



# Sailing Instructions

## Wickford Regatta 2020

*Wickford Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority*



**1. Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the class rules of the invited classes.

**2. Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the online notice board.

### 3. Signals Made Ashore

**3.1** Signals made ashore will be made orally from the vicinity of the rest rooms. There will be no physical notice board. All official announcements will be posted on the online notice board. This changes RRS 90.2(c)

**3.2** The intended start time for Sunday's races will be announced orally at the venue and posted on the online notice board shortly after racing on Saturday.

**4. Eligibility and Entry:** The regatta is open to the **I-420, F-18, 505** and **29er** classes. All entries shall conform to the eligibility rules of the respective classes.

### 5. Event Schedule

#### **Saturday September 12, 2020**

0830-1000 Check in and sail number confirmation

1000 No competitors meeting

1200 Warning signal first race. Subsequent races to follow immediately

#### **Sunday September 13, 2020**

1000 Earliest possible start time. Subsequent races to follow immediately.

1500 No warning signal after this time.

### 6. Class Flags and Course Area Assignments

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>	<b>Course Area</b>
I-420	Red flag with white 420	Bravo
F-18	Pink F-18 on white background	Bravo
505	Numeral pennant #1 - white pennant with red circle	Bravo
29er	Numeral pennant #2 - blue pennant with white circle	Bravo

**7. Racing Area:** See Appendix A.

### 8. Courses and Marks

**8.1** See Appendix B for course diagrams and descriptions.

**8.2** Marks **2** and **3G** on course **O** will be 40" bright orange "tomatoes".

**8.3** Mark **1** on Course **W** will be a 5' bright orange West Marine "tomato".

**8.4** Marks **2G** on Courses **W, WS** and **9** will be 4' red/orange APS cylinders.

**8.5** The **short weather mark, 1S**, on Bravo course will be a 4' "safety yellow" tomato.

**8.6** The **first mark** on course **9** on Bravo course will be an orange 4' APS cylinder.

**8.7** The **offset mark** on Course **W** will be a 16" bright orange buoy.

**8.8** No later than the warning signal the race committee signal boat will display the course designation for the next class to start.

**8.9** When sailing course **W**, marks **WS** and **9** may not be in position and vice versa. In this

situation the mark(s) not in position at the start of the leg may be set during the leg for another class. It is the competitor's responsibility to sail to the correct weather mark.

**8.10** Course **O** will be used for the I-420 class and will use **9** as mark 1.

## 9. Start

**9.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26 for all classes.

**9.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying orange flag on the signal boat and a 2' bright orange buoy on the port end of the starting line or an orange flag on the port end boat.

**9.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

**9.4** A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

**9.5** The default class sequence will F18, 505, 29er, 420 and that it is subject change, so watch the class flags. The starting order may be changed during the day to minimize delays.

**9.6** There will be a 16" bright orange buoy above the starting line and slightly to the left of the signal boat. This buoy ranks as a mark and has a required side for the 505 class only and does not rank as a mark of the course for any other classes.

**10. Change of the Next Leg of the Course:** The distance and direction to the next mark may be changed +/- .2nm and a maximum of 10 degrees without any signal. The new mark shall be in place before any boat begins the leg. This changes **RRS 33**. Subsequent legs may be changed to maintain the course shape.

## 11. Finish

**11.1** On course **O** (trapezoid course) the finish will be between a two 24" bright orange buoys with a nearby boat recording the finishes.

**11.2** On courses **W**, **WS**, and **9** the finish will be between an orange flag on the starboard side of the signal boat and a 32" yellow APS buoy. There will be a 2' bright orange keep off buoy approximately 50' off the starboard side of the committee boat which must be left to starboard. The keep off buoy ranks as a mark, but may not be precisely on the finish line.

**11.3** To best utilize racing time, boats not yet finished and deemed significantly behind boats already finished may be finished in place or scored the average place of all boats not yet finished.

**12. Penalty System:** For the F-18 and 29er classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

## 13. Time Limit and Target Times

Time limits and target times for the first boat are as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>	<i>Time limit after the first finisher</i>
All Classes	80 minutes	40 minutes	15 minutes

**14. Protests:** The intent to protest must be announced to the Race Committee after finishing the relevant race and the protested boat must be notified and acknowledge the notice. Any protests will be heard at the venue as soon as practical after racing. Social distancing will be observed and masks must be worn. No protest forms will be used. Hearings will be organized after racing and a white board and miniature boats will be available to diagram the incident. The protest committee will be formed as needed from willing competitors.

**15. Scoring:** The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the racing rules will apply. There will be one throw-out if 4 or more races have been completed. Eight races are scheduled for all classes

except 29er which may sail up to 10 races. One race shall be completed to constitute a series for all classes.

