



**The Whalers Race
New Bedford Yacht Club OA
Dartmouth, MA
June 4th, 2022
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 changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0700 hours on Saturday, June 4th, 2022

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted at the official notice board located at the New Bedford Yacht Club.

3.2. On the water the race committee intends to use VHF channel 69 to communicate with competitors.

3.3. Each yacht shall monitor channel 16 throughout the race.

3.4. Prompt notice to the Race Committee is mandatory upon retiring. Notify the New Bedford Yacht Club by telephone (508) 997-0762 or VHF channel 68.

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 located next to the mail dock.

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. Class 1 Multihull Code Flag 1

6.2. Class 2 PHRF Spinnaker Code Flag 2

6.3. Class 3 PHRF Non Spinnaker Code Flag 3

6.4. Class 4 Doublehanded Code Flag 4

6.5. Class 5 Under 25 fully crewed Code Flag 5

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 Please be advised, there is a 5' depth (at mean low) rock approximately 100 yards NE of the AB buoy. Keep this mind while maneuvering in the starting area. Check your charts!

8. COURSES

8.1. **Long Course** - Distance is 103nm

Start – RG “AB” Gong and Committee Boat

R “36” Bell - Sow and Pigs Reef southwest of Cuttyhunk Island, leave to port
Virtual Mark located at N041°12'15" W070°50'

R “4” Whistle – 0.5 miles southwest of South West Point, Block Island, leave to starboard

G “1BI” Bell – north of Block Island, leave to starboard

Buzzards Horn - 3.7 miles southwest of Cuttyhunk Island, leave to port

G “7” Gong – Wilkes Ledge 2 miles southeast of Mishaum Point, leave to port

RG “AB” Gong - 1.8 miles south southeast of Padanaram breakwater, leave to port
NBYC Race Mark “A” – south of Padanaram breakwater, leave to starboard

8.2. **Short Course** – Distance 76nm

Start – RG “AB” Gong and Committee Boat

R “36” Bell - Sow and Pigs Reef southwest of Cuttyhunk Island, leave to port
Virtual Mark located at N041°12'15" W070°50'

Narragansett Bay Entrance, Lighted whistle Buoy “NB”, leave to starboard

Buzzards Horn - 3.7 miles southwest of Cuttyhunk Island, leave to port

G “7” Gong – Wilkes Ledge 2 miles southeast of Mishaum Point, leave to port

RG “AB” Gong - 1.8 miles south southeast of Padanaram breakwater, leave to port
NBYC Race Mark “A” – south of Padanaram breakwater, leave to starboard

9. THE START

9.1. Races will be started using RRS 26. First warning signal 1100.

9.2. The starting line will be between the staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of Mark RG “AB” Gong approximately 2 miles south of the Padanaram breakwater

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

9.4. 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).

9.5. Classes will be started in the order shown in SI 6.1.

9.5.1. ***The Race Committee intends to conduct rolling starts if there are sufficient entries, but there can be delays that might prevent this. The Race Committee may also combine starts if the fleets are small. The class flag shall be hoisted at the warning signal for each class. Watch for your class flag.***

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1.** The finish line will be a line bearing 230^o from NBYC Race Mark "A". You are on the finish line when mark "A" bears 050^o. Leave "A" to starboard when finishing.
- 10.2.** If the finish boat is not on station all yachts shall take their own time using GPS time.
- 10.3.** Yachts taking their own time must record it on the Certificate of Compliance and submit it to the New Bedford Yacht Club office by 0900, Sunday, June 5th or within one hour of finishing after 0800.

11. TIME LIMITS

- 11.1.** The time limit for all finishers is June 5th at 1300 hours.

12. HEARING REQUESTS

- 12.1.** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal vessel docked. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 12.2.** Hearing request forms will be made available at the NBYC Front Office.
- 12.3.** 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.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1.** [NP] A boat shall check in before her first race of each day by hailing the race committee signal vessel with her sail number and the number of souls on board. Check in is not permitted by VHF. A boat is not considered check-in until she receives an acknowledgement from the signal vessel. A boat failing to check in will receive a 20% scoring penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3.
- 13.2.** [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity by VHF radio or hail.
- 13.3.** Boats requiring assistance shall contact the signal vessel with the sail number, location, and nature of the emergency including description of any injuries.