

NEW ENGLAND 100

Bristol Yacht Club, Rhode Island
August 15-16, 2015

Sailing Instructions



1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 2013-2016 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of US Sailing, the Notice of Race, the Class Rules of all participating boats, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

2. Entries

- 2.1 Eligible boats will be considered entered by completing registration with the organizing authority and completing a safety inspection.

3. Notice To Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Bristol Yacht Club (BYC) club house.

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board before 8:30 AM on the day it will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flag post on the lawn of BYC.

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1 One distance race each day for (two) consecutive days.
- 6.2 The start of the race on Saturday August 15 is scheduled to be at 11:00 AM.
- 6.3 The start of the race on Sunday August 16 is scheduled to be at 10:00 AM.
- 6.4 A skippers meeting will be held near the registration table each morning at 9:00 AM.

7. Racing Area

- 7.1 The racing area will be Sakonnet River and Narragansett Bay, including the East and West Passages and as far north as Conimicut Point, RI, as far east as Fall River, MA and as far south as Beavertail Point, RI.



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8. Courses

- 8.1 The possible courses will be described in Appendix 'A' which will be available at the registration desk and at http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10689#_docs.
- 8.2 The Race Committee will post the planned course of the race for that day by 8:30 AM the morning of the race.
- 8.3 For the planned Course 1, there might be speed restrictions in place when sailing through the Tiverton Basin (the harbor under the Sakonnet River Bridge) and the area immediately to the north hereof. It is recommended to adhere to the restrictions. The race committee take no responsibility for any violations by any competitors.

9. Marks

- 9.1 The course marks will be described in Appendix 'A'. Marks may be islands, bridge spans, government marks or marks set by the Race Committee.

10. The Start

- 10.1 The start line is between RG "N" and orange flag on committee boat.
- 10.2 Races will be started using Rule 26. (A five minute sequence).
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This change RRS A4.

11. Recalls

- 11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. Boats not restarting will be assessed a 10 minute penalty. The penalty will be added to their elapsed time. This changes RRS 29.1, A5 and A11.
- 11.2 General recalls shall be signaled in accordance with RRS rule 29.2.

12. Change of Course After the Start

- 12.1 A 'shortened course' will be signaled using Flag 'S' and two sounds from a committee boat by a turning mark in accordance with RRS rule 32.2. Round the boat to starboard and return to the finish line by respecting the marks already rounded, but in the opposite direction. This change RRS 32.2.
- 12.2 A 'change of course' will be signaled using Flag 'C' with repetitive sounds from a boat by a turning mark. All boats shall round the committee boat to starboard and sail the shortest course directly back to the finish line. This changes RRS 33.



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13.The Finish

- 13.1 The finish line shall be between RG “N” and orange flag on Herreshoff Marine Museum pier (approximately 41.66N, 71.27W).

14.Required Safety Gear

- 14.1 All competitors must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket with an attached knife and whistle.
14.2 All competitors must have either: a waterproof chart on board of the race area and a marine grade compass OR a fully charged smart phone equipped with a gps and charts of the race area in a waterproof housing. The race area is defined in Section 7.
14.3 All vessels must carry a working waterproof flashlight.
14.4 All single handers must carry a VHF radio and a cell phone in waterproof pouches.
14.5 Additional Coast Guard required equipment is recommended but will not be cause for a protest.
14.6 It is recommended that food and ample water be carried on board.
14.7 It is recommended that all boats carry a cell phone or VHF in waterproof pouches.

15.Retirement

- 15.1A boat that retires from a race ‘MUST’ notify a race committee representative as soon as possible to avoid search and rescue operations. A list of phone numbers to race committee members will be posted on the notice board. Please program your mobile phone with these numbers.
15.2

16.Protests

- 16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the registration table. Protests must be filed with the protest committee within one (1) hour after the last boat in your class finishes.
16.2 A notice will be posted on the regatta bulletin board within one (1) hour of the filing of the protest listing the vessels involved in a protest, the approximate order for hearings and the starting time and place for the first hearing.

17.Penalties

- 17.1 Rule 44.1 is modified as follows. The ‘Two-Turns’ penalty shall be replaced by a One-Turn penalty, which shall include one tack and one gybe.



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18. Scoring

- 18.1 Scoring will consist of the combined times of both days adjusted with the Portsmouth Handicap System. The lowest time wins. Crew weight modifications will not be used. Wind modifications might be used.
- 18.2 The Classes will be as described at the skipper's meeting.
- 18.3 A minimum of one race will constitute a series.
- 18.4 There will be no throw-outs.

19. Assistance

- 19.1 Any boat receiving "hands on" outside assistance will be scored DNF. The race committee, US Coast Guard and state or local maritime authorities may decide when a boat needs assistance.

20. Disposal of Refuse and Trash

- 20.1 The discharge of trash into the water is prohibited during the entirety of the event. Any boat observed in violation is subject to disqualification from the race the day of the infraction.

21. Insurance

- 21.1 Each boat participating in the event shall be insured with liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.

