



2019 Town Class National Regatta  
August 16, 17, 18 2019

Touisset Point Town Class Association & Touisset Point Community Club  
Touisset Point, RI

Sailing Instructions

1. Races are governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (2017-2020), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the National Town Class Association, except as any of these are changed by these instructions, and by these sailing instructions.
2. Eligibility: The Regatta is open to all Town Class boats meeting the class specifications currently in force as published by the National Town Class Association. All entrants must have completed an official entry form and paid all entry fees.
3. All notices to competitors and changes in race instructions will be posted on the bulletin board at the Touisset Point Community Clubhouse.
4. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted prior to the day's races.
5. Schedule of Race: There are six races scheduled:
  - Race #1 – Warning gun at 11:15 a.m. Saturday 8/16.
  - Race #2 – Warning gun approximately 5 minutes after the last finisher in race #1.
  - Race #3 – Warning gun at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday 8/16.
  - Race #4 – Warning gun approximately 5 minutes after the last finisher in race #3.
    - Fourth Race to start no later than 4:00 pm
    - Races will continue weather permitting.
  - Race #5 - Warning gun at 10:30 a.m Sunday 8/17.
  - Race #6 – Warning gun approximately 5 minutes after the last finisher in race #5.
  - Races will continue weather permitting – Plan is to start last race no latter 1:00 PM.
6. Racing area: The racing area will be Mount Hope Bay. In the event of dangerously high winds and seas, and at the discretion of the Race Committee, the racing area may be changed to the Kickemuit River.
7. Check-in Before Start: All yachts are required to check in with the race committee before the start of the first race of each day. Yachts are requested to sail astern of the committee boat on the starboard tack and announce the name of the yacht and sail number. Yachts electing not to start a race on each day must so notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area.
8. Courses: Course letters corresponding to those listed on the “Race Courses” sheet will be posted on a course board on the Committee Boat prior to the warning gun for each race, and will remain posted until all starters have crossed the starting line. Distances to mark A and between subsequent marks will be set by the race committee before each race and will be based on weather conditions at that time.
9. Marks: Competitors will be advised of the shapes and approximate dimensions of all marks at the skipper's meeting prior to the commencement of racing. It is the intention of the Race Committee to set “Olympic” type courses. As such, marks A, B, and C are anticipated to form a

triangular course. The race committee plans to position itself between marks A and C. The “pin end” of the starting line will be designated as mark “X” and may be used as a mark of the course.

10. Starting Sequence: Races will be started using RRS Rule 26, with the following modifications. Approximately 1 minute prior to the Warning signal, there will be several short horn blasts. Should the postponement flag be displayed, it will be lowered in conjunction with the short horn blasts.

The starting sequence and signals will be as follows:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Signal</u>	<u>Visual</u>	<u>Audible</u>
-5:00 min	Warning	Class Flag raised	1 horn blast
-4:00 min	Preparatory	Preparatory “P” Flag raised	1 horn blast
-1:00 min	One Minute	Preparatory Flag lowered	1 horn blast
0:00 min	Start	Class Flag lowered	1 horn blast

Times shall be taken from the visual signals. The failure of an audible signal shall be disregarded.

- 10.1 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying a white flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and mark “X” at the port end.
- 10.2 A white fender will be trailing approximately 15 feet aft of the committee boat. This is a “keep off mark”, and no competitor shall pass between it and the committee boat. Contact with the keep off mark or its pennant after the preparatory signal shall be deemed the equivalent of hitting a mark of the course.
11. Recalls: Individual recalls will be signaled by one short horn blast, the raising of the Individual Recall Flag (X), and every effort will be made to hail the offending boat(s). Premature starters are required to restart by sailing around either end of the starting line. “Dip” restarts are not permitted. General recalls will be signaled by 2 horn blasts and the raising of the General Recall Flag (First Substitute). After a general recall, the starting sequence will be restarted as soon as practicable. After the second recall for any race, anyone over the start line early will be scored DSQ for that race. Remember that while the race committee will attempt to hail premature starters, a fair start remains the sole responsibility of each and every yacht.
12. Shortened courses: The Race Committee, at its discretion, may shorten a course after the start of any race to any turning mark. In such cases, the committee boat will fly code flag S, and the finish line will be between the white flag on the committee boat and the appropriate tuning mark.
13. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a white flag on the committee boat and mark “X”, unless the course has been shortened according the rule 12 above.
14. Penalties: Rule 44.2 (720 degree turns) penalty will be modified for the regatta and yachts seeking exoneration will be required to execute a single (360 degree) turn at their earliest convenience being sure to keep clear of other yachts. Rule 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) will not apply.
15. Time Limit: Any boat finishing a race more than 30 minutes after the first finisher will be scored DNF and will receive the average points that would have been awarded to all yachts failing to so finish.
16. Protests: All competitors are expected to observe the Racing Rules of Sailing and as such, protests are discouraged. Exoneration requirements have been relaxed for the regatta so PLEASE acknowledge any foul, perform a 360 degree turn, and sail on. Nevertheless, should a protest be necessary, be advised that under Rule 61.1, boats under 6 meters in length need not fly a protest flag in order to inform an offending party of its intent to protest. However, the Race Committee strongly recommends the use of a protest flag along with verbal communication to the

offending party (if possible) to signal such intent. Upon finishing, the protesting party must immediately inform the race committee of his intent to protest, and which yacht is being protested. A completed Protest Form must be submitted to the protest committee by the protesting party within 2 hours of the finish of the last race of the day. Protests will be heard as soon as possible at the TPCC Clubhouse/Small Building. Any party to the protest that fails to appear at the hearing will be scored DSQ for that race. If neither party appears within 5 minutes of the scheduled hearing time, the protest will be considered withdrawn. Decisions of the protest committee shall be final.

17. Scoring System: The Low Point Scoring System (4.1), Appendix A will apply (i.e. 0.75 for the first, 2.0 for second, 3.0 for third and so on) modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if 5 races are completed. No scores will be discarded if fewer than 5 races are completed. Three races must be completed to constitute a regatta. DSQ and DNF/WD (except as noted in rule 15 above) will be scored one more than the number of starters in that race. DNS will be scored one more than the number of regatta entrants.
18. Awards: Awards will be presented to the top 3 regatta series finishers as determined by the scoring system described in 17 above.

#### **Amendment**

Per US Sailing RRS 2013-2016, Sec 90.3 Scoring

These sailing instructions hereby specify the following amendment

.75 pts for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2.0 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3.0 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc.