

**Falmouth Yacht Club**

**2014 Sonar New England  
Championship Regatta  
Sailing Instructions**



**1 - NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the RC bulletin board board, located downstairs in the Falmouth Yacht Club.

**2 - CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

The Race Committee may change the sailing instructions on the water by hoisting code flag "L" and notifying each boat of the change.

**3 - SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Falmouth Yacht Club Yardarm. When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

**4 - SCHEDULE OF RACES**

There are no set number of races scheduled to be run each day. At the conclusion of each race, all boats should remain in the area of the race committee boat. The next race will be conducted on a back to back basis at the discretion of the race committee.

**5 - SONAR CLASS FLAG**

The Sonar class flag is a white flag with the Sonar class symbol. The alternate class flag is numeral pennant 1.

## 6 - RACING AREA

Attachment 'A' shows the location of the racing area.

## 7 - THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed are shown in Attachments W, W2, D and D2 at the end of these Sailing Instructions.

Courses will utilize only portable marks. Courses may use leeward gates, as shown on the course diagrams, or leeward marks. If gates are used, the gate marks shall be matching size and color. If a leeward mark is used instead of a gate, the mark shall be rounded to port. If the course is a "W" or "W2", and there is no gate, the leeward mark shall be the mark at the leeward end of the starting line.

The magnetic course heading to the first mark and the approximate distance of the first leg may be displayed from the race committee boat. Failure to display the approximate distance will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## 8 - AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Any areas marked by swimming area markers and the imaginary straight line connecting swimming area markers are designated as obstructions.

## 9 - THE START

The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag or shape on a race committee boat and the nearby mark.

A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

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

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or lay a new mark. When the race committee lays a new mark, it will remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

## 11 - THE FINISH

Except when shortening the course, the finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag or shape on a race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark.

## 12 - TIME LIMITS

Time limits are shown below. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	Mark 1 time limit
Sonar	1.5 hours	0.75 hours

### 13 - PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests shall be written on US Sailing Protest Forms or on forms available at the FYC office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee boat returns to shore.

Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

On the last day of the regatta a request for a reopening of a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day, or no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

### 14 - SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the race course area or, if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore. Failure to notify the race committee in a timely manner may result in disqualification for the days racing.

### 15 - REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of competitors will be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed without prior approval by the race committee.

### 16 - EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

### 17 - OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked by flying a blue flag with the race committee emblem, or by flying a yellow flag or by flying a yellow flag with the race committee emblem.

### 18 - SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

19 - RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all other boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

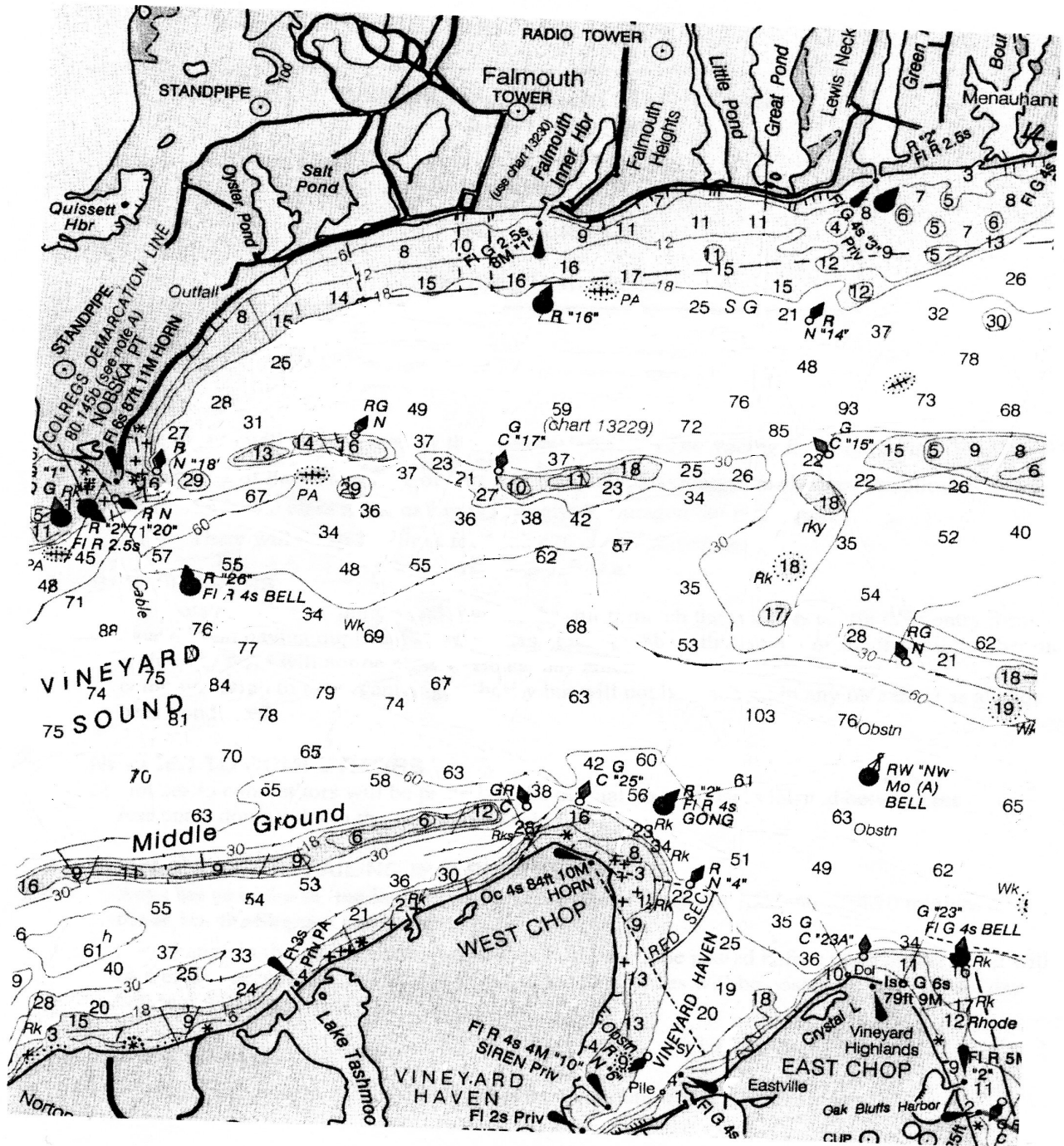
20 - PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.

21 - DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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.

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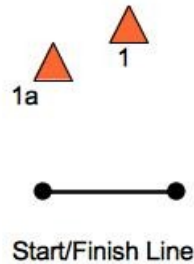


# 2014 SONAR NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE DIAGRAMS

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## COURSE "D"

Start-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish



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## COURSE "D2"

Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-  
2s/2p-Finish

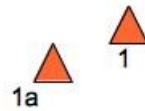


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## COURSE "W"

Start-1-1a-Finish



## COURSE "W2"

Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish

