

Flying Scot New England District Championship Sailing Instructions 2025

Rules

Races will be conducted and judged under the current US Sailing *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) (<https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/racingrules/>) except as modified in these instructions, or by a notice posted two days prior to a race, or by verbal notice given at a scheduled skippers' meeting on shore prior to a race. All official notices will be posted on the Race bulletin board outside the waterfront clubhouse.

The rules are changed as follows:

- Rules 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10 are amended to add: "Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish in its class and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and scored for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within her Finishing Window."
- The following is added to rule 61.1: "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 via VHF radio (Channel 72). Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request."
- Appendices A5.1 and A5.2 are amended to add: "A boat that has not met the definition of start 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS."

Scoring

Courses

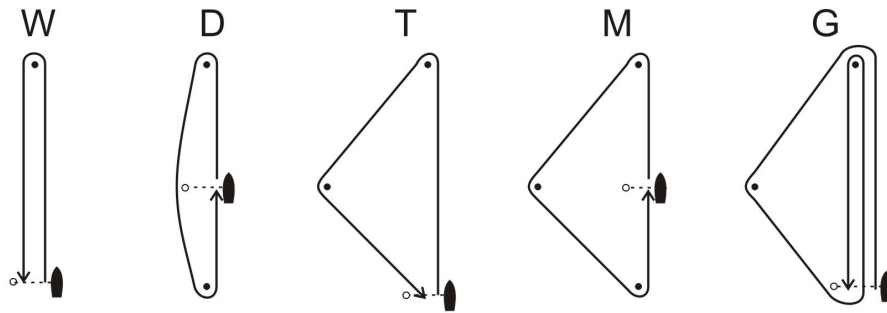
Unless otherwise designated, courses will be displayed on a boom on the committee boat by hanging the course letter (W, D, T, M, G; see below) under the class insignia. The course for a race may have several laps; the number of laps will be indicated by hanging a number under the course letter. For instance, a D2 course would be start-windward-leeward-windward-leeward-finish. In the case of a W2 or a T2, the starting pin is rounded to start the second lap of the course. Classes will start in the order posted on the committee boat boom, from fore to aft.

At the discretion of the Race Committee and when announced, a windward mark may be accompanied by an offset mark which must also be rounded and is considered a mark of the course. Similarly, the leeward mark of a D or W2 course may be replaced by a pair of marks (a gate) and either mark of the gate may be rounded.

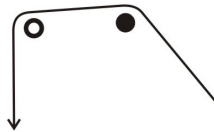
Finishing

The finish line will be between a staff on the race committee signal boat and the finishing pin on the starboard side of the committee boat.

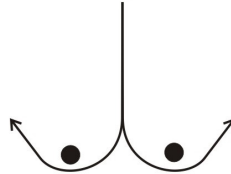
On any leg of the course, other than at the start or finish of the race or when the pin is a turning mark, the line between the staff on the committee boat and the nearby starting and finishing pins shall be considered an obstruction and subject to the obligations of rules 19 and 20.



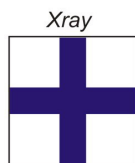
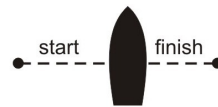
when announced:
windward offset mark



leeward gate marks



starboard finish line



Individual Recall



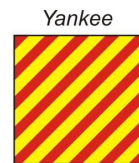
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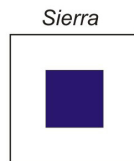
Postponement



All Races Called Off



Life Jackets



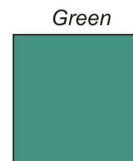
Course Shortened



Course Changed



All Marks to Port



All Marks to Starboard

Changes of Course

Changes of Course will be made as follows:

1. *Prior to a class' warning signal:* by posting the new course in place of the old one
2. *Between a class' warning and preparatory signal:* by posting the new course in place of the old one and calling attention to the change by display of code flag "Charlie" and sounding a horn
3. *After a class' preparatory signal:* by displaying code flag "Answering Pennant" to postpone the race, posting the new course in place of the old one, and beginning the starting sequence again.
4. *After a class' start:* by displaying code flag "Charlie" on an authorized boat that stands by the mark at which the course changes, with the revised course posted or given verbally to each boat. In such a case, the mark at which the change occurs should be rounded in the direction specified by the old course, and boats should assume the new course after rounding.

A shortened course will be signified by displaying code flag "Sierra" and by the sounding of two horns. The new finish line shall be at a rounding mark between the mark and a boat displaying flag Sierra, or at a line boats are required to cross at the end of each lap.

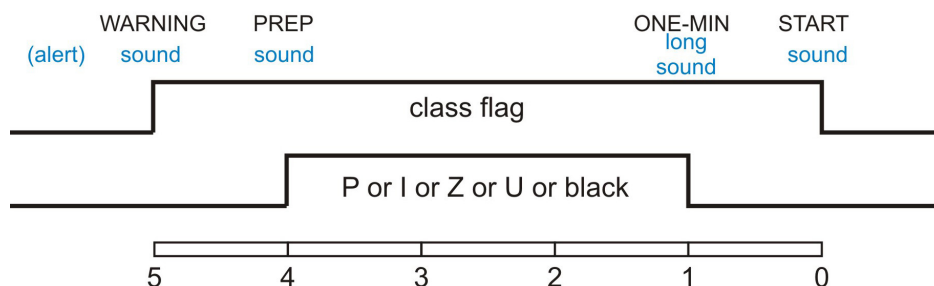
To maintain a course configuration, or change a course length, marks may be moved as necessary with no signal to competitors as long as no competitors are on the leg that the mark terminates. This changes RRS 33.






Communication with the Race Committee

Boats are encouraged to carry handheld VHF radios for communication with the committee boat. Channel 72 will be used for race-related matters unless otherwise announced. (Channel 11 is used by the waterfront staff.) Hails will normally be answered from the committee boat at any time before the start of a race. Thereafter, hails will be answered only if deemed essential to the conduct of the race or the safety of the competitors. The committee is not required to answer a hail at any time.

Starting Instructions

The starting line shall be between the yellow flag on the committee boat and the flag on the starting mark. Unless announced otherwise, races will be started using the sequence specified by RSS 26 (five-minute).



P		Preparatory signal
I		If on course side of line and extensions in last minute, must round an end of the starting line before starting.
Z		If in starting-line/first-mark triangle in last minute, 20% penalty.
U		If in starting-line/first-mark triangle in last minute, disqualified. Penalty dropped if race restarted.
black		If in starting-line/first-mark triangle in last minute, disqualified even if race restarted. Penalty dropped if race postponed before start.

Recalls

Individual boats which have started prematurely will be verbally recalled by sail number on a best efforts' basis. If any boat has started prematurely, the race committee shall promptly display flag "X-ray" with attention called by one horn blast. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats have sailed completely to the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with Rule 30.1 if it applies, but it will be lowered after four minutes or one minute before any later starting signal. It is good sportsmanship for other boats to promptly and accurately relay sail numbers when premature starters may not have heard the call. Every effort will be made to ensure that a premature starter receives such notice, but the responsibility for returning for a proper start rests with the competing boat. The race committee will then attempt to notify premature starters when they have returned to the pre-start side of the line. In case of a general recall for any class, the "First Repeater" will be displayed with attention called by a series of horn blasts. The Warning signal for the next start will be made approximately one minute after the First Repeater is lowered.

Special Starting Rules

If the Race Committee boat displays flag "India," the One-Minute or Round-an-End Rule (RRS 30.1) is in effect.

If the Race Committee boat displays flag "Zulu," the 20% Penalty Rule (RRS 30.2) is in effect.

If the Race Committee boat displays flag "Uniform," the U Flag Rule (RRS 30.3) is in effect.

If the Race Committee boat displays a black flag, the Black Flag Rule (RRS 30.4) is in effect.

Postponement and Abandonment

Races will be started in all weather, unless the wind is so light that boats will not finish the race in the allotted time, or so strong that there is considerable danger to boats or participants. Lightning is also reason for cancellation. It is the responsibility of each sailor to consider the condition of the boat and experience of the crew and to decide whether the weather conditions exceed their capabilities.

Starts may be postponed by displaying code flag "Answering Pennant" and sounding two horn blasts. The warning signal for the next start will be made one minute after the Answering Pennant is lowered.

Races may be abandoned by displaying code flag "November" and sounding three horn blasts. All races, including those in progress, are called off for the day.

Time Limit

Unless otherwise stated, the time limit for any race is one hour. A race is official for any class if one boat in that class finishes properly within this time limit, unless the race has been abandoned before any boat finishes.

Life Jackets

Code flag "Yankee" indicates that life jackets must be worn as long as the signal is displayed.

Penalties

A boat that has broken a rule of the RRS Part 2 (When Boats Meet) or Part 3 (Conduct of a Race) shall take a penalty as soon as possible after getting clear of other boats, as specified in RRS Rules 44 and 31.

Protests

The procedures for lodging and deciding protests will be as in Part 5 of the RRS (Protests, Redress, Hearings, Misconduct and Appeals). However protests by one boat against another must be reported to the race committee immediately after crossing the finish line in the race in which the incident occurred. A protest committee constituted that day of knowledgeable and disinterested sailors will endeavor to hear all protests by the end of that day. In the rare event of a substantive appeal, a protest review committee with permanent members will hear the appeal.