



EAST GREENWICH YACHT CLUB

2025 EGYC Annual Regatta SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

The East Greenwich Yacht Club Annual Race will be governed by the 2025-2028 The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions, and any amendments. This is a “club” event with other Yacht Club or Sailing Association members invited to participate. The Narragansett Bay race area, with its East and West passages and approaches to Providence and Fall River, are considered a “restricted channel” for commercial traffic and vessels in the navigation channel, restricted in their ability to maneuver. Sailors must comply with the International COLREGS when in such proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic. Yachts who obstruct the safe passage of commercial traffic are subject to protest under The Racing Rules of Sailing. A violation under this instruction shall be considered a violation of rule 2. The Race Committee or Protest Committee, upon the report of information or observation of an incident **shall** protest a yacht. This is in addition to the requirements of rule 60.2 (a) and the preamble to Part 2.

2.0 NOTICES

2.1 Fleet Radio Channel - The East Greenwich Yacht Club Annual Regatta official FLEET CHANNEL is VHF channel 69. All yachts shall have a VHF radio aboard and shall keep radio energized on the Race Committee working channel VHF channel 69 from her warning signal until her “finish”. Additionally, the Race Committee shall continuously monitor VHF Ch. 13, “Ship to Ship”.

2.2 Notices to competitors will be sent via email, and posted on the online official notice board.

3.0 AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 the day of the race, and sent out via email and the official online notice board. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce posted amendments via VHF channel 69 at 1130 hours. All yachts shall monitor channel 69 during the race day.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals ashore shall be made aboard the designated Race Committee Boat, docked at East Greenwich Yacht Club.

4.2 Code Flag LIMA will signify posting of a notice or amendment.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

In accordance with date and times listed in the Notice of Race.

6.0 RACING AREA

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Yachts will rendezvous in the area 1.45 NM 197 degrees from R8.

7.0 COURSES

7.1 No Later than the warning signal the Race Committee will announce over the radio whether the Long or the Short course will be raced.

7.2 The Race committee will post on a whiteboard on the Race Committee Signal Boat the course to be used by each class.

7.3 The starting time for each yacht will be based on the yacht's rating and the length of the course. The appendixes 1 – 3 will be used for each yacht's starting time. The appendixes will be posted 24 hours before the start of race on the official notice board, email and the regatta web site.

7.4 Spinnaker Class

7.4(a) Spinnaker Class - Long Course: (Appendix 1) 16.69 NM

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, X - SPECIAL Mark Orange Inflatable (approx. .25 nm north of FL 5 Priv Tower Plum Beach Lighthouse) to Port, GC "5" NORTHWEST of Conanicut Island to Starboard, R'2' North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G'1' Despair Island to Port, R'8' Patience Island to Port, to finish.

7.4 (b) Spinnaker Class - Short Course: (Appendix 3) 11.60 NM

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, R'2' North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G'1' Despair Island to Port, R'8' Patience Island to Port, to finish.

7.5 Non-Spinnaker

7.5(a) Non-Spinnaker - Long Course: (Appendix 1) 14.20 NM

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, SPECIAL Mark Orange Inflatable at Halfway Ledge (approx. .5 nm East of Fox Island) to Port, G "5" NORTHWEST of Conanicut Island to Starboard, R'2' Fl R 4s Bell North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G'1' Despair Island to Port, R'8' Patience Island to Port, to finish.

7.5 (b) Non-Spinnaker - Short Course: (Appendix 3) 11.60 NM

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, R'2' North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G'1' Despair Island to Port, R'8' Patience Island to Port, to finish.

7.6 Family Class

7.6 (a) Family Class - Long Course: (Appendix 1) 11.60 NM

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, R'2' Fl R 4s Bell North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G'1' Despair Island to Port, R'8' Patience Island to Port, to finish.

7.6 (b) Family Class - Short Course: (Appendix 3) 6.53 NM

From the start to R'14' Davisville Depot to Port, R'8' Patience Island to Port, to finish

8.0 THE START

8.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Signal Boat and the nearby inflatable mark.

8.2 The race shall be started using successive start signals, in accordance with starting times listed in the Appendixes. HORN at one minute intervals per assigned time. **THIS CHANGES RRS 26**

General warning signal 1200 hrs. – Green flag and gun

General prep signal 1205 hrs. – 'P' flag and gun

First Start 1210 hrs. one short signal

8.3 - The RC is allowed to postpone that start by a period of either 15, 30, 45 or 60 minutes. If the race is postponed, the time of postponement in minutes is added to each yacht's starting time.

8.4 - 5 minutes before each yacht's starting time will be considered that yacht's Preparatory signal. She shall not use her engine after her Preparatory signal. Yachts shall keep clear of the starting area until 5 minutes before their respective starting signal.

8.5 TIME OF SIGNALS: General warning signal and each successive signal will be based on GPS time.

8.6 The Race Committee will attempt to notify yachts of their starting time. While all efforts

will be made to inform all competitors of the starting order, failure of a yacht to hear the announcement will not be grounds for redress.

8.7 Competitors are to sailby at check in with the Race Committee Signal boat on the starboard side. **Please DO NOT check in via the radio.**

9.0 THE FINISH

9.1 The finish line for all courses shall be between the orange flag on the Committee Boat and the location in the area Yachts will rendezvous and the location will be the same as the starting line. Yachts must finish between the mark and the boat in the direction from the last turning mark.

10.0 TIME LIMIT

10.1 The first boat to finish must do so by 1700. The Race Committee Signal Boat will leave station at 1800. Any yachts finishing after the RC leaves station, must record their own time. (Racers to be advised the regatta party starts at 1700 - 17:30 and will improve their karma on earliest arrival)

10.2 If no boat has finished by 1700, the race shall be abandoned.

10.3 Any yacht retiring the race prior to 1800 hrs. must notify the EGYC Race Committee on VHF channel 69 and send an email to egycracing@gmail.com..

11.0 PROTESTS

11.1 In addition to the requirements of rule 61.0, protesting yachts shall endeavor to notify the Race Committee of their intention to protest immediately after finishing the race by calling the race committee on the fleet channel.

11.2 Protests shall be written and submitted to the Race Committee Chairman at the East Greenwich Yacht Club no later than 1930 hours the day of the race.

11.3 Notice of protests will be posted on the regatta web site and the official notice board

11.4 Protests and requests for redress will be heard within 48 hours after the Race Committee signal boat docks, at the East Greenwich Yacht Club, and or via zoom meeting.

12.0 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded after racing July 12, 2025 and at the EGYC annual awards dinner November 8, 2025.

13.0 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

Yachts discharging trash overboard shall be disqualified from the race.

14.0 DISCLAIMER of LIABILITY & INDEMNIFICATION

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. By participating in the event you accept all risk and responsibility for yourself, your crew and your vessel. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. This waiver of liability includes all risks associated with the COVID-19 virus and the decision to race with this inherent health risk lies solely with the skipper of the vessel. Your participation in the event is your consent to these conditions, and to hold the East Greenwich Yacht Club harmless and to indemnify the club, its officers, race committee personnel and its members from any and all liability. All skippers are required to carry liability and personal injury insurance on their vessel.