



**HYANNIS YACHT CLUB**  
**WeirWolf Race**  
**August 3, 2020**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the HYC Official Notice Board located on the window at the south end of the patio.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Written changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the warning signal of that day's race.
- 3.2 Oral changes may be communicated to the fleet(s) at any time during the race via VHF channel 68. Competitors will immediately acknowledge any changes to the Sailing Instructions. This may involve relaying messages among the competitors.
- 3.3 Each boat may receive a text message from the race committee if contact information has been provided during registration. Due to signal variability the race committee is not responsible if you do not receive a text.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore at Hyannis will be displayed from the HYC yardarm.
- 4.2 When Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes".

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

The Warning Signal will be at 1900.

**6. CLASS FLAGS AND DIVISIONS**

- 6.1 There will be no class flags.
- 6.2 The classes within each division will be determined by PHRF cruising ratings and will be listed on the scratch sheets which will be available at the skippers' meeting.
- 6.3 There will be only be a cruising (non -spinnaker) division.

**7. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be Nantucket Sound.

**8. THE COURSE**

- 8.1 The course to be sailed will be the following known as "Course A" shall be:  
Bell # 5 to Port (41.32.977 N 70.20.721 W), Nun #2 South of Bishops and Clerks Shoal (41.33.358 N 70.14.617 W) to Port, Finish within 3 boat lengths of the HH Buoy to Starboard (41.35.942 N 70.17.355 W).
- 8.2 An alternate light wind course known as "Course B" shall be:  
Bell # 5 to Port (41.32.977 N 70.20.721 W), Finish within 3 boat lengths of the HH Buoy to Starboard (41.35.942 N 70.17.355 W)

## 9. THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the course side of a nearby mark approximately located at 41°35.953'N 70°17.407'W.
- 9.2 Except for the orange flag on the committee boat, no additional flags will be displayed, hoisted, or lowered as part of the starting sequence. The Race Committee shall broadcast on VHF channel 68 all starting signals including the starting order of classes, the warning, prep, and start, postponement, individual recall, general recall, or abandonment signals. This changes **RRS 26**.
- 9.3 The Race Committee may attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal on VHF channel 68. The failure of a boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes **RRS 62.1(a)**.
- 9.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 9.5 Any boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.

## 10. THE FINISH AND REPORTING FINISHING TIMES

- 10.1 Finish within 3 boat lengths of the HH Buoy to Starboard (41.35.942 N 70.17.355 W). Competitors shall take and record their GPS finish time (HHHH/MM/SS) and their position in relation to nearby competitors and shall promptly report this information to the Race Committee by VHF Channel 68 as soon as reasonably possible, but not later than 2300.
- 10.2 Competitors are required to check in with the Race Committee at the HYC End T after finishing.

## 11. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 11.1 Oral changes to the course may be communicated to the fleet(s) at any time during the race via VHF channel 68. Competitors will immediately acknowledge and changes to the Sailing Instructions communicated by the Race Committee. This may involve relaying messages among the competitors.
- 11.2 Each boat will also receive a text from the race committee if contact is provided during registration. Due to signal variability, race committee is not responsible if you do not receive a text.

## 12. PENALTIES

**RRS 44.1** is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. If a boat elects to take a Scoring Penalty the penalty will be two places. This changes **RRS 44.3**.

## 13. TIME & TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 Official time for the race will be GPS time.
- 13.2 The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish shall be 2200 hours. The time limit for all boats to finish is 2300. Any boat finishing after 2300 will be scored TLE without a hearing. This **changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5**.

## 14. PROTESTS

- 14.1 Boats are encouraged to act in accordance with **RRS 44** Penalties at the Time of an Incident.
- 14.2 A competitor intending to file a protest shall, as soon as reasonably possible after the incident notify the Race Committee on VHF 68.
- 14.3 Protests forms shall be delivered to the Principal Race Officer (PRO) or designated Race Committee member as soon as possible, but no later than 2300 hours. The list of protests received, and the hearing schedule will be posted on the Notice Board.

## 15. SCORING

Scoring will be the time-on-distance method.

## 16. COMMUNICATIONS AND REQUIRED REPORTING TO THE RACE COMMITTEE

- 16.1 The Race Committee and all boats participating in the race shall monitor VHF channel 68.
- 16.2 Every boat is required to contact the Race Committee on VHF channel 68 prior to their start and receive an acknowledgement confirming their intent to race.
- 16.3 Any boat withdrawing from the race shall promptly notify the Race Committee of this fact on VHF channel 68 and shall continue to attempt to contact the Race Committee until the Race Committee has acknowledged receipt of the transmission. At the time of notification, each competitor shall indicate to the

Race Committee whether the participant is continuing on to Hyannis, or is proceeding to some other port, in which case the port shall be identified.

## 17. EQUIPMENT AND OTHER RULES

- 17.1 All boats shall minimally comply with the World Sailing Offshore Regulations Appendix B.
- 17.2 All boats shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER).
- 17.3 Due to the nighttime nature of this race, all personnel on deck shall wear personal flotation devices at all times without exception.
- 17.4 All participating vessels must be equipped with proper operating navigation lights as required by the US Coast Guard as well as at least one spotlight.
- 17.5 Special Covid-19 regulations.  
The PHRF fleet must comply with the following provisions below in their entirety.
- The Skipper will ensure that all sailing participants on their vessel sign an HYC Covid-19 waiver before racing. The original copies of all these forms shall be turned into the Steward's Office.
  - The Skipper will register all persons aboard on an HYC provided registration sheet for each day of racing for contact tracing. This will be turned into the Stewards Office at the conclusion of each race.
  - The Skipper will be responsible for confirming that each person on board his/her vessel has shown no sign of illness for the previous 14 days and does not live with or had prolonged contact with any person who has had signs of illness for the previous 14 days.
  - Signs of illness include cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.
  - The Skipper is responsible for the cleanliness and sanitation of their boat prior to allowing passengers on board and will provide hand sanitizers. Soap and water will be available.
  - HYC rules apply on physical distancing and face covering while on Club Property at all times unless seated at a table to dine. Face coverings must be worn at all times while on the boat, dock or launch.
  - There is to be no sharing of food or drink on the boats.
  - There will be no rafting up before or after racing.

## 18. PRIZES

Prizes shall be awarded at the Ocean Race Awards Dinner which will be determined at a later date and subject to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts COVID-19 guidelines.

## 19. RESPONSIBILITY, LIABILITY, & MEDIA

- 19.1 Specific attention is directed to the following Fundamental Rules:
- RRS 1.1 - Helping Those in Danger.** A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.
- RRS 4 Decision to Race.** Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in these events are participating entirely at their own risk.
- 19.2 The race organizers (Organizing Authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in these events, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 19.3 By participating in this Regatta, each competitor grants to the Organizing Authority and participants herein the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed or other reproductions of him or her made during the period without compensation.

## 20. CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information contact the Hyannis Yacht Club Race Committee: [rc@hyannisyachtclub.org](mailto:rc@hyannisyachtclub.org)  
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