



Hyannis Yacht Club

HURRICANE CUP & EYE OF THE STORM September 17 & 18, 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Hyannis Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 is changed as follows: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 in an incident while racing.
- 1.3 For all boats, the US Safety Equipment Requirements of US Sailing for Near shore. A boat may not be protested for failing to comply with these Requirements except by the Race or Protest Committees

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hours before the Warning Signal of the first race on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Oral changes to a sailing instruction may be made by the race committee on the water by hailing each vessel via VHF radio channel 68. Each boat shall confirm with the race committee that they received the change.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the southwest corner of the HYC patio.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee shall monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio channel 68.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 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 HYC yardarm located on the mid-tee. Signals made ashore at Nantucket will be made via VHF Channel 68.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes.'

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Hurricane Cup Saturday, September 17. The warning signal will be at 0930
- 6.2 Eye of the Storm, Sunday September 18. The Warning signal will be at 1000.

7 CLASS FLAGS And DIVISIONS

- 7.1 There will be no class flags
- 7.2 The classes within each division will be determined by PHRF ratings and will be listed on the scratch sheets which will be available at the skippers' meeting September 16, 2022 at 1800.
- 7.3 PHRF Racing ratings will be used by competitors who registered as spinnaker division. PHRF Cruising ratings will be used by all others.
- 7.4 There will be both racing (spinnaker) and cruising (no spinnaker) divisions.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is Nantucket Sound.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses are at the discretion of the PRO.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks may be government marks or inflatable drop marks. The possible government marks are in Appendix B.

- 10.2 Government buoys, when not specified as part of the course, have no required side except for safe navigation.
- 10.3 [NP]All boats are required to record their GPS time at all rounding marks when the mark is directly abeam and the turn onto the next leg has commenced. These times must be provided to the PRO upon their request.

11 THE START

- 11.1 On Saturday, the starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of a nearby mark.
- 11.2 On Sunday, the starting line will be between the course side of MO(A) Bell (RW-NB) north of Nantucket Harbor and an orange flag on the committee boat.
- 11.3 The following special procedures relate to the start on both days. These change RRS 26.
- a. Except for the orange flag on the committee boat, no flags will be displayed, hoisted or lowered as part of the starting sequence.
 - b. The Race Committee shall broadcast on VHF Channel 68 the starting order of classes, the warning, prep, and start signals, postponement, individual recall, general recall or abandonment of race.
 - c. The Race Committee broadcasting on VHF Channel 68 shall be the only official signals for the start sequence.
- 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 on VHF channel 68. 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 request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.6 A boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

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13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 Saturday, September 17: Between a blue flag on the Committee Boat and the course side of Nantucket Harbor entrance MO(A) Bell

(RW-NB) north of Nantucket Harbor. In the event that a Committee Boat is not on station, competitors shall pass within 3 boat lengths to the East of the MO(A) Bell and finish when the MO(A) Bell bears 270 degrees magnetic from their vessel. Competitors shall take and record their GPS finish time (HHHH/MM/SS) and their position relative to nearby competitors and shall promptly report this information to the Race Committee by contacting Bill Abbott at 508 789-7157 no later than 1700 on Saturday.

- 13.2 Sunday, September 18: Between a blue flag on the Committee Boat and the course side of Gong #17. In the event that a Committee Boat is not on station, competitors shall pass within 3 boat lengths to the East of Gong #17 and finish as it bears 270 degrees magnetic from their vessel. Competitors shall take and record their GPS finish time (HHHH/MM/SS) and their position relative to nearby competitors and shall promptly report this information to the Race Committee by contacting Bill Abbott at 508 789-7157 no later than 1600 on Sunday.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies if a boat elects to take a scoring penalty. The penalty is elapsed time sailed plus 2%. [Example: boat sails course in 10 hours, 12 minutes shall be added to their finish time. [10 hours and 12 minutes total time]

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1	The Mark 1 Time Limit
	<i>4 hours</i>
	The Race Time Limit
	<i>6 hours</i>
	The Finishing Window
	<i>1 hour</i>

- 15.2 The finishing window is the time limit for boats to finish after the first boat in their class starts, sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the finishing window shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

- 15.3 The Race Committee may finish a vessel in place for a score equivalent to last place if the vessel cannot achieve a score better than last place and is still competing. This changes RRS A5.

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

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit 60 minutes after the signal vessel docks. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.2 Hearing request forms must be turned into the PRO in person or by email.

16.3 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. Boats involved in a protest will be contacted by the PRO and notified of the time and place of the protest hearing.

17 SCORING

17.1 Rule A5.3 will apply.

17.2 No race scores will be excluded.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 **Required Report:** Any boat that withdraws from the race shall promptly inform the Race Committee on VHF channel 68 or by cell phone. Such boat shall continue to attempt to contact the Race Committee until the Race Committee has acknowledged the boat's withdrawal.

18.2 Each boat shall communicate with the Race Committee by hail on VHF channel 68, or by the cell phone number of the PRO Bill Abbott 508 789-7157

18.3 Each boat shall contact the Race Committee in the starting area prior to the warning signal for its class and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee of its presence and intent to race.

18.4 Each boat shall maintain a watch on VHF Channel 68.

18.5 Each boat shall keep a cell phone "on" with an audible ring and ready to be answered. This shall be the cell phone with the number given to the Race Committee at registration.

18.6 A boat may run her engine in neutral to charge her batteries or during passages through Pollock Rip channel, or Quicks Hole.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

20.1 [NP] Trash of any kind shall not be thrown overboard.

21 PRIZES

21.1 Prizes will be given per the NOR

22 RISK STATEMENT AND SPECIAL LIMITATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

22.1 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.

22.2 If recovery is impossible, any equipment that floats shall be reported immediately to the Race Committee and the nearest U.S. Coast Guard station on VHF Ch 16.

22.3 In an emergency, competitors are requested to call Bill Abbott (508) 789-7157.