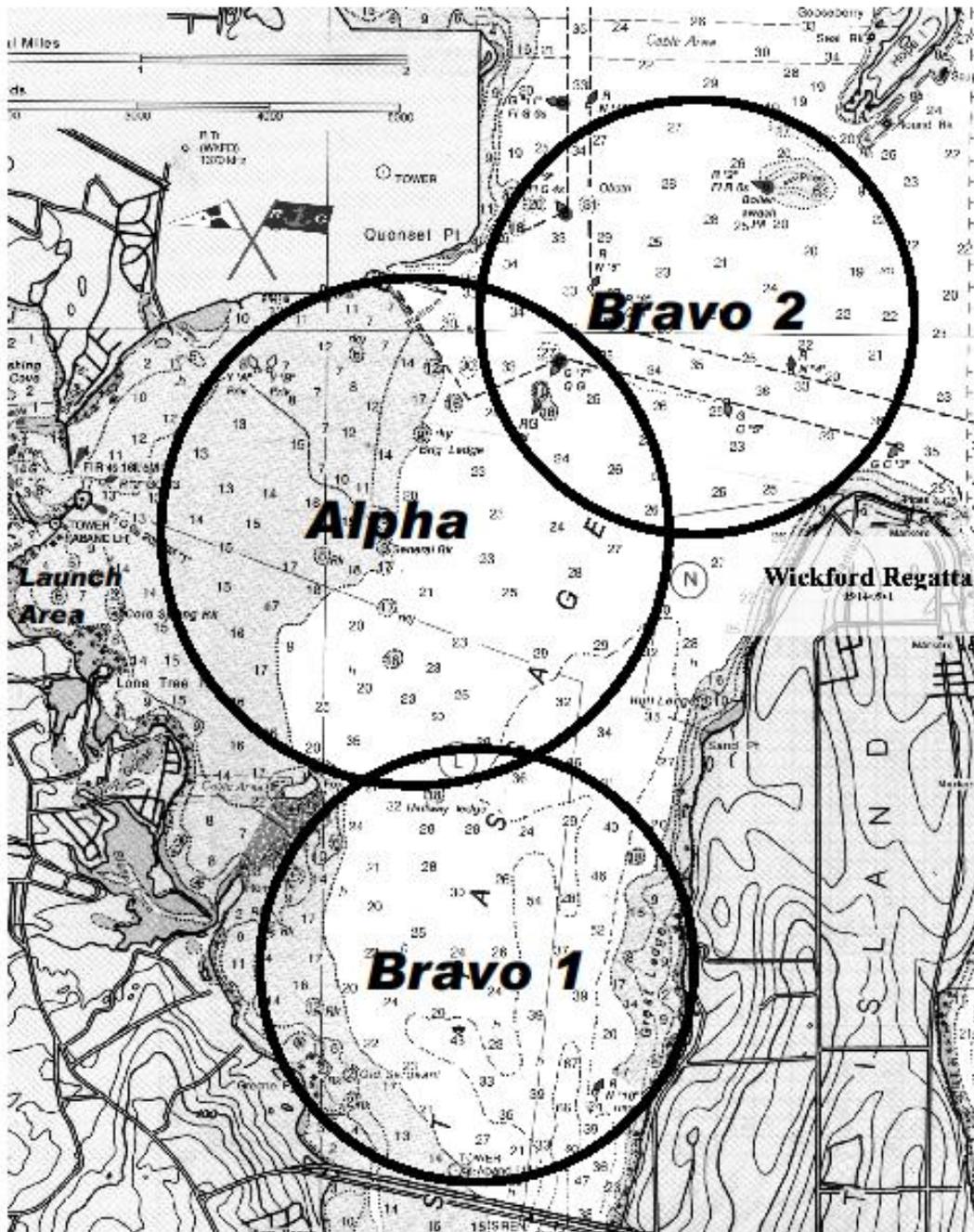
**16. Safety:** Each competitor will be responsible for wearing an USCG approved PFD at all times on the water. This changes RRS 40.

**17. Prizes:** No prizes, only glory.

**18. Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

# Appendix A

## Course Areas



### Tide Times and Heights

	Lo	Hi	Lo
Sat 12	9:06 AM 0.78'	4:03 PM 3.74'	10:49 PM 0.78'
Sun 13	10:12 AM 0.55'	5:09 PM 4.01'	11:34 PM 0.48'

## Appendix B – Bravo Course Diagrams

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**Course "W"** = Start, 1, "o", 2G, 1, "o", Finish

**Course "WS"** = Start, 1S, 2G, 1S, Finish

**Course "9"** = Start, 9, 2G, 9, Finish

**Course "O"** = Start, 9, 2, 3G, 2, 3G, Finish

