



# SANDPIPER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

Duxbury Yacht Club / Duxbury, Massachusetts

AUGUST 8-10, 2025

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the rules of the Sandpiper Class Association.
- 1.2** The Sailing Instructions (SI), including amendments, will take precedence in the case of a conflict with the Notice of Race (NOR). This changes RRS 63.7

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the side of the DYC's Ellison Waterfront clubhouse as well as on Regatta Network: [www.regattanetwork.com/event/29248#\\_newsroom](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29248#_newsroom).

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900, or no later than 15 minutes before the removal of flag AP when displayed ashore, on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect. Flag 'Lima' will be flown to signify such posting. These sailing instructions can be changed verbally on the water. If so, the Race Committee shall hoist code flag 'Lima' and announce the change 3 times over VHF channel 72.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the northern yardarm of the flagpole at the Duxbury Yacht Club's Ellison Waterfront clubhouse.
- 4.2** When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

### 5 SCHEDULE

#### 5.1

DATE	TIME	EVENT	HIGH TIDE
FRIDAY 8 AUGUST	1400-1800	Check-in, late registration, rig boats, equipment checks, launching at DYC	1133/2338
	1700-1900	Welcome BBQ (light food provided / cash bar available) at DYC	
	2100	Warning signal for DYC Moonlight Bang-and-Go-Back Race	
SATURDAY 9 AUGUST	0730-0900	Check-in, late registration open at DYC Waterfront	1215
	0830	Skippers meeting at DYC Waterfront	
	1100	First warning	
	1700 (est.)	Shuttle service to Captains Flat begins	
	1800	Regatta Party on Captains Flat	
SUNDAY 10 AUGUST	1100	First warning (no warning later than 1430)	1256
	1600 (est.)	BBQ (light food provided / cash bar available) and awards at Duxbury YC to follow racing	

- 5.2** Eight (8) races are scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a series. No more than four (4) races shall be held on either scheduled race day.
- 5.3** When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.4** On the final day of the regatta, no initial warning signal will be made after 1430 hours. The warning signal for a start following one or more general recalls may be made after 1430 hours.

## 6 VENUE

6.1 Racing will take place in the waters of Duxbury Bay, MA.

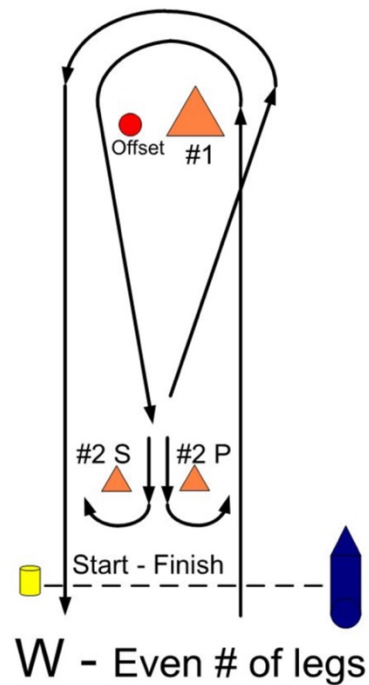
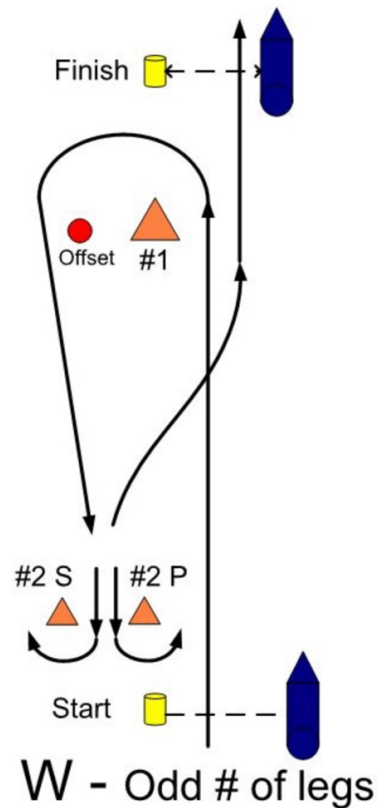
6.2 Regatta Headquarters will be the Duxbury Yacht Club Ellison Waterfront Clubhouse, located at 23 Mattakeeset Court, Duxbury MA 02332.

