



# NEW YORK YACHT CLUB RACE WEEK AT NEWPORT

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - PART I

### GENERAL

Classics & Multihull Weekend on Saturday & Sunday, July 9-10 with racing for Classics, 12 Metres, S Class and Offshore Multihulls.

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Race Week website can be found at <http://nyyc.org/yachting/racing/2016-nyyc-race-week>.
- 1.3 **Check-in:** Each yacht shall register at the check-in desk at the NYYC Sailing Center at Harbour Court prior to racing at the times so designated in the Notice of Race.
- 1.4 **Crew Waiver:** No crew shall be aboard a yacht while racing unless he/she has executed the online Crew Waiver Form. The Crew Waiver Form is available on the Race Week website. Registration will not be complete without receipt of a complete Crew Waiver Form.
- 1.5 **Safety Equipment Requirements:** All yachts shall comply with the US Nearshore section of the NOR Addendum 1 – US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) and shall comply with their class rules, where applicable.
  - a) USSER 2.4.2 through 2.4.8 regarding Hull and Structure: Lifelines shall apply, except that yachts not normally rigged with lifelines are exempt for these requirements and shall wear approved PFDs at all times while racing. This requirement does not apply to competitors on Classics, 6 Metres, 12 Metres or Herreshoff S Class, although they are strongly encouraged to wear PFDs.
  - b) In the event of a conflict between these Requirements and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.
- 1.6 The prescriptions of US SAILING that are posted as NOR Addendum 2 on the Race Week website shall apply.
- 1.7 The NYYC Classics Rules posted as NOR Addendum 3 shall apply to all yachts racing in the Classics division.
- 1.8 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for breeches of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.9 12 Metre Class only: Man Overboard - In the event that a crew member has been lost overboard and detached from the yacht, then the yacht shall immediately:
  - a) sail clear and stand by to recover the crew member; and
  - b) notify the Race Committee on the circle VHF channel that a crew member has been lost overboard.



- c) It is expected that the closest vessel, including racing yachts or support boat shall immediately proceed to render aid. This provision DOES NOT modify Rule 1.1 in any way.
- d) The yacht whose crew member was lost overboard shall be scored equal to the number of starters without a hearing for that race. This changes Rule 63.1.

## **2 ENTRIES**

Eligible yachts shall enter by completing online registration with the Organizing Authority on the Race Week website. Eligibility requirements for yachts and method of entry are detailed in the Notice of Race.

## **3 NOTICES, COMPETITOR INFORMATION AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 3.1 Notices, including race documents, results and amendments, jury information (including protest time limits and hearing schedules) will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the courtyard of the NYYC Sailing Center at Harbour Court. This information may also be posted on the Race Week website.
- 3.2 Flag signals will be flown from the flagpole at Harbour Court.
- 3.3 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 1900 on the day before it will take effect. Flag “Lima” will be flown to signify such posting.
- 3.4 When “AP” is displayed ashore, “one minute” is replaced with “not less than one hour” in Race Signal “AP”.
- 3.5 Signals designating the rendezvous locations will be displayed at 0900 each race day from the flagpole at Harbour Court. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce the circle assignments, format and the rendezvous locations as described in SI 4 and SI 6 at that time over VHF Channel 72. The failure to make this announcement or for a yacht to hear this announcement will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 3.6 After the rendezvous locations and any other regatta announcements have been made, Race Committee Signal Boats will monitor and communicate with their respective classes on the circle VHF channels published in SI 4.3.

## **4 CLASSES AND IDENTIFICATION**

- 4.1 The Organizing Authority will divide yachts into classes. Classes will be assigned a numeric designation and assigned each day to one of two circles (Blue and Green). Note that a class may sail on different circles on different days.
- 4.2 **Scratch Sheets** - Scratch sheets will be distributed at registration, posted on the Official Notice Board and posted on the regatta website.
- 4.3 **VHF Channels** - The Race Committee VHF channels for each circle are:
  - Blue Circle            VHF Channel 72
  - Green Circle        VHF Channel 65
- 4.4 **Backstay Flags** - Each yacht shall display the Rolex backstay flag provided at registration while racing.
- 4.5 **Class Flags** – Each yacht shall display the numeral flag corresponding to her class designation, as shown on the scratch sheet, from her backstay approximately six feet above the deck and above the Rolex flag, from the warning signal of the first class on her circle until she is no longer racing. Yachts without a permanent backstay shall conspicuously display these flags in an alternate position in the aft part of the yacht.

