



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA HAMPTONS CHALLENGE REGATTA

August 9, 2025
Noyack Bay

1. RULES

The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in THE RACING RULES of SAILING for 2025-2028 as published by U.S. Sailing. Changes to the RRS are noted below.

Scoring for each Division will be PHRF / Time on Time using PHRF ratings listed in the Notice of Race (ELIYA, ECSA, OSC) and the TCF formula $650/(550+PHRF)$. One race shall constitute a regatta.

In the case of conflicts between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern. This modifies Rule 63.5 (c).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors including any changes or additions to the NOR and/or the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the [Regatta Networks Events Website Official Notice Board](#).

Additionally, the Race Committee may broadcast changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water prior to the warning signal via VHF 71 in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c). Failure to receive such changes or amendments shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

There being no central location available to most competitors, signals will NOT be made ashore. Visual signals will be made from the Race Committee Signal Boat. This changes rule 90.2.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

1200	Check - In, Noyack Bay
1255	Course Posted
1300	Warning Signal, Division 1
1305	Start, Division 1

Visual and sound signals may be supplemented by radio broadcasts from the signal boat on VHF 71. Failure to receive such signals shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

5. DIVISIONS & CLASS FLAGS

Division	Warning/Start Flag
Spinnaker 1	
Spinnaker 2	
Non Spinnaker	

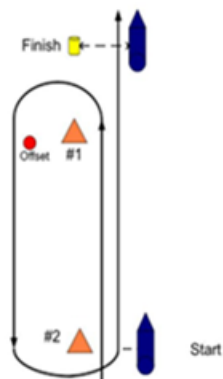
Division Flags will be used by the Race Committee during the starting sequences as required by RRS 26. Flags need not be flown from the boats of individual competitors. The scratch sheet will be published on 8 August.

7. RACING AREA

Racing will be located within the general confines of Noyack Bay.

8. THE COURSE

Five Leg Course 1-offset-2-1-offset-2-Finish



MARKS

1 & 2 - ORANGE CYLINDERS
OFFSET - BALL
FINISH - YELLOW TETRAHEDRON

9. MARKS AND COURSE CHANGES

The pin end of the start line and the windward mark will be inflatable cylinders. The offset mark will be a HipHop. The finish mark will be a yellow tetrahedron. Should a mark be re-located in the event of a course change, the original mark will be moved.

Government marks and private aids to navigation located in the vicinity of any leg of the course are not marks to be observed.

10. THE START

The race will start according to RRS 26. The Race Committee will make courtesy announcements during the starting sequence on VHF 71. Failure to make such a broadcast or to make it within a prescribed time shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end of the line and an inflatable mark located at the port end of the line. Starts will not be rolling.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the five minute starting sequence for other Divisions.

A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes of its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

If a boat is on the course side of the starting line at the time of her start, the Race Committee will display code flag "X" accompanied by one sound signal. As a courtesy, the Race Committee may attempt to notify premature starters via VHF 71. Failure to make such a

broadcast or to make it within a prescribed time shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

11. CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Should the Race Committee deem it necessary for fair racing, any mark of the course may be re-located. Should a mark be re-located, the original mark will be moved. Course changes of less than 10 degrees will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V1 and V2, Alternative Penalties will be in effect. Competitors are encouraged to take penalty turns in accordance with Appendix V1 at the time of the incident or to display a Yellow Flag at the time of the incident in accordance with RRS 44.3

14. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for all divisions will be three (3) hours. Boats failing to finish within one (1) hour after the first boat in their Division sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS & SCORING INQUIRIES

[Scoring Inquiries](#) should be entered on line on the [Event Website](#).

The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished or the time limit for the race has expired, whichever is earlier. This changes RRS 60.3(b).

A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat(s) at the first reasonable opportunity, hail "Protest", and display a red flag and shall display the flag until she is no longer racing.

The intention to protest shall be announced by hail or VHF channel 71 to the Race Committee as soon as possible after the protesting yacht has finished. The hail shall include the sail number(s) of the protested yacht(s).

Protests and requests for redress must be submitted in writing on the standard US Sailing Protest Form within the time limit by [email to Chief Judge Jim Ryan](#) at jimryan93@gmail.com . This changes RRS 60.3 and 61.2.

At the conclusion of racing, the Race Committee will broadcast a list of those boats for which it has received verbal notice of an intent to protest.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

All competitors are required to carry aboard a working VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channel 71. Any boat intending to withdraw from the race shall inform the Race Committee on VHF 71.

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race 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, prior to, during, or after the race. RRS 81 shall not apply.