

MARBLEHEAD RACING ASSOCIATION



Boston Yacht Club Corinthian Yacht Club Eastern Yacht Club

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

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** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

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 theclubspot.com/regattas/6P8WaTFda8.
- 3.2** On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 78 for the South Line and 71 for the North Line.

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 yard arms at BYC, CYC, and EYC and will be repeated by text and VHF radio Channel 78.
- 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 for each class will be the class insignia.

7 COURSES

- 7.1** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 7.2** If a gate mark is missing, the remaining mark is to be rounded to port.
- 7.3** A green flag displayed no later than the warning signal means 'Mark 1 for the class about to start will be a green tetrahedron'.
- 7.4** A pink flag displayed no later than the warning signal means 'Mark 1 for the class about to start will be a pink tetrahedron.'

8 MARKS

- 8.1** Start and finish marks will be green tetrahedrons.
- 8.2** Except as provided in SI 7.3 and 7.4 rounding marks will be orange tetrahedrons for the South Line and yellow tetrahedrons for the North Line.
- 8.3** New marks, as provided in SI 10 are pink tetrahedrons. A subsequent change will revert to the original mark description. However, a new green mark will be a green tetrahedron with a black band.

9 THE START

- 9.1** Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.

- 9.2** 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.
- 9.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 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. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

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 displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

12 TIME LIMITS AND FINISHING WINDOW

- 12.1** The time limit for the first in each class to finish is two hours.
- 12.2** The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, being penalised 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 HEARING REQUESTS

- 13.1** For each line, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal vessel for that line docked. The time will be posted on the official notice board at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/6P8WaTFda8>.
- 13.2** Hearing request forms are available at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/6P8WaTFda8>.
- 13.3** Notices will be posted 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 club designated on the MRA racing schedule (see NoR 6.2) beginning after racing or if this is not practicable by Zoom or in person at a time designated by the judges.

14 SCORING

- 14.1** (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from five to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her one additional worst score for every five additional races completed.
- 14.2** RRS A5.3 applies.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1** [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.
- 15.2** [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 the club responsible for running the applicable line.

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

16 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

16.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

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.