



Tuesday Night Sonar Sunset Series
New Bedford Yacht Club, Organizing Authority (OA)
July and August 2021
Dartmouth, MA
Sailing Instructions

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 notices to competitors or changes in sailing instructions will be verbally given at the prerace competitors meeting, to be held under the tent in front of the club just before racing each week, or on the water over the radio prior to the first start.

2.2 The Race Committee will endeavor to decide no later than 1700 hours whether to run scheduled races. All competitors are encouraged to contact the NBYC to learn the status of the day's race.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 [DP] On the water the race committee intends to use VHF channel 69 to communicate with competitors.

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 by the flagpole on the lawn.

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

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flag will be the class insignia.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 Racing will take place south of the Padanaram breakwater.

7.2 Races generally start in the vicinity of Mark "A".

8. COURSES

8.1 Courses shall be announced by the Race Committee at the weekly competitor's meeting. It is our intent to primarily run windward-leeward courses, but the race committee reserves the right to alter courses.

8.2 Marks will be a combination of pink or orange drop marks and NBYC race marks as conditions allow.

9. MARKS

9.1 New marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. A subsequent change will revert to the original Mark description.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started using Appendix U.

10.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.4 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 request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

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

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 Marks may be moved after a start to ensure squareness to the wind. However, the race committee will not signal any such mark relocations. Courses may also be shortened if conditions warrant. This changes RRS 33

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line will be between the pole on the race committee boat and the designated finish pin. The finish mark may be placed to starboard of the race committee boat

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1 A 30 minute time limit shall apply for each race.

14. PENALTIES AND PROTEST

14.1 In the event of a foul, the "Two Turn" penalty is modified so that the boat being protested may exonerate itself by making one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS rule 44.1.

14.2 A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee immediately upon finishing. Protests shall be handled ashore as soon as practical.

15. SCORING

15.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series per day.

15.2 When five or more races have been completed, a boats series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.3 Results will be announced ashore.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 [NP] A boat shall check in before her first race. Check in is not permitted by VHF. A boat is not considered checked in until she receives an acknowledgement from the signal vessel.

16.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity by VHF radio or hail.

16.3 [DP] Boats requiring assistance shall contact the signal vessel with the sail number, location, and nature of the emergency including description of any injuries.

17. RISK STATEMENT

17.1 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 in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**