



**The Organizing Authority is the Youngstown Yacht Club (YYC)
July 29-30, 2023**

Youngstown Yacht Club
491 Water Street
Youngstown, NY 14174
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 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.
- 1.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by announcing the change on VHF radio. Race signal L will be made no less than 1 minute prior to announcing the change.

2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=15668>
The race office is located at 491 Water St., Youngstown, NY USA
- 2.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via radio on VHF channels listed on channels on Attachment A.
- 2.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 3.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 3.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the YYC flagpole located just North of the Main YYC clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Dates of racing are Saturday July 29 and Sunday July 30, 2023.
- 5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100 Hrs.
- 5.3. No warning signal will be made after 1530 on Saturday July 29.
- 5.4. No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday July 30.
- 5.5. There is no limit as to the maximum number of races each day.

6. CLASS FLAGS AND COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

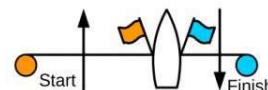
Class flags and course assignments will be available on the official notice board by 1200hrs on Friday July 28,2023

7. RACING AREA

Attachment A shows the approximate location of the racing areas and VHF channel assignments.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in RRS Appendix S show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course, approximate compass bearing and length of the first of the first leg.
- 8.3. For courses L and TL, the starting line and finishing line will follow the diagram to the right. This changes the course diagrams for courses L and TL in RRS Appendix S.
- 8.4. For course L, the leeward gate mark is changed to a single mark which shall be rounded on the port side. This changes RRS Appendix S diagrams.



9. MARKS

- 9.1. Attachment B describes the marks being used on each race course. This document will be available on the official notice board by 1200hrs on Friday July 28, 2023
- 9.2. The starting marks will be the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the starting mark described in Attachment B.
- 9.3. The finishing marks will be the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the finishing mark described in Attachment B.
- 9.4. Protection Marks may be positioned astern of the RC Signal Boats. Competitors shall not pass between the Protection Marks and the RC Signal Boats and will be marks of the course. Failure of the signal boat to position such a mark will not be grounds for protest or redress.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.5. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark or move the finishing 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.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. The Mark 1 Time Limit and Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit
40 Minutes	2 Hours

- 13.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3. If the first boat in a class does not finish within the race time limit, the race will be abandoned for that class.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee signal vessel has returned to her mooring. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office or at: [USSailing Hearing Request](#). Hearing requests may be filed in person at the race office, on Yacht Scoring, or electronically by emailing a copy of the form to yycprotest@gmail.com.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the YYC Sailing Office beginning at the time posted.
- 14.4. Some hearings may take place over Zoom. A link will be provided on the official notice board. Competitors must leave video on and remain in view of the camera at all times except when dismissed

by the protest committee.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

[DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16. RISK STATEMENT

16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

16.2. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

ATTACHMENT A

Approximate Course Area Locations

