

**Wednesday Night Sunset Series**  
**New Bedford Yacht Club**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)**  
**Sunset Series 2021**

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

1      **RULES**

1.1      The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2      **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

2.1      Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1600 on the day it will take effect.

2.2      Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by VHF on channel 69

3      **COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

3.1      Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Commodore's Parking space in the Race Committee bulletin board.

3.2      The race office is located at the NBYC front desk.

3.3      On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69.

4      **CODE OF CONDUCT**

4.1      [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5      **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

5.1      Signals made ashore will be displayed at NBYC flagpole.

5.2      When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6      **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1      Warning signals for the first class in July and August will be at 1800 hours.

6.2      Warning signal in September will be at 1730 hours.

7      **CLASS FLAGS**

|     |           |           |                                 |
|-----|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 7.1 | CLASS I   | Etchells  | Class flag is E22               |
|     | CLASS II  | Race      | Class flag is Numeral Pennant 2 |
|     | CLASS III | Cruise    | Class flag is Numeral Pennant 3 |
|     | CLASS IV  | Rhodes 19 | Class flag is R19               |

8      **RACING AREA**

8.1      Practice will take place south of the Padanaram breakwater.

8.2      While races generally start in the vicinity of Mark "Delta"  $\Delta$  participants should monitor VHF channel 69 to determine the location of the start for each race.

9      **COURSES**

9.1      Courses will be designated by letters or symbols displayed on the committee boat course board.

9.2      Each course will be posted to the right of the class designation.

9.3      The RC may change any course prior to the warning signal. It is the responsibility of each yacht to note the course posted at the time of its warning signal.

9.4 If the Race Committee hoists code flag “L”, it means come within hail and listen to VHF channel 69 and stand by for an announcement.

9.5 Course circulars are available by email upon request.

## 10 MARKS

10.1 Marks shall consist of NBYC race marks and government marks as listed in the NBYC course sheet.

10.2 All marks shall be rounded on the side farthest from the next mark except all 180° roundings shall be made leaving the mark to port.

10.3 In rare cases, due to the requirement of running several classes around different courses, the RC may direct a class to round a mark on a certain side.

10.4 The RC will hoist Flag “L” and announce any changes over VHF radio channel 69.

10.5 *The Race Committee may hoist a solid red flag to indicate all marks to be left to port*

## 11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

11.2 Classes will be started in the following order:

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Class I   | Etchells  |
| Class II  | Race      |
| Class III | Cruise    |
| Class IV  | Rhodes 19 |

11.3 While it is the intention of the RC to start all classes five minutes apart (i.e. the warning signal for the next class will be the start of the preceding class) this may not always happen. The class flag shall be hoisted at the warning signal for each class between a staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the starting mark.

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.5 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).

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

## 12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark and the end and the course side of the finishing mark.

12.2 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.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 For all one-design classes: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty at the time of the incident when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

13.2 For all PHRF classes, the Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply for penalties at the time of the incident. The penalty will be 10% with a minimum loss of one place. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be 20% with a minimum loss of two places. A yellow flag or streamer must be attached to the backstay of the boat accepting fault promptly after the incident to indicate her desire to take a penalty. Notify the Race Committee at the finish.

13.3 Rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply for all classes.

14 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

14.1 For all classes, the first boat must finish by 15 minutes after sunset on the day of the race

or the race will be abandoned. All remaining boats must finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in its class.

14.2 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 not subsequently 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 [one][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.

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

15 HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 Protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

15.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

15.3 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.

16 SCORING

16.1 The scoring system is as follows: Appendix A.

16.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

16.4 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16.5 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 [DP] Any participant of an NBYC sponsored race who leaves the course after starting a race must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible:

- NBYC Race Committee monitors VHF channel 69
- NBYC office monitors VHF channel 68; Phone (508) 997-0762
- Dartmouth Harbormaster monitors VHF channel 9; Phone (508) 999-0759
- St. Luke's Hospital; Phone (508) 997-1515

17.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.



SI ADDENDUM A

**New Bedford Yacht Club**  
**SUPPLEMENT TO THE ETHELLES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES AND LADIES AT THE HELM**  
**May, June, July, August and September 2021**

**1.0**    **NUMBER OF RACES**

1.1    There may be two races run for the Etchells class only. The first race will be 1.5 – 2.5 miles in length. The Race Committee will aim for an elapsed time of 35-45 minutes.

**2.0**    **STARTING LINE**

2.1    The starting line is closed during Race 1.

**3.0**    **FINISH**

3.1    The finish line ***FOR RACE 1 ONLY*** will be between the orange staff on the committee boat and an inflatable finish mark. This mark will be on the starboard side of the committee boat. This changes SI 13.1 for Race 1.

**4.0**    The committee boat will fly Second Substitute (with no sound) at the finish of Race 1 if running a second race.

**5.0**    Add to SI 12.0 **SCORING**

5.1    The weekly results will be the combined total of Race 1 and Race 2 if two races are held. A tie on any single Wednesday will be determined using RRS A8.2.

5.2    Each race is added individually to the series score for the month.