



Michael A. Mentuck Ocean Race



July 19-20, 2024
Organizing Authority (OA)
Boston Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions (SI's)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The penalty for breaking a rule is at the discretion of the protest committee. The protest committee may penalize a boat by disqualifying her, adding time to her elapsed time, or by adding points to her race score.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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.
- 2.2. Changes to sailing instructions may be made on the water by radio announcement on VHF radio channel 72.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=16630>
- 3.2 In the starting and finishing areas, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with boats on VHF Channel 72.
- 3.3 [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.
- 3.4 Each boat shall monitor VHF channel 16 from 10 minutes after the start until arriving in Provincetown or, if she retires, after returning to a harbor and contacting the Race Chair per in NOR 15 Communications.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

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

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Boston Yacht Club Yardarm.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 One race is scheduled.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the race is 1055 hrs.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 NoR Addendum 1 shows the location of the racing area.

8 COURSES: See Sailing Instruction Amendments

- 8.1 NoR Addendum 1 shows the Start and Finish
- 8.2 The start line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and Tinkers Gong Buoy or an orange tetrahedron.
- 8.3 Four courses are outlined in the SI Amendments

9 THE START

- 9.1 The Race will start using RRS 26 with the warning signal for each class made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2 The warning signal for the first class to start will be no earlier than 1055 hrs.
- 9.3 The starting line will be at the approximate coordinates 42° 28.969' N 70° 48.827 W'
- 9.4 It is our intention to have approximately two minutes between the starting signal of one class and the warning signal of the next class in sequence, so long as no delay is necessary between class sequences.

- 9.5 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel the Carl A. Alberg at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark, which shall be an inflatable orange tetrahedron.
- 9.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.7 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.8 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 redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.9 A boat that does not start within fifteen minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finish line will be a line extending 0.10 nm on a bearing of 090 deg mag. from the Long Point Shoal Lighted Bell Buoy – Green '3', 'QG', which shall be passed to port.
- 10.2 The Official Finish time will be the time reported by your tacking device.
- 10.3 Upon finishing competitors will record their finish time as well as the boat finishing before and after them, if possible, and submit it to Peter Fein by email to pbfein@gmail.com by 1400 hrs. on 7/20 or text to 781-929-1032.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, will apply with the following changes:
- 11.2 The requirement to fly a yellow flag is deleted from RRS 44.3(a) and 44.3(b).
- 11.3 A boat taking a scoring penalty shall, at the time of the incident, attempt to notify the other boat via VHF channel 16.
- 11.4 The requirement in 44.3(b) to notify the race committee shall be met by submitting a Penalty Acceptance Form (available at the race office or within the protest time limit at the race office, either in person or by email). The penalty for not meeting this reporting time shall be 5 minutes added to the boat's elapsed time for the race.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 There is no time limit. A boat that does not finish by 1200 hrs on Saturday, July 20, shall attempt to notify the Race Chair, Peter Fein of their position and their estimated time of arrival, either by, telephone at 781-929-1032 or email at pbfein@gmail.com

13 RETIREMENT

- 13.1 A boat that retires from the race shall, as soon as practical, Race Chair, Peter Fein at pbfein@gmail.com, or text at 781-929-1032.

14 RENDERING ASSISTANCE

- 14.1 If a boat stops racing to render assistance in compliance with RRS 1.1, they should log their position and the time when they pause racing and when resume racing. The boat should then file a request for redress under RRS 62.1(c).

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 Hearing request forms are available on the official notice board and at the race office, or https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/US_Sailing_Hearing_Request_Form_20210301_Fillable.pdf. Protests, requests for redress or reopening, shall be submitted to the PRO, either in person or by email, within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 4 hours after a boat's finish or 1300 Saturday, whichever is later.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted as soon as practical after the race office receives a protest. The protest committee will attempt to notify the parties by email and/or telephone.

16 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 16.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows:
- 16.1.1 The starting Signal boat at 1100 hrs. will be the Carl A. Alberg flying a blue race committee flag. Patrol Boats will be flying a yellow race committee flag.

17 Awards

- 17.1 Trophies for first and second place in each class. Third place trophies will be presented to any class with five or more entries.

18 RISK STATEMENT

18.1.1 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.

19 INSURANCE

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