



Northport Yacht Club Sustainability Regatta
to benefit Save the Sound & Npt. YC Sustainability Initiative
July 23, 2023

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in:
 - 1.1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
 - 1.1.2 Handicapping will be based on current PHRF ratings
 - 1.1.3 Current US Sailing US Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) Nearshore Category
- 1.2 The following racing rules will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other rules.
 - 1.2.1 RRS 26.1 is changed to a “Pursuit Start” in which the handicap time is applied at the START of the race. The slowest boat shall start first and then each following/faster boat starts a set time thereafter based on their rating.
 - 1.2.2 RRS 44.1 “penalty at the time of incident” is modified as specified in RRS Appendix V1 (ONE turn penalty when not in the zone around a mark. Two turns penalty in the zone of a mark other than a starting mark)
 - 1.2.3 RRS 62.1(a) is amended to add, “Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hail shall not be cause for redress.”
 - 1.2.4 RRS 61.3 is amended to add, “A boat initiating a protest shall, immediately after finishing, notify the Race Committee (RC) over VHF radio channel 71 of her intent to lodge a protest and the identity of the boat(s) being protested until acknowledged by the RC.”

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Eligible competitors shall be yachts who have properly registered, signed the waiver of liability and paid in full the entry fee on Regatta Network **prior to midnight Thur July 20, 2023**.
- 2.2 No boat shall make any change during the regatta which would affect her rating.

3. Restrictions

- 3.1 Yachts are restricted to use Jib and Mainsails only. Telescoping poles may not be extended beyond the “J” measurement. When a fixed length pole longer than “J” or “penalty poles” is fitted on a yacht, the application, rating and any measurements submitted must clearly indicate so.

4. Notices to Competitors

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Northport Yacht Club located on the dock house white board and broadcast on VHF radio channel 71

5. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted according to #4 above: NOTICES TO COMPETITORS before 1200 on the day it will take effect.

6. Signals Made Ashore

- 6.1 A cannon will signal the harbor start **at 1300 hours.**

7. Signals Made Afloat

- 7.1 Individual recalls will be signaled by displaying the code flag “X”, one blast of a horn and a hail of the yacht recalled. It is the skipper’s responsibility to make a proper start.
- 7.2 Postponements may be made afloat and will be indicated by code flag “AP” and two horns. The “AP” will be dropped one minute prior to the next signal with the drop accompanied by a sound signal. All start times will be adjusted accordingly.
- 7.3 The race may be abandoned by display of code flag “N” and/or the sounding of three signals. The Race Committee will announce cancellation on VHF radio channel 71. Racers are expected to pass the word to boats in their vicinity.

8. Schedule

- 4.1 A Skippers’ Meeting will be held in the dining room of the Northport Yacht Club **at 1200 hours on the day of the race, Sunday July 23, 2023**
- 4.2 There will be one race
- 4.3 **The first warning signal is scheduled for 1355 hours using the 5 minute start sequence outlined in RRS 26 so that the slowest boat will start at 1400 hours and all following competitors will start at their set time after 1400 hours.**

9. Class and Fleet Designations

- 9.1 **There shall be TWO classes: Spinnaker and Non-Spin (Jib & Main)**
- 9.2 The scratch sheet will designate an individual start time for each vessel based on her handicap and the course selection. Refer to the designated course when looking up start times. Scratch sheets will be available on the day of the race at the skippers’ meeting, in the dock house and on the Northport YC website and may be available on the RC Chase Boat boat up to 10 minutes before the first warning signal of the race.

10. Racing Area

- 10.1 The racing areas will be the waters of Northport and Huntington Bays and may extend into Long Island Sound near the mouth of Huntington Bay
- 10.2 Attachment A shows the marks and the location of racing areas.

11. The Courses

- 11.1 **The course selection will be designated by the display of “1”, “2”, “3”, “4” by the committee boat.**
- 11.2 The diagram in Attachment A shows the marks.
- 11.3 The single race will be a staggered/pursuit style start based on each yacht’s handicap.
- 11.4 The course will be selected by the race committee and will consist primarily of government marks.
- 11.5 Government marks not designated as marks of the course must be observed
- 11.6 Courses will not be changed after the first start signal, but may be shortened. Courses may be shortened by displaying code flag S with two sound signals. If the race is shortened the finish will be between the blue flag on the RC boat or chase boat on station and the turning mark.
- 11.7 Racing may be abandoned by displaying code flag N with three sounds.

12. Marks

- 12.1 Marks of the course will consist primarily of government marks

13. The Start

- 13.1 Races will be started by the following sequence. This modifies rule 26.
- 13.2 Each yacht shall start at the assigned time on the official scratch sheet. There are different start times on the scratch sheet for different course selections.

Each individual start is timed from the first boat’s start signal.

Signals FOR THE FIRST BOAT’S START are as follows.

Signal flag, sound and minutes before starting signal

5 Minutes before start:	Warning	White Flag up	1 sound
4 Minutes before start:	Preparatory	“P” Flag up	1 sound
1 Minute before start:	“P” flag removed		1 sound
Start:	White Flag removed		1 sound

- 13.3 **The start will be between the orange flag on the RC boat and the yellow cylinder/pin.** The starting location will be in the vicinity of eastern Northport Bay.
- 13.4 *Boats not within 5 minutes of their individual starting time shall avoid the starting area.
- 13.5 Engines may not be used within 5 minutes of the individual yacht’s start time.
- 13.6 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A5.1
- 13.7 The RC will attempt to notify OCS boats and broadcast the name or sail number of each recalled boat on VHF channel 71. This modifies RRS 41. The following shall not be grounds for redress (this modifies RRS 62.1):
 - The failure of a boat to hear or receive a recall broadcast;
 - A boat’s position in the sequence of recall numbers broadcast;
 - The promptness of the broadcast.

