

Hyannis Yacht Club

**2023 Chowder Cup Saturday Series
September 2, September 9, September 23 and September 30, 2023**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 is changed as follows: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 in an incident while racing.
- 1.3 For all boats, the US Safety Equipment Requirements of US Sailing for Near shore. A boat may not be protested for failing to comply with these Requirements except by the Race or Protest Committee.
- 1.4 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hours before the Warning Signal of the first race on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Oral changes to a sailing instruction may be made by the race committee on the water by hailing each vessel via VHF radio channel 68. Each boat shall confirm with the race committee that they received the change.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the southwest corner of the HYC patio.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee shall monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio channel 68.

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4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at HYC yardarm located on the mid-tee.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes.'

5 CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 The class flags are:

CLASS FLAG

Class A - Spinnaker A

Class B – Spinnaker B

Class C - Non-Spinnaker C

Class D - Non-Spinnaker D

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The racing area is Nantucket Sound and Vineyard Sound.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 Courses are at the discretion of the PRO and may be a course listed in Appendix A.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks may be government marks or inflatable drop marks. The possible government marks are listed in Appendix B.

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9 THE START

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.3 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 on VHF channel 68. 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).
- 9.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby mark.
- 10.2 In the event a Race Committee boat is not on station at the finish line, a competitor shall leave the finish mark to port, pass within three (3) boat lengths, and finish when the mark is at a right angle to the last leg.
- 10.3 The finishing time of the vessel shall be recorded in GPS time format Hours:Minutes:Seconds HH:MM:SS.
- 10.4 When the signal vessel is not on station boats shall report their finish times to Race Committee via cell phone within one hour of finishing.

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11 TIME LIMITS

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The Mark 1 Time Limit- 60 minutes

The Race Time Limit - 210 minutes

The Finishing Window - 60 minutes

11.2 The finishing window is the time limit for boats to finish after the first boat in its class finishes. Boats still racing 60 minutes after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

11.3 The Race Committee may finish a vessel in place for a score equivalent to last place if the vessel cannot achieve a score better than last place and is still racing. This changes RRS A5.

12 HEARING REQUESTS

12.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes or 60 minutes after the signal vessel docks, whichever is greater. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

12.2 Hearing request forms must be turned into the PRO in person or by email.

12.3 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. Boats involved in a protest will be contacted by the protest committee and notified of the time and place of the protest hearing.

13 SCORING

13.1 Races will be scored under the Low Point Scoring System, using time on distance. Rule A5.3 will apply.

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14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 Required Report: Any boat that withdraws from the race shall promptly inform the Race Committee on VHF channel 68 or by cell phone. Such boat shall continue to attempt to contact the Race Committee until the Race Committee has acknowledged the boat's withdrawal.
- 14.2 Each boat shall communicate with the Race Committee on VHF channel 68, or by the cell phone number of the PRO listed on the scratch sheets.
- 14.3 Each boat shall contact the Race Committee in the starting area and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee of its presence and intent to race.
- 14.4 Each boat shall maintain a watch on VHF Channel 68.
- 14.5 Each boat shall keep a cell phone "on" with an audible ring and ready to be answered. This shall be the cell phone with the number given to the Race Committee at registration.
- 14.6 A boat may run her engine in neutral to charge her batteries.

15 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be given per the NOR.

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17 RISK STATEMENT AND SPECIAL LIMITATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

17.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

17.2 In the event that life-saving equipment is lost overboard, it should be recovered. If recovery is impossible, any equipment that floats shall be reported immediately to the Race Committee and the nearest U.S. Coast Guard station on VHF Ch 16

17.3 In an emergency, competitors are requested to call the phone number of the PRO listed on the scratch sheet.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 For further information please contact: Ocean Race Committee Volunteer

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