to the RRS (**Exhibit 1**).
- 1.3 The Corinthian Spirit Class regatta rules (**Exhibit 2**)
- 1.4 US Sailing prescriptions to the RRS do not apply except for the prescriptions 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1 and 88.2.
- 1.5 The ORC Superyacht Rule (www.orc.org/superyacht).
- 1.6 The safety requirements designated by the yacht's flag state, classification society and/or code of compliance.
- 1.7 Any applicable local maritime authority rules and regulations.
- 1.8 In the event of a discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.9 The OA takes a proactive stance on safe racing, prudent seamanship and good sportsmanship. Safe racing is the responsibility of everyone involved in superyacht regattas. The superyacht safety protocol within the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions emphasizes that the priority is on safety and prudent seamanship, not competitive advantage.

Note: RRS 47 (Trash Disposal) will be in effect. Disposable sail stops for spinnakers will not be allowed.

2 COMMUNICATIONS, NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND VHF CHANNELS

2.1 Notices, including race documents, results and amendments, will be posted on the online official notice board (ONB) located at yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=15574

2.2 Protest Committee information, including protest time limits and hearing schedules, will be posted on the ONB.

2.3 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

2.4 In accordance with RRS 90.2(c), changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water by hail on the race committee channel. The race committee will make one sound before making the announcement.

2.5 The Safe Harbor Race Weekend regatta office is located at Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard in the regatta tent on the northwest corner of the property.

2.6 The Division 2 race committee will use VHF 72 for communication. All competitors must monitor this channel from the time they approach the starting area until departing the finishing area following the race.

2.7 The safety channel is VHF 17. The Communications Officers on all yachts must maintain an active radio watch on the safety channel from their approach to the starting area until departing the finishing area following the race. Yachts hailed by another yacht shall respond in a timely fashion. This channel should be used in close quarters to determine other yachts intentions, resolve confusion and assist with collision avoidance. If the safety channel is congested, yachts may also use the race committee channel for collision avoidance.

2.8 Back up to the VHF radio will be mobile phone communications. All competitors will be provided with a list of mobile telephone numbers for each RRS Afterguard Member, Communications Officer and captain. Telephone communication is strongly encouraged when the VHF safety and race committee channels are in use. This changes RRS 41.

2.9 Yachts equipped with an Automatic Identification System (AIS) are required to operate it from the time they approach the starting area until departing the finishing area following the race. AIS equipment shall not be removed from the yacht prior to racing. This can assist in maintaining safe separation between yachts.

2.10 A time check may be transmitted over the race committee channel approximately 30 minutes before the warning signal each day.

2.11 There shall be no claim for redress by a yacht in the case of race committee failure to make a radio transmission, delay or error in a transmission, or failure to receive or hear a transmission. This changes RRS 62.1.

2.12 All yachts shall conduct a radio check and receive acknowledgement from the race committee on the safety channel within 45 minutes of their published start time each race day.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 The race committee will broadcast the intent for the day's racing on the race committee channel at 0930 daily. Failure to make this announcement or for a yacht to hear this announcement will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3.2 When "AP" is signaled ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than one hour". The warning signal for the first yacht will be no earlier than 1 hour after the race committee broadcasts that AP is lowered. During a postponement ashore, the race committee will broadcast updates on the race committee channel. This changes RRS 27.3.

4 EVENT AND RACE SCHEDULE

Three races are scheduled, one each day on Friday, August 11, Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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| Thursday, August 10 | 1600-1800 | Check-in at Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard (SHNSY) |
| | 1730-1800 | Captains' Briefing (SHNSY) |
| Friday, August 11 | 0800-0930 | Late Check-In (SHNSY) |
| | 0800-1000 | Breakfast (SHNSY) |
| | 1200 | Scheduled Warning Signal for the first yacht to start |
| | 1830-2130 | Coastal New England Dinner & Daily Awards presented by BMW at Safe Harbor New England Boatworks (SHNEB) (wristbands required) |
| Saturday, August 12 | 0800-1000 | Breakfast (SHNSY) |
| | 1200 | Scheduled Warning Signal for the first yacht to start |
| | 1900-2200 | Talk of the Town Crew Party & Daily Awards presented by X-Shore (wristbands required) at SHNSY |
| Sunday, August 13 | 0800-1000 | Breakfast (SHNSY) |
| | 1200 | Scheduled Warning Signal for the first yacht to start * |
| | 1700 | Final Prize Giving presented by Citizens following racing (SHNSY) |

* No warning signal shall be made after 1500 on Sunday, August 13

The organizing authority and race committee reserve the right to change the schedule at its discretion, taking into account weather conditions and other factors.

