

**2024 SM Sailing Team Racing Championship (Wes Durant Trophy)**  
**Organizing Authority: SM Sailing**  
**Host Club: Hyannis YC**  
**August 7-8, 2025**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. Rules:**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, including Appendix D
- 1.2 RRS Appendix D2 shall apply. [NB: This includes D2.1, which means each boat will need to display a **red flag** to initiate a protest. ***Sailors must bring their own red flags***].
- 1.3 Each team shall provide 3 class legal boats and sails. Bridles are permitted.
- 1.4 [DP] Competitors may not protest for a break of C420 class rules. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.5 [DP] Team Pinnies are required while racing. Enforcement of this rule is the responsibility of the PRO.

**2 Notice to Competitors/Change in Sailing Instructions:** Official notices to competitors and/or any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta Network Site. Any changes in the sailing instructions can be announced orally on the water as long as each team is informed before the change goes into effect.

**3. Courses & Marks:**

- 2.1 Course will be a “Digital N.” See attachment A
- 2.2 Marks will be orange “tuna balls.”

**4. Start & Finish:**

- 4.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix U.
- 4.2 Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Appendix U4.
- 4.3 The starting line and finish line will be between a staff on the committee boat displaying a flag and a mark.

**5. Safety:**

- 5.1 All competitors, coaches, umpires and race officials shall wear properly fastened USCG approved Type III non-inflatable lifejackets at all times while on the water, except to quickly change clothing. Penalties for violating this rule are at the discretion of the umpires.
- 5.2 Competitors who require assistance should signal by waving both arms overhead.

**6. Abandonment:** A race may be abandoned at any time at the discretion of the race committee, in consultation with an umpire, if possible.

7. **Changing the Course:** To maintain a course configuration, or change course length, marks may be moved as necessary, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is more than halfway down the leg that it terminates. This changes RRS 33.
8. **Breakdowns:** There are no breakdowns because it is a BYOB regatta.
9. **Format & Scoring:**
  - 9.1 A single round robin between all teams is planned (66 races), followed by a gold, silver, and bronze round(s).
  - 9.2 Scores from each round shall carry forward to the next round(s).
  - 9.3 Ties:
    - 9.3.1 If possible, ties will be broken using head-to-head records.
    - 9.3.2 If not possible and time permits in the opinion of the PRO, a single race sail-off between all the tied teams will be conducted to break ties.
    - 9.3.3 If a sail-off is not possible, then total points for all the races that the tied team met will be used to break a tie.
    - 9.3.4 If the two teams remained tied, the winner of the last race between them.
    - 9.3.5 If none of the above breaks the tie, the tie shall stand.
  - 9.4 If the format becomes unmanageable, then it may be changed by the SM Sailing representative in consultation with the PRO and Chief Umpire.
10. **Coaching:** Coaching is permitted between races if teams have equal access and racing is not delayed. Coach boats are expected to help move marks, act as safety boats, and assist the race committee as well as coach their team.
11. **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded to the teams placing 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>.
12. **Other Information:** Neither the host organization, SM Sailing, nor any of the members, employees, or volunteers accepts responsibility for loss of life or injury to a participant or other or the loss or damage to property.

