



**RAM ISLAND YACHT CLUB, INC**  
**48 Front St.**  
**Noank, Connecticut, USA**  
**74th Annual Island Race - August 24, 2019**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 Rules**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The provisions of Appendix V shall be in effect.

**2 Notices to Competitors**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board at YachtScoring:  
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=7292>.

**3 Radio Communications**

- 3.1 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, utilize VHF radio channel 01A to augment transmission of information to the racing fleet. The inability of a competitor to hear or understand such radio transmissions shall not be considered grounds for redress.

**4 Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted to the official Notice Board by 0800 on the day they are to take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000 on the day before they take effect.

**5 Signals made Ashore**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mainmast at the end of the Ram Island Yacht Club dock and will be broadcast via VHF radio on channel 01A.
- 5.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

**6 Schedule of Races**

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. In the event of cancellation or abandonment, there is no re-sail date.
- 6.2 One race is scheduled for all classes.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the Warning signal for the first Start is 0955.

**7 Class Flags**

- 7.1 Class flags will be letter pennants corresponding to the Class letter listed on the Scratch Sheet.

## 8 The Start

- 8.1 The Starting area will be between Horseshoe Reef N “26” and the southwest end of Groton Long Point.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between the staff flying an orange flag on the Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of an inflatable mark at the port end.
- 8.3 The Race Committee will attempt to identify OCS boats verbally and by VHF channel 01A. Failure on the part of any OCS boat to hear or understand these attempts shall not be considered grounds for redress.
- 8.4 Any boat not starting within 20 minutes of her Starting signal shall be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## 9 Courses

- 9.1 One of five possible courses may be displayed by the Signal boat no later than the Warning signal for each Class.
- 9.2 The course to be sailed will be signaled by Numeral Pennants 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, displayed under the Class Flag, or independently on a halyard for that class. The course will also be announced on VHF channel 01A. The possible courses are:

**Course – 1** Southwesterly to Race Point N “2”, leaving to port. Thence easterly along south shore of Fishers Island to Lord’s Passage Mo (A) “L”, leaving to port. Then to Wicopesset Rock C “7”, leaving to port. Thence northerly to G “3” off the Stonington breakwater, leaving to port. Thence westerly to the finish. Course length ~15.5 nautical miles.

**Course – 2** Southwesterly to Race Point N “2”, leaving to port. Thence easterly along south shore of Fishers Island to Lord’s Passage Mo [A] “L”, leaving to port. Then to Wicopesset Rock C”7”, leaving to port. Thence northwesterly to finish. Course length ~14.5 nautical miles.

**Course – 3** Southwesterly to Silver Eel W “SE”, leaving to starboard. Thence northerly to Vixens Ledge “VL”, leaving to starboard. Thence easterly to N “16” east of Eel Grass Ground, leaving to port. Thence westerly to the finish. Course length ~11.0 nautical miles.

**Course – 4** Southeasterly to Wicopesset Rock C “7”, leaving to starboard. Thence southerly to Lord’s Passage Mo [A] “L”, leaving to starboard. Thence westerly along south shore of Fishers Island to Race Point N “2”, leaving to starboard. Thence northeasterly to the finish. Course length ~13.0 nautical miles.

**Course – 5** Southeasterly to an inflatable drop mark located off East Harbor, Fishers Island, at approximately LAT [N] 41 17.420, LON [W] 71 56.662, leaving to starboard. Thence westerly leaving Brooks Point C “1W”, Clay Point C “5” and North Hill bell “2” to port. Thence southwesterly to Silver Eel W “SE”, leaving to starboard. Thence northeasterly to the finish. Course length ~8.0 nautical miles.

## 10 The Finish

- 10.1 **For Courses 1, 2, and 3** - Between the staff flying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and an inflatable mark located approximately 1/2 mile south of Mason’s Point.
- 10.2 **For Courses 4, and 5** - Between a staff flying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and an inflatable mark located approximately 1/4 mile west of North Hill bell “2”.

## **11 Time Limit**

- 11.1 If no boat in a Class properly sails the course and finishes by 1600 E.D.T., there will be no race for that Class.
- 11.2 Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat in their Class properly sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired; i.e., Finishers +1).

## **12 Scoring**

- 12.1 All classes, except One Design Classes, will be scored using PHRF/ECSA time-on-time calculations.

## **13 Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 13.1 Boats intending to protest shall inform the Signal Boat at their earliest opportunity upon finishing. Written protests must be received on the Signal Boat within 60 minutes of the Signal Boat docking at Ram Island Yacht Club.
- 13.2 Signal flag Tango “T” will be hoisted with 2 sound signals to indicate the start of the Protest Filing period. Signal flag Tango “T” will be dropped with a sound signal to indicate end of Protest Filing period.
- 13.3 The Protest Hearing Schedule will be posted to the official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after expiration of the Protest Time Limit.

## **14 Prizes**

- 14.1 Will be awarded at Ram Island Yacht Club no earlier than 1730.