5 DESIGNATED RRS AFTERGUARD MEMBER

5.1 In accordance with NOR 13, each yacht shall have a designated member of the afterguard who is currently active with and has a thorough understanding of the RRS. The captain shall maintain the compliance form with the RRS Afterguard Member and Communications Officer onboard during the regatta.

5.2 The designated Communications Officer shall monitor and communicate on the VHF safety channel and must answer any hail in a timely fashion. It is recommended that this individual have experience with radio protocol and experience with and an understanding of the RRS and Appendix SY. If the RRS Afterguard Member is not the Communications Officer, the captain must designate one and provide contact information directly to the Event Manager.

5.3 The RRS Afterguard Member shall attend all briefings and be responsible for ensuring the Daily Declaration Form is returned to the race office by email (editable form will be available on the event website) as soon as practicable following racing each day, but no later than two hours after finishing.

6 CAPTAINS' BRIEFING AND SAFETY MEETINGS

6.1 The pre-regatta Captains' Briefing will be held on Thursday, August 10 at 1730 at the Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard. Attendance is mandatory for the captain, designated RRS Afterguard Member, Communication Officer, and racing tactician (if applicable).

6.2 There may be the need for a pre-race or post-race safety meeting depending on safety issues on the racecourse. Yachts will be notified on the race committee channel and mobile telephones.

7 DAILY DECLARATION FORM AND RANGE FINDERS

7.1 Each yacht's RRS Afterguard Member shall complete a Daily Declaration Form (**Exhibit 3**). The completed form shall be delivered, by email if possible, to the race office within two hours of the yacht's finish.

7.2 All yachts will be issued two Pantenius Laser Rangefinders, to be used by crews to determine distance between yachts (**Exhibit 4**). Rangefinders shall be returned to the race office after the last race of the event.

8 USE OF ENGINES AND THRUSTERS

8.1 [NP] For safety reasons, yachts are encouraged to run their engines in neutral at any time during the race. Engines may be put into gear and thrusters may be used at any time during the race for a yacht to avoid a collision.

8.2 A yacht that puts her engine in gear or uses her thruster at any time after while racing, shall declare the "engine use" on the Daily Declaration Form stating the time the engine was in gear or thruster used, the reason for doing so, and any potential competitive advantage gained.

8.3 The race committee will review all declarations on engine and thruster use to determine whether use was appropriate and if there was competitive gain.

9 START LOCATION / RACING AREA

9.1 The starting area will be located within a radius of approximately 1nm of Kettle Bottom Reef (Gong "7"). When on station, the race committee will announce the position of the signal boat over the race committee channel. Failure to make such an announcement, or the timing of any announcement, will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9.2 The racing will take place on Rhode Island Sound.

10 RACING FORMATS & CLASS FLAGS

10.1 Racing Format: It is the intent of the race committee to provide a staggered racing start for the Superyacht classes.

10.2 Class Flags: There will be no class flags.

11 REGISTRATION AND RETIREMENT

11.1 [NP] **Shoreside Registration:** Each boat shall complete their registration and turn in their crew waivers at Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard (1 Washington Street, Newport, RI in the Regatta Tent) on Thursday, August 10 between 1700-1900 or Friday morning, August 11 between 0800-0930. If yachts are not able to register in person, crew waivers *must* be received by 0930 on Friday, August 11.

11.2 [NP] **Yachts Retiring** shall inform the race committee on the race committee channel or by calling the Event Manager: (401) 855-0945.

12 COURSES AND MARKS

12.1 The courses to be sailed will be coastal courses. Courses for each race will be selected by the race committee from those outlined in **Exhibit 5**. The marks for each course, order to be rounded, and side to be passed are included in the course description.

