



45th ANNUAL WILLIAM K. VANDERBILT II CUP MEMORIAL RACE



CENTERPORT YACHT CLUB
Saturday, October 4th, 2025

Sailing Instructions

1. **RULES** - This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. All boats shall comply with the YRALIS Minimum Equipment Recommendations Category C as published in the Racing Program except that one-design classes shall conform to their class rules concerning minimum equipment and accommodations.
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**
 - 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Centerport Yacht Club (CYC), the CYC website (<http://www.centerport-yc.org/vanderbilt>) and RegattaNetwork.com/event/30197
 - 2.2. The Current registrants list with Class/Division assignments is available on the Regatta Network Website which can be accessed from the Vanderbilt Cup event page on the Centerport Yacht Club Website. The final update will be made by 1800 hours on Friday, October 3rd. Last minute changes will be available from the Signal boat on channel 72 up until five minutes before the first signal.
3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hrs. on the day of the race and will be announced by the race committee on VHF channel 72.
4. **SCHEDULE AND IDENTIFICATION**
 - 4.1. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1100 hrs.
 - 4.2. All yachts shall fly international Code Flag "N" at the backstay or in that vicinity above the deck from the warning signal until the finish.
 - 4.3. All yachts shall identify themselves to the committee prior to the *first* warning signal. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Identification shall include yacht name and sail number. Individual division flags may be flown but are not required.
5. **DIVISION FLAGS** - Division flags will be the numeral pennants for each division number listed on the scratch sheet.
6. **RACING AREA** - The racing area will be in Huntington Bay, the adjoining portions of Long Island Sound with the finish intended to be located in Northport Bay.

7. COURSES and MARKS

- 7.1. Course signals will be posted by the race committee using letter placards to signal the below chosen course. Each class will be assigned one course. Refer to the scratch sheet for your boat's class assignment. All courses are Distance courses.

<u>COURSE A:</u>	From the start to Bell "32A" South of Stamford Harbor, Leave to Starboard; to Nun "28" off Greens Ledge, Leave to Starboard; to Flasher "1" at entrance to Northport Bay, Leave to Port; to R"8" inside Northport Bay, leave to Starboard; to finish line. 22.9 nm.
<u>COURSE B:</u>	From the start to Gong "15" off Lloyd Point, Leave to Starboard; to Bell "28C" Cable and Anchor Reef, Leave to Starboard; to Flasher "1" at entrance to Northport Bay, Leave to Port; to R"8" inside Northport Bay, leave to Starboard; to finish line. 15.7 nm.
<u>COURSE C:</u>	From the start to Nun "4" north of Lloyd Neck, Leave to Starboard; to Green/Red Obstruction Buoy "E" NNW of Eaton's Neck Point, Leave to Starboard; to Flasher "1" at entrance to Northport Bay, Leave to Port; to R"8" inside Northport Bay, leave to Starboard; to finish line. 11.0 nm.
<u>COURSE D:</u>	From the start to Bell "26" off Cockenoe Harbor, Leave to Port; to Gong "15" off Lloyd Point, Leave to Port; to Flasher "1" at entrance to Northport Bay, Leave to Port; to R"8" inside Northport Bay, leave to Starboard; to finish line. 23.3 nm.
<u>COURSE E:</u>	From the start to Gong "11B" off Eaton's Neck, Leave to Port; to Gong "15" off Lloyd Point, Leave to Port; to Flasher "1" at entrance to Northport Bay, Leave to Port; to R"8" inside Northport Bay, leave to Starboard; to finish line. 16.2 nm.
<u>COURSE F:</u>	From the start to Green/Red Obstruction Buoy "E" NNW of Eaton's Neck Point, Leave to Port; to Nun "4" north of Lloyd Neck, Leave to Port; to Flasher "1" at entrance to Northport Bay, Leave to Port; to R"8" inside Northport Bay, leave to Starboard; to finish line. 11.3 nm.
<u>COURSE G:</u>	From the start to Flasher "1" at the entrance to Northport Bay, Leave to Port; to Bell "28C" Cable and Anchor Reef, Leave to Port; to Bell "32A" South of Stamford Harbor, Leave to Port; to Flasher "1" at entrance to Northport Bay, Leave to Port; to R"8" inside Northport Bay, leave to Starboard; to finish line. 22.9 nm.
<u>COURSE H:</u>	From the start to Flasher "1" at the entrance to Northport Bay, Leave to Port; to Green/Red Obstruction Buoy "E" NNW of Eaton's Neck Point, Leave to Port; to Gong "15" off Lloyd Point, Leave to Port; to Flasher "1" at entrance to Northport Bay, Leave to Port; to R"8" inside Northport Bay, leave to Starboard; to finish line. 15.8 nm.
<u>COURSE I:</u>	From the start to Flasher "1" at the entrance to Northport Bay, Leave to Port; to Green/Red Obstruction Buoy "E" NNW of Eaton's Neck Point, Leave to Port; to Nun "6" off Lloyd Neck, Leave to Port; to Flasher "1" at entrance to Northport Bay, Leave to Port; to R"8" inside Northport Bay, leave to Starboard; to finish line. 12.1 nm.
<u>COURSE J:</u>	From the start to Nun "2" at the entrance to Lloyd Harbor, Leave to Port; Gong "11B" off Eaton's Neck, Leave to Port; to Bell "32A" South of Stamford Harbor, Leave to Port; to Flasher "1" at entrance to Northport Bay, Leave to Port; to R"8" inside Northport Bay, leave to Starboard; to finish line. 23.3 nm.