## **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 All races will count in the series.
- 5.2 Course signals are scheduled to be made at 1055 for racing on Saturday, July 9, and Sunday, July 10. The first warning signal is scheduled to be made at 1100.
- 5.3 For the first race on each day, the **Herreshoff S Class** will be the last class to start.
- 5.4 No warning signal shall be made after 1500 on Sunday, July 10.

## **6 RENDEZVOUS LOCATIONS**

Circle rendezvous locations are listed below and will be designated as described in SI 3.5.

### **Newport Harbor and near Newport Bridge:**

- Area “K” - between Goat Island and Rose Island
- Area “M” - in the vicinity of 0.5 NM west of R “12” Rose Island
- Area “O” - in the vicinity of Potter Cove (just north of west end of Newport Bridge)

### **North of Newport Bridge:**

- Area “R” - in the vicinity of 200° for 0.5 NM from Halfway Rock
- Area “T” - in the vicinity of G “7” QG off Quonset Point

## **7 CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT**

- 7.1 Prior to the Course Signals for the first race each day, the Race Committee will conduct a roll call over the respective circle VHF channel. Yachts should monitor their circle VHF channel after leaving the harbor.
- 7.2 **STARTING AREA RESTRICTIONS** – Yachts, including any support or coach boat, shall keep clear of the Race Committee Signal Boat, the starting line, and the starting mark from the time of the Course Signals for a race until the Warning Signal for their class. In addition, the Race Committee may delineate a **STARTING BOX** by placing two or more buoys to leeward of the starting line to form a starting box area between these buoys and the starting line. If so established, yachts shall keep outside the starting box from the time of the Course Signals for a race until the Warning Signal for their class.
- 7.3 The Race Committee may announce the lat/long positions of the signal boat and starting mark over the circle VHF channel. Failure to make such an announcement, nor the timing of any announcement, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 7.4 Yachts retiring are requested to inform the Race Committee on the circle VHF channel or by calling (401) 845-9633.

## **8 COURSES & MARKS**

The courses and marks are described in SI Appendix A.

## **9 THE START**

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will endeavor to announce the next class(es) to start on the circle VHF Channel.
- 9.3 A yacht starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 9.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 9.5 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

## **10 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS**

The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each premature starter over the circle VHF channel. Failure to make such an announcement, nor the timing or order of any announcement, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## **11 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the finishing mark as described in SI Addendum A.

## **12 GOVERNMENT BUOYS**

Government buoys have no required side except when specified as marks of the course. Caution should be exercised for safe navigation.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that a yacht has the choice between penalty systems, and the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. A yacht may choose either to:
- a) take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2; or

b) take a Scoring Penalty in accordance with rule 44.3. The scoring penalty will be 2 places.

- 13.2 A yacht that has taken a penalty shall complete an online [penalty acknowledgement form](#) or a paper form available from the Jury Secretary and submit/file it with the Jury Secretary no later than the end of protest time.

#### **14 TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1 The time limit is as follows: Course “1” or “2” - six hours; Course “3” or “4” – five hours.
- 14.2 Yachts failing to finish within 60 minutes of the first yacht in her class to sail the course and finish, or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) and scored points as described in SI 16.3. This changes rules 35 and A4.

#### **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 A yacht intending to protest or file a request for redress is requested to report both their intention and the yacht(s) being protested to the Race Committee on the circle VHF channel as soon as possible after finishing or withdrawing from the race.
- 15.2 Protests or requests for redress shall be submitted to the Jury Secretary in the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as possible, but not later than one hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat for that circle has docked either on the written protest form available from the Jury Secretary or on the [online protest form](#). The time limit for filing a protest will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.3 Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.4 Protest hearings will take place at the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The protest committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of yachts who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest rooms.
- 15.5 When a yacht has been involved in an incident that may be subject to protest, it is her responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any yacht to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the protest committee as grounds for proceeding under rule 63.3(b).
- 15.6 Rule 63.5 is changed by adding, “A protest involving contact may be heard by the protest committee even though the requirements of rule 61.1(a) and 61.3 have not been fulfilled.”
- 15.7 Breaches of SIs 4.4, 4.5, 7, 9.5 and 18.2 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 15.8 [A yacht found to have breached SI 7.2 shall be penalized a minimum of two points. This changes rule 64.1.](#)
- 15.9 A violation of SI 18.2 will be considered “a gross breach of a *rule*” under rule 69.1(a).
- 15.10 On Sunday, July 10, a written request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered to the Jury Secretary:
- a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the Protest Committee’s decision on the previous day; or
  - b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the Protest Committee’s decision on that day; or
  - c) If no races are held on Sunday, July 10, within one hour after racing has been abandoned.
- This changes rule 66.