## 7 COURSES

7.1 The course will be windward-leeward with odd or even numbers of legs and a windward offset mark.

7.2 A board indicating the number of LEGS to be raced will be shown next to the letter "W". The distance between the windward mark and the offset mark shall not count as a leg for the purposes of indicating the number of legs.

### 7.2 COURSE DIAGRAMS



- 7.3** The Race Committee signal vessel will signal the course on a course board. Course designations are as follows:

**W2** - Start – 1 – 1A – Finish (downwind)

**W3** - Start – 1 – 1A – Gate (3S/3P) – Finish (upwind)

**W4** - Start – 1 – 1A – Gate (3S/3P) – 1 – 1A – Finish (downwind)

**W5** - Start – 1 – 1A – Gate (3S/3P) – 1 – 1A – Gate (3S/3P) – Finish (upwind)

**W6** - Start – 1 – 1A – Gate (3S/3P) – 1 – 1A – Gate (3S/3P) – 1 – 1A – Finish (downwind)

- 7.3** An offset mark will be employed at the weather mark. Boats shall round the offset mark to port after rounding the weather mark. In the event of a course change there may not be an offset mark.

## **8 MARKS**

- 8.1** The primary turning marks and offset mark will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 8.2** The change marks will be a yellow inflatable buoy.
- 8.4** The starting and finishing mark will a yellow inflatable buoy.

## **9 THE START**

- 9.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 9.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 9.3** The race committee may attempt to hail and broadcast sail numbers of boats that are OCS on VHF Channel 68. Failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).
- 9.4** The Class Flag will be a white flag with the Sandpiper class logo; Numeral Pennant #2 may be substituted for the class flag.

## **10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 10.1** When having signaled a change for the next leg of the course, the new mark or marks will be yellow inflatable buoys. An offset mark may not be in place with a course change to windward.

## **11 THE FINISH**

- 11.1** The finish line will be between a staff flying an orange or red flag on the finish boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

- 11.2** Boats that have finished shall avoid the finishing area.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1** Penalties at the time of an incident shall be to perform one turn to include a tack and a gybe. This changes RRS 44.2

- 12.2** The penalty for a violation of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 and RRS 31 will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

## **13 TIME LIMIT**

- 13.1** The time limit for all races will be 90 minutes.

- 13.2** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1** Protest forms are available at the DYC Ellison Waterfront Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the PRO within the appropriate time limit. A boat intending to file a protest shall notify the RC when finishing or immediately after the finish of the race in which the protest occurred.

- 14.2** The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the signal boat docks at Duxbury Yacht Club. The docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the DYC Ellison Waterfront Clubhouse.

- 14.3** Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the DYC Ellison Waterfront Clubhouse at the time posted.

**14.4** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

**14.5** The US Sailing prescription for RRS 63.2 shall not be in effect for this event. This changes RRS 63.

## **15 SCORING**

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

**15.2** A boat scored Time Limited Expired (TLE) by the Race Committee shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window stated in SI 13.1 or SI 13.2. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

**15.2** If 5 or more races are completed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**16.1** All boats must complete a Required Equipment check at registration in which they will be required to show proof of each item on a Required Equipment list as described in SI 17.2.

**16.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on VHF Channel 68.

## **17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

**17.1** All boats shall carry the safety equipment required by the Sandpiper Class Association rules and these sailing instructions.

**17.2** Boats are subject to inspection for all safety equipment including, but not limited to, towline of at least 30', bilge pump, bucket, paddle, suitable anchor and anchor line, whistle, life vests for each crewmember, and a VHF radio. Boats must conform to all the requirements of the Sandpiper Class Association Rules. A failed inspection will be scored as a DSQ.

## **18 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. VHF radio channel 68 to be used for emergencies and communication of race information.

## **19 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to competitors placing first through fifth. The Sandpiper National Championship perpetual trophy will be presented to the winner of the regatta.

## **20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. 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.

## **19 NOTES**

### **19.1 Organizing Authority and Host Club:**

Duxbury Yacht Club

489 Washington Street

Duxbury, MA 02332

(781) 934-2122.

### **19.2 Event website: [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29248#\\_home](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29248#_home).**

### **19.3 For further information, contact Event Co-Chairs:**

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