

2024 Gill Trophy
Organizing Authority: SM Sailing
Host: New Bedford YC
208 Elm St, Dartmouth, MA 02748
July 31-August 2, 2024
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Advertising will be restricted to Category A.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P is in effect with the following changes:
 - 1.3.1 Delete the word first in P2.1
 - 1.3.2 Delete P2.2 and P2.3
 - 1.3.3 P3 is replaced with “If a boat has been protested under P1 and the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty is canceled.”
 - 1.3.4 P4 is replaced with “A boat shall not be given redress for any action by a member of the protest committee of its designated observers under P1.
 - 1.3.5 Delete P5
- 1.4. RRS 60.1(a) is amended to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.
- 1.5 RRS 64.1 is changed to allow penalties imposed by the Protest Committee, for hearings held under RRS 60.3(d), as changed, which may range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta.
- 1.6 A Judge may penalize a boat without a protest by another boat, or report the incident to the protest committee, or both, when the boat breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Gill Trophy Regatta Network Event Website.
- 2.2 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the New Bedford YC
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.

4 MARKS: All marks will be Yellow Tetrahedrons, Orange Tetrahedrons, & Orange Tomatoes.

5 COURSES

- 5.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 5.2 Offset Mark: When the RC intends to set an offset mark, the letter “O” will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat along with the course designation. The offset mark will be located approximately 80 degrees to the direction of the windward leg. Boats shall leave Mark 1 to port and then the off-set mark to port.
- 5.3 Leeward Gate: When the RC intends to set a gate instead of Mark 2, the letter “G” will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat along with the course designation. All boats shall sail between Marks #2 S and Mark #2 P in the direction from the last mark and round either Mark #2 S to starboard or Mark #2 P to port. If only one leeward mark is in place, boats shall leave it to port.

6 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

6.1 The starting line will be between the Orange flag on the RC boat and Orange Tomato.

6.2 Races will be started using RRS 26.

6.3 The class flag will be a pink flag.

6.4 The finish line will be between the Blue flag on the RC boat and a pink Tuna ball.

- 7 TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than 15 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, and A5.

8 PROTESTS

8.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention, including the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested, before speaking with a support person. This changes RRS 61.1a.

8.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Chief Judge within **30** minutes after the Race Committee boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day.

9 SCORING

9.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply.

9.2 A boat's series score will exclude her worst score if five or more races are completed.

9.3 One race constitutes a series; A maximum of ten races are scheduled.

- 10 RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY:** As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the New Bedford Yacht Club, the owner, helmsperson and each crewmember agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continuing to race is solely their responsibility. Each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the New Bedford Yacht Club and each of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, rising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor, as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the Race Committee, patrol boats, or other support coats and from personnel aboard them is at risk of the participant.

- 11 RISK ASSESSMENT:** 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.

12 ADVERTISING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

12.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

12.2 By participating in this regatta, each competitor grants to the organizing authority and its members, the regatta sponsors, and each class association the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, and to license any other person to so make, show and use, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, sound recordings, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television or other reproductions of them or their property made during the period of the regatta without compensation to such a competitor.