

# Lightning Atlantic Coast Championship

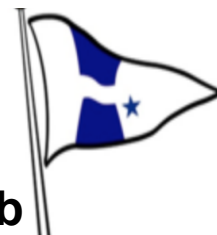
## July 24 & 25, 2021



**Safe Harbor Wickford Cove Marina**

65 Reynolds Street N. Kingstown, RI 02852

**SAFE HARBOR**  
— WICKFORD COVE —



Race Management provided by **Wickford Yacht Club**

**PATTERSON + SHERIDAN** LLP

*Definitions of notations in a rule in the sailing instructions (SIs):*

*'[DP]' - the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 RRS 44.1 will apply, except that when a boat has her spinnaker drawing at the time of the breach, her penalty shall be a one-turn penalty (see RRS 44.2) with the head of her spinnaker below the gooseneck from the time she passes head-to-wind until she is on a downwind course.

1.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions: Any change to Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 2. Communications with Competitors

2.1 Notice to competitors will be displayed on the official notice board which will be located on the regatta website. <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22123>

2.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.

2.3 The following communications may be made on the VHF channel: time checks, race area, location of race committee vessel, courses, changes in courses, shortening, postponement, starting signals, recalls, next start sequence, times of finishers (to calculate time limits)

3.5 If the race committee decides to use an alternate VHF channel an announcement will be made on VHF 72 and code flag L will be displayed for at least 10 minutes.

### 3. Code of Conduct [DP]

3.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

3.2 Competitors shall handle bow numbers provided by the Organizing Authority with care, seamanship in accordance with any instructions for their use without interfering with their functionality.

### 4. Signals Made AShore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed in the southeast corner of the parking lot.

4.2 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the AP is lowered.

## 5. Schedule of Races

### 5.1 Saturday

1000 Competitors Meeting

1200 First Warning Signal

Sunday

1100 First Warning Signal

1500 No Warning Signal after 1500 hours

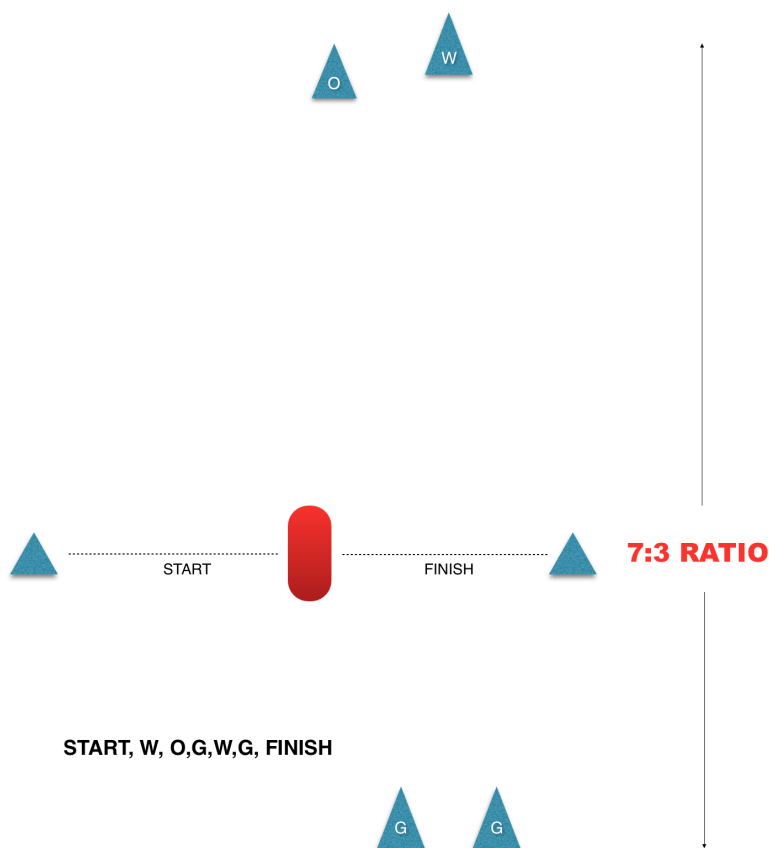
5.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made

## 6. Racing Area

6.1 West Passage of Narragansett Bay between Quonset Point and the Jamestown Bridge.

## 7. Courses

7.1 The diagram below shows the 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.



7.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 8. Marks

8.1 The weather mark and gate marks will be 4' Orange cylinders. The offset mark will be a 2' bright orange "tomato".

8.2 The finish mark will be a 3' yellow "tomato"

8.2 The original marks will be used if a course change is indicated.

## 9. The Start

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 The starting line is between the staff on the signal vessel displaying an orange flag on the starboard end of the line and the staff on the pin boat displaying an orange flag on the port end of the starting line.

9.3 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 will not be grounds for a redress for request, This changes RRS 62 1(a).

9.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A.5 1 and A5.2.

## 10. Change in the next leg of the course

10.1 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.

10.2 Changes larger than +/- .2nm and/or 10 degrees will be signaled according to RRS 33.

## 11. The Finish

11.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the starboard side of the signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark on the starboard end of the finishing line. The finish mark will be 3' yellow buoy.

11.2 There will be a 2' bright orange keep off buoy approximately 30' off the starboard side of the committee boat which must be left to port. The keep off buoy ranks as a mark but may not be precisely on the finish line.

## 12. Time Limits and Target Time

12.1 The Mark 1, Race Time (see RRS 35) and Finishing Window are shown in the table below

Mark 1	30 minutes
Race Time Limit	90 minutes
Finishing window	30 minutes

12.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

12.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and subsequently not retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window, This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10

12.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 13. Hearing Requests

13.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

13.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race management.

13.3 Hearing will be held in the protest room located in the Southwest corner of the storage building beginning at the time posted.

13.4 The right to appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.5 (a)(b)(c)

13.5 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

#### **14. Scoring**

14.1 See Notice of Race

#### **15. Safety Regulations**

15.1 Checking in: Competitors shall come within hail of the anchored signal boat displaying flag L and check in by hailing their sail numbers until acknowledged by the race committee.

15.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

#### **16. Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

16.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the organizing authority.

16.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the organizing authority. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity which may be after the race.

#### **17. Equipment and Measurement Checks**

17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules.

#### **18. Official Vessels**

18.1 Mark boats will display RC flags. The signal and pin end boats may display RC flags.

#### **19. Support Boats:** See Notice of Race

#### **20. Trash Disposal**

21.1 Competitors are encouraged to return their trash to the venue after racing

#### **21. Prizes:** See Notice of Race