COURSE K: From the start to Nun “2” at the entrance to Lloyd Harbor, Leave to Port; to Green/Red Obstruction Buoy “E” NNW of Eaton’s Neck Point, Leave to Port; to Gong “15” off Lloyd Point Bell, Leave to Port; to Flasher “1” at entrance to Northport Bay, Leave to Port; to R”8” inside Northport Bay, leave to Starboard; to finish line. 15.7 nm.

COURSE L: From the start to Nun “2” at the entrance to Lloyd Harbor, Leave to Port; to Can “13” off Eaton’s Neck, leave to Port; to Nun “6” off Lloyd Neck, Leave to Port; to Flasher “1” at entrance to Northport Bay, Leave to Port; to R”8” inside Northport Bay, leave to Starboard; to finish line. 11.9 nm.

- 7.2. The following government aids to navigation must be observed and left on the proper hand, except when designated as turning marks of a posted course:

Along the north shore of Lloyd Neck: **Bell 8, Nuns 2, 4 and 6;**

In Northport Bay: **Nuns 2 and 4 and Flashers 6 and 8.**

This is a change to RRS rule 28.1. All other government and private aids, when not designated as marks of the course, may be disregarded at the discretion of the skipper.

8. THE START

- 8.1. Races will be started by using RRS rule 26. A break will be made between a previous division’s start and the succeeding division’s warning signal; warning signals will be prefaced by radio announcements on VHF channel 72 and a series of audible signals.
- 8.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and an orange flag on a mark in the area of Bell “8” in Huntington Bay.
- 8.3. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS rule 29, including hailing the yacht’s sail number. The race committee will utilize VHF channel 72 to announce recalls. Failure of competitors to hear their recall announcement or failure of the race committee to make a timely announcement shall not be grounds for redress.
- 8.4. A yacht starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rules A4 and A5.

9. **THE FINISH** – The finish will be between a staff displaying an blue flag on a race committee boat and an inflatable mark at the entrance to Northport Harbor, approximately 0.8 nm and 110° magnetic from flasher “8,” unless shortened which will be between a mark of the course and a boat flying a S flag and a orange flag in accordance with the RRS and these instructions.

10. TIME LIMIT

- 10.1. “No Race” shall be declared for any division unless at least one boat shall have finished by 1530 hrs.
- 10.2. Any boat not finishing within 30 minutes plus her time allowance from the first boat finishing in her division will be scored DNF. This changes RRS rules 35, A4 and A5.

11. PENALTIES TAKEN AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

- 11.1. The One-Turn Penalty as described in RRS V1 is in effect. This modifies RRS 44.1.

12. PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

- 12.1.** After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS Rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in RRS rule 44.3(c). However, RRS rule 44.3(b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying when and where the incident occurred.
- 12.2.** The Post-Race Penalty shall be: (a) 20% if taken before the protest time limit or (b) 30% if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS – Protests and requests for redress must be reported to the race committee boat upon finishing and filed with the organizing authority at the Centerport Yacht Club on US Sailing forms or their equivalent not later than 1700 hrs. Skippers of each yacht involved in a protest should make all reasonable attempts to be at the Centerport Yacht Club following the event. All hearings will be held at the Centerport Yacht Club as soon as possible after 1700 hrs.

14. PROTEST ARBITRATION (*This section has been modeled after RRS Appendix T*)

- 14.1.** An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or RRS rule 31, and may be held prior to the protest time limit, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that RRS rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.
- 14.2.** Based on evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide: (a) the protest is valid, (b) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or (c) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.
- 14.3.** A boat that may have broken a rule may take a Post-Race Penalty as provided in Section 12.2 of these Sailing Instructions. However, the penalty in Section 12.2(a) of these Sailing Instructions is available only until the protest time limit or until the beginning of the arbitration meeting, whichever is earlier. During a meeting, a boat may take a penalty by acknowledging her acceptance of the penalty in writing.
- 14.4.** If a boat asks to withdraw her protest, the arbitrator may act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to accept the withdrawal.

15. USE OF RADIO – The race committee may broadcast recalls, abandonments and cancellations and scratch sheet changes on Channel 72, but will not respond to radio inquiries or calls except withdrawals or emergencies. Boats shall not be entitled to redress for any misstatements by the race committee or failure of a boat to hear or receive a broadcast. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This also applies to mobile telephones.

16. SCORING - Time allowances will be per YRALIS PHRF time on distance procedures using distance handicaps and will be based on the course distance as calculated by the race committee, regardless of the distance sailed.

17. TROPHIES & PRIZES

17.1. The William K. Vanderbilt II Memorial Cup, a perpetual trophy on which will be inscribed the name of the overall winning yachts in the PHRF Spinnaker and PHRF Non-Spinnaker Classes, will remain on display as determined by the Trustees of the Centerport Yacht Club. Division prizes will be awarded as follows: First, if three or more starters; second, if five or more starters; third if seven or more starters. Awards will be announced at the after party at the Vanderbilt museum and awarded at Centerport Yacht Club's Fleet Activities Dinner.

- 18. WAIVER OF LIABILITY** - By submission of the entry and participation in this event, the master and owner of each yacht acknowledges that the master is solely responsible for the safety of the yacht and its crew, and they further represent that the yacht and its equipment are in sound condition and all required safety equipment is aboard, accessible for use and in operable condition; that the decision to race, not to race or withdraw after starting is solely that of the master; and they further release the Centerport Yacht Club, their officers, directors, members, employees, agents, and all members of the Race Committee, whether members or not, from any and all liability or claims for personal injury or property damage resulting from participation in this event. Each skipper must make decisions appropriate for the conditions and the ability of his or her crew to handle them; the decision of any vessel to withdraw will be respected by the RC.