- 15.11 On Sunday, July 10, a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered in writing no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

#### **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 A yacht’s series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be no drop race. This changes rule A2.
- 16.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 Yachts that have started and failed to finish within the time limit for any reason, shall, without a hearing, be scored by the Race Committee with 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 rule A4.1, A4.2, and A5.

- 16.4 The 12 Metre classes may be started together, but will be scored separately if there are two or more entries in a division (Traditional, Modern, Grand Prix).

## 17 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Race.

## 18 NOTES

- 18.1 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 when in proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic.
- 18.2 In the event there is racing in Narragansett Bay, competitors should be aware of heightened security around the Navy base in Newport just to the north of the Newport Jamestown Bridge. The area to the east of a line defined by a series of white buoys marking the Newport Security Zone along the coast of the Naval Facilities from Coasters Harbor to the breakwater at the north end of Coddington Cove shall rank as an obstruction. Yachts shall not enter this area. A Navy patrol boat monitors the area and vessels navigating in the Exclusionary Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval authorities.
- 18.3 Except for purposes of safety, individual support or coach boats, defined as any boat that is under the direction or control of a person gathering information or giving material support for the benefit of a particular competitor(s) either on the water or off, shall stay outside the racing area and shall not interfere with the race committee or any yacht in the race area. Breaches of this rule may result in a penalty to the yacht associated with the support or coach boat.
- 18.4 All times herein are Eastern Daylight times. Bearings are in degrees magnetic and are approximate. Distances used herein are expressed in nautical miles (when not otherwise defined) and are approximate.

### 18.5 Newport Tides

<i><b>Day</b></i>	<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>High Tide</b></i>	<i><b>Ft.</b></i>	<i><b>Low Tide</b></i>	<i><b>Ft.</b></i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>July 9</i>	<i>1229</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>1753</i>	<i>0.6</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>July 10</i>	<i>1318</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>1825</i>	<i>0.8</i>

### 18.6 For further information please contact:

New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court  
5 Halidon Avenue  
Newport, RI 02840  
Tel: 401-845-9633  
Fax: 401-846-3303  
Email: [sailingoffice@nyyc.org](mailto:sailingoffice@nyyc.org)  
Website: <http://nyyc.org/yachting/racing/nyyc-race-week>

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## **Appendix A – Courses & Marks**

**Saturday-Sunday, July 9-10**

### **A1 COURSES**

A1.1 Courses will be designated as described below. Marks for Course “4” are described in SI A3 and SI A4.

A1.2 The flag(s) designating the course to be sailed will be displayed at Course Signals. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce the designated courses on their respective circle VHF channel. Failure to make such an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

A1.3 **Starting/Finishing line restrictions** - After starting and before finishing, the starting and finishing lines are designated as obstructions and shall not be crossed.

A1.4 **Center span of Bridges** – Yachts passing under either the Jamestown Verrazano Bridge or the Newport Jamestown Bridge shall pass through the center span only. For the purposes of rule 32.2(c), the center spans of both bridges shall be considered gates.

A1.5 Except when designated as a rounding mark, mark “Q” (G “9” Fl G 2.5s Gong off Bull Pt) and mark “R” (G “11” Q G Bell off The Dumplings) shall be passed on the channel side at all times.

A1.6 **COURSE 1** – If numeral pennant “1” is displayed, the course will be clockwise around Conanicut Island:

- Start
- Special Mark “E” if used (see SI A4.3) (required side designated on white board)
- Mark “N” GR “NR” Bell southwest of Beavertail Point leave to starboard
- Jamestown Verrazano Bridge center span
- Mark “20” G C “5” northwest of Conanicut Point leave to starboard
- Mark “22” R “2” Fl R northeast of Conanicut Point leave to starboard
- Newport Bridge center span
- Mark “S” R “12” Fl R Bell southwest of Rose I leave to port
- Finish (see SI A2.2)

A1.7 **COURSE 2** – If numeral pennant “2” is displayed, the course will be counter-clockwise around Conanicut Island:

- Start
- Special Mark “E” if used (see SI A4.3) (required side designated on white board)
- Mark “S” R “12” Fl R Bell southwest of Rose I leave to starboard
- Newport Bridge center span
- Mark “22” R “2” Fl R northeast of Conanicut Point leave to port
- Mark “20” G C “5” northwest of Conanicut Point leave to port
- Jamestown Verrazano Bridge center span
- Mark “N” GR “NR” Bell southwest of Beavertail Point leave to port
- Finish (see SI A2.2)

A1.8 **COURSE 3** – If numeral pennant “3” is displayed, the course will be:

- Start
- Marks listed in the order to be rounded with required sides (see mark descriptions in SI A4)
- Finish between a staff displaying the blue flag on the Race Committee boat and the nearby finishing mark. See SI A2.3.