12.2 Marks will be government buoys and robotic or inflatable buoys (orange or yellow).

12.3 A list of the marks of the course and their approximate locations can be found in **Exhibit 6**. When required, waypoints can be included. (See Appendix SY, Waypoints.)

12.4 RRS 34 (b) regarding ‘Mark Missing; Race Committee Absent’, is changed to add “or (c) substitute a waypoint which will be announced on the race committee channel. When RRS 34(c) applies, yachts shall record the time they passed the waypoint on the Daily Declaration Form.

13 THE START

13.1 The definition *Start* is changed as follows (World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01): A yacht *starts* when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either

- (a) at or after her starting signal, or
- (b) during the last three minutes before her starting signal.

When a yacht starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, she shall not return to the pre-start side of the line, and the starting penalty shall be: Five minutes shall be added to her elapsed time in addition to the amount of time she was on the course side of the starting before her starting signal.

13.2 Superyachts will have the staggered start format. The warning signal for the first yacht in fleet is scheduled at 1200 daily.

13.3 Yachts will be assigned their own starting times for each race. For the first race, slower rated yachts in class will start before faster rated yachts. The starting order may be changed at the discretion of the RC, based on results of the previous race with the boat scored last in her class starting first and the boat scored first in her class starting last. This decision of the race committee shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a yacht. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

13.4 The starting sequence with the scheduled starting time for all yachts for each day’s racing will be posted on the ONB by 2000 the evening before each race and broadcast on the race committee channel at 0930 each morning. The starting times for yachts will be gapped at not less than 2 minutes intervals. A sound signal will be made for each start and the race committee will attempt to broadcast each start.

13.5 The starting gap, a yacht’s starting time and/or starting order may change daily based on ORC handicaps in different wind ranges or in the interest of safe sailing, fair racing considerations or weather conditions.

13.6 RRS 26 is deleted and replaced with: Races shall be started using the following signals. Races will be started with a horn and VHF radio transmission only. There will be no signal flags.

| Signal | Broadcast | Sound | Scheduled Time |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| Warning 1 st yacht | VHF 72 | 1 sound | 5 (1200) |
| Preparatory 1 st yacht | VHF 72 | 1 sound | 4 (1201) |
| Start 1 st yacht | VHF 72 | 1 sound | 0 (1205) |
| Start 2 nd yacht | VHF 72 | 1 sound | To be determined |
| Etc... | | | |
| Start last yacht | VHF 72 | 1 sound | To be determined |

13.7 A yacht’s individual preparatory signal is four minutes prior to her individual scheduled start. After the first yacht has started, there will be no visual or sound for any subsequent preparatory signal and no visual signal for any subsequent starting signal. The race committee will broadcast each start on the race committee channel.

13.8 If the start of a race is postponed, the race committee will display AP, and announce the new starting time for each yacht on the race committee channel.

13.9 [NP] The starting area will extend 200 yards on either side of the starting line and 400 yards on the pre-start side of the line. Yachts that are not in their starting sequence (beginning 5 minutes prior to their starting time) shall stay clear of the starting area and yachts which have yet to start shall stay clear of yachts racing on the course side of the starting line.

13.10 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat on the starboard end and the course side of a robotic or inflatable mark at the port end.

14 RECALLS

14.1 There will be no individual recalls and RRS 29.1 does not apply.

14.2 When any part of a yacht's hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side of the course in the three minutes before her starting signal,
(a) she shall not return to the pre-start side of the starting line and
(b) she will be penalized by 5 minutes added to her elapsed time in addition to the amount of time she was on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal.

14.3 A yacht that crosses the starting line more than 3 minutes early will be scored DNS.

14.4 The penalties in SI 14 will be applied without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

15 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

A course change for any leg of the race will be broadcast over the race committee channel. The change will be signaled before the leading yacht in class has begun the leg. This changes RRS 33.

16 THE FINISH

16.1 There are three options for the finishing line location, one in the vicinity of Castle Hill, one is in the vicinity of the starting area, and the other in the vicinity of Fort Adams.

16.1.1 The Castle Hill finishing line will be between the course side of Castle Hill Lighthouse and the course side of an orange robotic or inflatable buoy WNW of the lighthouse.

16.1.2 The Fort Adams finishing line will be between a staff displaying a large orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of an orange robotic or inflatable buoy. The finishing line boat (to be left to port) will be located approximately 1/2 mile northwest of the northern point of Fort Adams.

16.1.3 The finishing line in the starting area will be between a staff displaying a large orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of an orange robotic or inflatable buoy. The finishing line boat (to be left to port).

16.2 The race committee will broadcast the finishing line location prior to the warning signal each day.

16.3 A sound signal will be made for each finishing yacht.

17 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for the races each day will be 4 hours from the start of the last yacht to start. Yachts failing to finish within 120 minutes after the first yacht in class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) and scored points as described in SI 22.3. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

18 RACE COMMITTEE BOATS AND SUPPORT BOATS

18.1 The race committee signal boat will be identified by a large Safe Harbor Marinas burgee. The race committee boat will be the starting boat.

18.2 Race committee mark boats will be identified by blue or yellow race committee flags.

18.3 [NP] Support boats shall monitor the race committee channel, keep well clear of the starting area, and after the preparatory signal shall not approach within 100 yards of any boat racing.

18.4 Any yacht racing observing support boat interference should report this on their Daily Declaration Form.

19 PENALTY SYSTEM

19.1 The organizing authority will take a proactive stance on enforcing the rules of the regatta, safety and sportsmanship. Safe racing is the responsibility of everyone involved in Safe Harbor Race Weekend. It is incumbent upon all competitors to abide by the rules and play a role in rule enforcement and safe racing by using the penalty system and protest procedures outlined in SI 19 and 20.

19.2 RRS Appendix V will apply, this changes RRS 44.1.

19.3 Penalties applied under RRS 64 for breaches of the rules, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 or 2, are at the discretion of the protest committee.

20 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

20.1 If there is an incident on the water that raises questions regarding the RRS or Appendix SY and no protest is filed or penalty declared, competitors are encouraged to file for a 'Rules Clarification Meeting' with the protest committee on their Daily Declaration Form. The results of a Rules Clarification Meeting cannot result in a yacht's disqualification. It is meant to eliminate confusion and resolve any disagreements on interpretation of the RRS or Appendix SY.

20.2 The intent to protest and the yacht being protested shall be communicated on the race committee channel to the race committee immediately after the yacht intending to protest finishes until acknowledged by the race committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

20.3 Written protests or requests for redress shall be submitted through the online protest form as soon as possible, but not later than one hour after the race committee signal boat has docked. The time limit for filing a protest will be posted on the ONB.

20.4 Notice of protest hearings will be posted on the ONB as soon as possible after the conclusion of the protest time limit. Protest time limits will be scheduled to start as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The protest committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt.

20.5 It is each yacht's responsibility to determine if she is a party to a protest by checking the ONB or the protest desk at the end of the filing time.

20.6 Protests may be via a conference call format. If so, guidelines for virtual protest hearings will be available on the event website.

21 ARBITRATION

21.1 Arbitration may be held in accordance with Appendix T.

21.2 One representative from each yacht will meet with an arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn.

21.3 The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony given to the jury and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).

22 SCORING

- 22.1** A yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 22.2** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 22.3** Yachts that have started and fail to finish within the finish windows listed in SI 17 for any reason, shall, without a hearing, be scored Time Limited Expired (TLE) by the race committee and be assigned points equal to the number of yachts in her class that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit, plus two. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.
- 22.4** Yachts will be scored based on the yacht's Time-on-Distance (ToD) rating allowance for the declared wind range and the yacht's elapsed time, adjusted for any penalties taken on the water (<https://orc.org/organization/superyachts>).
- 22.5** The race committee will use observed conditions on the racecourse before declaring the wind range for scoring purposes. The selected wind range will be broadcast on the race committee channel prior to the first yacht in class finishing.
- 22.6** In case of any shortened racecourse, yachts will be scored using the Time-On-Distance (ToD) scoring for the revised course length and appropriate handicap value (based on the declared wind speed range) to determine the order of class finish.
- 22.7** The Low Point system, RRS Appendix A will apply. No score will be excluded.
- 22.8** Decisions concerning course selection, course distance, and wind strength used for scoring, the responsibility of the race committee and are not grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1

