



Barrington Yacht Club

Charles V. Cox Memorial Series – 2022

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Sailing Instructions (SIs)

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

1. RULES

- a) The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- b) RRS Appendix V applies

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a) Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 16:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- a) Notices to competitors will be posted to the Phlotilla event page located at:
<https://phlotilla.com/eventview/zNj40klZNjjBCLlv1nni>
- b) On the water, the race committee will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72
- c) [NP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a) Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole at Barrington Yacht club
- b) When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in Race Signals
- c) Code flag “N” hoisted shall mean racing for that day has been cancelled
 - i. The race committee intends to make the decision to cancel by 17:00 on race day

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- a) Series 1: May 17th, May 24th, May 31st, June 7th, June 14th, June 21st, June 28th, July 5th
 - b) Series 2: July 12th, July 19th, July 26th, August 2nd, August 9th, August 16th, August 23rd, August 30th
 - c) Fall Series: September 6th, September 13th, September 20th, September 27th
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- d) The warning signal for the first class to start each day of racing will be at
 - i. 18:30 for all races held before September 1st
 - ii. 18:15 for all races held after September 1st (Fall Series)

7. CLASS FLAGS

- a) The class flag for the Spinnaker class is Pennant One
- b) The class flag for the One Design (J-29) class is Pennant Two
- c) The class flag for the Non-Spinnaker class is Pennant Three
- d) If any additional one design classes qualify, the class flag and starting order will be disseminated prior to 16:00 on the first day of racing for which the class is qualified (5 boats or more)

8. RACING AREA

- a) The racing area is the Northeastern quadrant of Narragansett Bay, north of Prudence Island and South of Barrington

9. COURSES

- a) Courses will use either drop marks, fixed (government) marks or a combination thereof
- b) Appendix B of the SIs shows diagrams for drop mark 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
- c) Appendix A of the SIs shows a list of government aids to navigation which may be used as marks
- d) The race committee signal vessel will display, by no later than the warning signal, the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg for drop mark courses or the government marks to be used and order to be rounded for fixed mark courses

10. MARKS

- a) Inflatable marks will be used for drop mark courses
 - i. Rounding marks: orange tetrahedrons
 - ii. Start/finish marks: yellow marks in a different shape than the rounding marks; the start/finish mark may also be used as the leeward mark
 - iii. New marks: yellow tetrahedrons as provided in SI 12

11. THE START

- a) Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26
- b) The starting line is between the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at one end and the course side of the starting mark at the other end
- c) Boats racing in a class whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races
- d) 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 are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)
- e) A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2

12. COURSE CHANGES

- a) 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 is practicable
 - b) If a new mark is later replaced in a subsequent change, it will be replaced by an original mark
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13. THE FINISH

- a) The finishing line is between the staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal vessel at one end and the course side of the finishing mark at the other end
- b) If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- a) RRS 44.1 as modified by RRS V1 applies

15. TIME LIMITS

- a) If no boat in a class finishes a race within 2.5 hours of her class start, the race will be abandoned

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- a) The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee signal boat has docked
- b) Hearing request forms are available from the race office and on the Phlotilla event page
- c) Online protests are encouraged and can be entered on the Phlotilla event page
- d) Notices will be posted as soon as possible after a protest has been received to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses
- e) Hearings will be held at Barrington Yacht Club shortly after posting the notice of the hearing
- f) RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply

17. SCORING

- a) Race scoring shall be as described in the Notice of Race (NoR)

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- a) [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity

19. BOAT AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS

- a) Boats or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions

20. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- a) Official vessels will be identified as those flying "RC" flags, at least while the course is being set up

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

- a) Trash shall be retained onboard for proper disposal ashore after racing

22. AWARDS

- a) Awards will be given as described in the NoR

23. RISK STATEMENTS

- a) 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
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in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes

- b) The race area utilizes navigable waters shared by commercial traffic and other stakeholders
 - c) The right of way of commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver is absolute
 - d) [NP] A commercial vessel sounding a danger signal (5 or more horn blasts) shall subject the offending boat to be protested by the Race Committee
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