



2023 TOWN CLASS NATIONALS
Organizing Authority is the Marblehead Town Class
Association and The Corinthian Yacht Club
AUGUST 5 & 6, 2023
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The Town Class specifications, Issue #7, with revisions of July 26, 2023, available at <https://townclass.net/2023-nationals> applies.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by broadcasting the new instruction over VHF radio before the applicable warning signal.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the <https://townclass.net/2023-nationals>.

3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 72.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the CYC yard arm.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The Class flag will be the class insignia.

7 COURSES

- 7.1** The diagrams in SI's Addendum (MRA Standard Courses) is attached.
- 7.2** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 7.3** If a gate mark is missing, the remaining mark is to be rounded to port.

8 MARKS

- 8.1** Start and finish marks will be green tetrahedrons or cylinders.
- 8.2** Windward and Leeward marks will be orange tetrahedrons or cylinders.
- 8.3** New marks, as provided in SI 10 are pink tetrahedrons. A subsequent change will revert to the original mark description.

9 THE START

- 9.1** Starts will be at the Archer's Rock line or Brimble's Rock Line and the first warning on Saturday will be at 1100 and on Sunday will be at 1030.
- 9.2** Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.3** The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 9.4** 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. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 9.5** Additional races will be held, if possible, and if multiple races are held, the same time sequence will be used.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1** The finishing line is between a staff on the race committee signal boat from which a blue flag is displayed and the course side of the ready mark.
- 11.2** The finish line for the last race on Saturday afternoon may be in the harbor, CYC line, between the CYC race committee booth and mark "O" on the 2023 Town Class Worlds Racing Chart. This will be indicated by the Race Committee signal boat by flying Code Flag 'F' before the warning signal. The course will be indicated using MRA courses with the finish as indicated above. If the race committee determines that marks will be rounded to starboard, a green flag will be flown before the warning signal. For example, if course B is sailed, competitors shall start, round the windward mark and the leeward mark and then proceed to the harbor finish line which may or may not be upwind of the leeward mark based on sea and wind conditions. If a green flag is flown, marks shall be rounded to starboard.

12 TIME LIMITS AND FINISHING WINDOW

- 12.1** The time limit for the first to finish is two hours.
- 12.2** The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boatsails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored DNF without a hearing. The boat will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 12.3** The Finishing Window will be 30 minutes.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

14 SCORING

- 14.1** A boat that is scored OCS, DNC, DNS, DNF, NSC, RET, or DSQ shall be scored points for finishing place one more than the number of boats that started that race. This changes A5.2.
- 14.2** When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score and when 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes A2.1.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1** A boat that intends to protest, must fly a protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity. This changes RRS 61.1(a)(2).
- 15.2** The protest time limit is 1 hour after the race committee vessel docks.
- 15.3** Protest forms are available at <https://townclass.net/2023-nationals> and should be submitted at the Protest desk located at Corinthian race booth, and e-mailed to robertdavis10023@gmail.com. Protestors shall provide e-mail addresses and mobile numbers for each of the protestor, protestee and any witnesses.
- 15.4** Notices will be posted and e-mailed no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the Corinthian Yacht Club Race Committee booth via Zoom.

15.5 Protests may be held on each day of racing or only on Saturday or Sunday, at the discretion of the judges.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 [NP] A boat shall check in before her first race of each day by hailing the race committee signal vessel with her sail number and the number of souls on board. A boat failing to check in will receive a 20% scoring penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3 for each race in which a breach occurs, without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

16.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity by VHF radio or hail. If this is not practicable before leaving the race area, the boat shall call 617-529-2262 Tuula Snow.

16.3 Boats requiring assistance shall contact the signal vessel with sail number, fleet, location, and nature of the emergency, including description of any injuries.

17 OFFICIAL VESSELS

17.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows: signal vessels by a blue race committee flag, all other vessels by a yellow race committee flag.

Addendum: MRA Standard COURSES