23 PRIZES

- 23.1** Class prizes for each day's racing will be presented to the class winner daily (Friday at Safe Harbor New England Boatworks during the Coastal New England Dinner presented by BMW at approximately 7:45pm and Saturday at Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard during the Talk of the Town Crew Party presented by X-Shore at approximately 7:45pm).
- 23.2** Class prizes for the series and Sunday's daily prizes presented by Citizens will be awarded at the final awards ceremony on Sunday, August 13 at the Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard after racing at approximately 5:30pm

24 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTED AREAS

24.1 Man-Overboard (MOB)

- 24.1.1** Each yacht's MOB procedure shall be practiced at least once by the crew racing in the regatta prior to the first race of the series.
- 24.1.2** A yacht that has an MOB incident shall immediately stop racing. She shall either (a) recover the person or (b) coordinate the recovery of the person with another boat or tender. If the person is recovered by another boat, the yacht shall stand by in the vicinity of the incident.
- 24.1.3** The yacht captain and the operator of the boat that recovered the person may agree to delay the transfer of the person from the boat to the yacht for safety reasons. The transfer of the person from the recovery boat to the yacht may occur at any time during the race, after the yacht finishes or retires, or ashore. If the transfer is delayed, the yacht may resume racing when the person is safely on board the recovery boat. This changes RRS 47.2.

24.1.4 A yacht that has an MOB incident shall notify the race committee by hailing or on the race committee channel as soon as practicable and shall record the time, position, description and details of the incident in the Daily Declaration Form.

24.1.5 The circumstances of the recovery, whether by the yacht or another boat, will be reviewed by the race committee who may add to the yacht's elapsed time when another boat recovers the MOB.

24.2 A yacht that does not intend to race shall notify the race office before 1000.

24.3 Captains and afterguard members of all yachts should carefully read and adhere to SI Exhibit 7 – On Water Emergency Procedures.

24.4 Restricted Channels: Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay and its approaches are considered restricted channels for commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver. Competitors must comply with the government right-of-way rules and monitor VHF 16 when in proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic.

25 WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

25.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority (SHRW, LLC), all official sponsors, members of the race committee, event volunteers, affiliated companies, their representatives, staff, and their agents will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event. Attention is also drawn to RRS 46 and USSER 1.2, Responsibility.

25.2 As a condition of entry, each owner, captain and individual participating crew member shall sign the Waiver & Release of Liability form:

https://yachtscoring.com/event_documents/15574/SHRW_Activity_Waiver_and_Release_2023_Fillable.pdf

The fully executed Waiver & Release of Liability form shall be submitted by the captain prior to racing. The waiver form link can be found on the event website:

yachtscoring.com/event_documents/15574/SHRW_Activity_Waiver_and_Release_2023

25.3 Yachts will not be scored unless the captain/person-in-charge has submitted a Waiver & Release of Liability form.

26 ADMINISTRATIVE

26.1 The event website can be found at: shmarinas.com/safe-harbor-race-weekend

26.2 Address all correspondence and questions pertaining to the regatta to:

Safe Harbor Race Weekend

Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard, 1 Washington Street, Newport RI 02840 Event Manager:

Veronica Brown vbrown@shmarinas.com

Tel: (401) 846-6000 Fax: (401) 401-846-6001

Event Director: Tim Moll tmoll@shmarinas.com

Race Chairman: Peter Craig peter@premiere-racing.com

SI Exhibits

Exhibit 1: Appendix SY

Exhibit 2: Corinthian Spirit Class Rules

Exhibit 3: Daily Declaration Form: (can be sent to the Race Office by email)

Exhibit 4: Pantaenius Rangefinder Instructions

Exhibit 5: Courses

Exhibit 6: Marks of the Course

Exhibit 7: On-Water Emergency Procedures