The Race Committee will post the course on a white board on the starboard side of the Signal Boat, listing the marks in the order to be rounded, and the required side to leave each mark. The Race Committee intends to also announce the course on their respective circle VHF channel.

A1.9 **COURSE 4** – If numeral pennant “4” is displayed, the course will be clockwise around Prudence Island as follows:

- Start
- Special Mark “E” if used (see SI A4.3)
- Leave Prudence Island, including R “8” northwest of Patience Island and RG N at the northern end, to starboard.
- Finish between a staff displaying the blue flag on the Race Committee boat and the nearby finishing mark. See SI A2.3.

## A2 FINISH

- A2.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee Boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.
- A2.2 The finishing line for courses “1” and “2” will be located approximately 0.4 NM north of the Fl R 6 sec Horn “2” on the northern point of Fort Adams.
- A2.3 The finishing line for courses “3” and “4” will be set adjacent to the Race Committee Signal Boat. However, the race committee may shorten any course at a rounding mark or gate in accordance with rule 32.



Course 4

## A3 DROP MARKS

- A3.1 Special Marks “E” and “L” will be inflatable WHITE tetrahedron buoys.
- A3.2 Marks “16” and “17” on the 2015-2017 *South Bay Race Chart*, if used, will be inflatable ORANGE tetrahedron buoys.
- A3.3 The starting and finishing marks will be inflatable buoys as follows:

<u>Circle</u>	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Finishing</u>
BLUE	Orange	Green
GREEN	Yellow	Pink

## A4 ADDITIONAL MARKS

- A4.1 In addition to all buoys listed on the 2015-2017 *South Bay Race Chart* provided at registration, the marks listed in SI Appendix A4.3, A4.4 and A4.5 below are the designations for additional rounding marks that might be used.
- A4.2 The *South Bay Race Chart* is to be used for informational purposes only and should not be used for navigation.
- A4.3 Special Mark “E”
- The Race Committee may add a new first mark “E” to a course described in SI Appendix A.
  - If special mark “E” is used, the Race Committee will display flag “E” over a GREEN flag (round special mark “E” to STARBOARD) or over a RED flag (round special mark “E” to PORT). The Race Committee will also list “E” as the first mark on the course board as described in SI Appendix A1.8.
  - The magnetic bearing and distance (in nautical miles to the nearest tenth) to special mark “E” will be posted on a white board on the Race Committee signal boat.
  - Mark “E” will be a WHITE tetrahedron buoy.
- A4.4 Special Mark “L” (may only be used in Course “3”)
- The Race Committee may set special mark “L” approximately 0.1 NM to windward of the start line.
  - If special mark “L” is used, it will be listed as a mark as described in SI Appendix A1.8.
  - Special mark “L” will be a WHITE tetrahedron buoy





#### A4.5 Government Marks & Islands (see charts 13205, 13218, 13223, 13226 and 13224 for more detail)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Approx. location</u>
A Gould Island	41° 32.00' N; 071° 20.67' W (center of island)
B Hope I (east of Quonset) including R "2" at the southwest end and G C "1" at the northeast end	
D RW "NB" Mo(A) WHIS	41° 23.00' N; 071° 23.36' W
H RW "SR" Mo(A) WHIS	41° 25.76' N; 071° 13.38' W
SP RG "SP" Fl (2+1) R 6s BELL	41° 36.92' N; 071° 17.59' W
G3 G "3" Fl G 4s (approx. 0.5 NM sw of Popasquash Neck)	41° 38.53' N; 071° 18.46' W
MH RGR "MH" Fl (2+1) R 6s GONG in Mt. Hope Bay	41° 39.54' N; 071° 14.04' W
BH RGR N "Middle Ground Buoy" approx. 0.8 NM n of Hog I	41° 39.68' N; 071° 16.87' W
HI G "3" Fl G 4s BELL approx. 0.4 NM southeast of Hog I	41° 37.79' N; 071° 16.29' W