14. The Finish

14.1 The finish will be between the blue flag on the RC boat **and the yellow cylinder/pin**.

15. Penalty System

15.1 The penalties are as follows: The one turn penalty as described in RRS V1 is in effect. This modifies rule 44.1.

16. Time Limits

16.1 **The time limit is 1800 hours for all yachts**

16.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Time Limit Expired. This changes rules 35, 63.1 and Appendix A.

17. Protests and Requests for Redress

17.1 Skippers are strongly encouraged to “do the right thing” on the water and avoid protests in this event. Arbitration as described in RRS T5 will be handled informally on land after the race. In the event of a serious incident involving personal injury or significant damage, the formal protest procedure described below must be followed:

17.1.1 Verbally notify the protested yacht in accordance with the rules.

17.1.2 Any protesting boat must display a red protest flag (Code flag “B”) immediately. This modifies rule 61.1a

17.1.3 Notify the Race Committee immediately following the race on VHF radio channel 71 until RC responds and confirms receipt.

17.1.4 Complete and file a standard USSA protest form with the Race Committee prior to 1800 hours.

17.1.5 Non-compliance with any of the above voids the protest.

17.2 The protest time limit 1800 hours. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

17.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room as soon as possible following the protest time limit.

17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

17.5 For the purpose of rule 64.4(b), the ‘authority responsible’ is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.

18. Scoring

18.1 Boats’ actual finishing order shall be used for boats that have started and completed the course.

18.2 In the event the race is shortened boats will be scored based on their corrected finish time.

18.3 If a boat is disqualified from a race or retires after finishing, each boat that finished after her shall be moved up one place.

18.4 If boats are tied at the finishing line, the points for the place for which the boats have tied shall be awarded and the place(s) immediately below shall not be awarded. Boats tied for a race prize shall share it.

19. Safety Regulations

- 19.1 Each yacht must check in with the Race Committee by sailing past the stern of the RC boat on starboard tack with mainsail up so that her sail number is visible before the start sequence for the first boat starts.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race for any reason shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 19.3 All boats are cautioned to observe the Navigation Rules of the Road and to extend the right-of-way to commercial vessels making passage through the racing area and vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver. Any boat observed to impede such traffic may be protested by the RC.

20. Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. Radio Communication

- 21.1 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF channel 71.
- 21.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 21.3 The Race Committee shall use VHF channel 71 for radio communications. As an additional courtesy, radio prompts may be given to aid in understanding actions of the RC. Boats shall not be entitled to redress for the following: misstatements by the RC, or failure of a boat to hear or receive a broadcast.

22. Prizes

- 22.1 **First place in each class will be awarded the 20 Quart Pelican Cooler full of Sand City Brew!**
Additional prizes may be awarded depending on the number of registrants
in each class as follows: Second Place = 14 Quart Pelican Cooler full of Sand City Brews
Third Place = 8 Quart Pelican Cooler full of Sand City Brews

23. Waiver of Liability

- 23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.
See RRS 3: Decision to Race. The organizing authority and people therein will accept no liability for any material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 23.2 By participating in this race, the entrant acknowledges that he or she, as skipper, is solely responsible for the safety of his or her crew and yacht; that he or she represents that the yacht and its' equipment is in sound condition, meets or exceeds minimum PHRF equipment recommendations, and all required safety equipment is aboard, accessible for use and in operable condition; that the decision to race, not to race, or to withdraw after starting is solely that of the entrant and that the entrant hereby releases the Northport Yacht Club, its' officers, governors, and all members of the Race Committee, from any and all liability or claim for personal injury or property damage resulting from participation in this event. The entrant has informed all crew members and insurance underwriters of this waiver.

24. Results

- 24.1 Results will be announced and prizes awarded at the party after the race.
- 24.2 **The winning skipper in each class will be honored at the Northport YC Gala for Save the Sound and The Northport YC Sustainability Initiative**

25. Changes to Rules

- 25.1 These sailing instructions will change or modify the following rules:
RRS: 26, 32, 35, 41, 60.1, 61.1, 62.1, 63.1

Marks and Courses

Marks:

“A”	Green Can “3”	Channel from Huntington Bay to Northport Bay
“B”	Flashing Green “1”	Channel from Huntington Bay to Northport Bay
“C”	Red Nun “2”	Entrance to Lloyd Harbor
“D”	Red Bell “8”	Huntington Bay near Target Rock
“E”	Green/Red/Green Can “E”	Eaton’s Neck Lump “Obstruction” buoy

Courses:

Course 1 (13.4 nm)

Start
Leave “C” to Starboard
Leave “E” to Starboard
Leave “B” to Port
Finish

***** NOTE: All government marks, when not designated as a mark of the course, must be honored *****

Course 2 (8.0 nm)

Start
Leave “C” to Starboard
Leave “D” to Starboard
Leave “B” to Port
Finish

***** NOTE: All government marks, when not designated as a mark of the course, must be honored *****

Course 3 (7.0 nm)

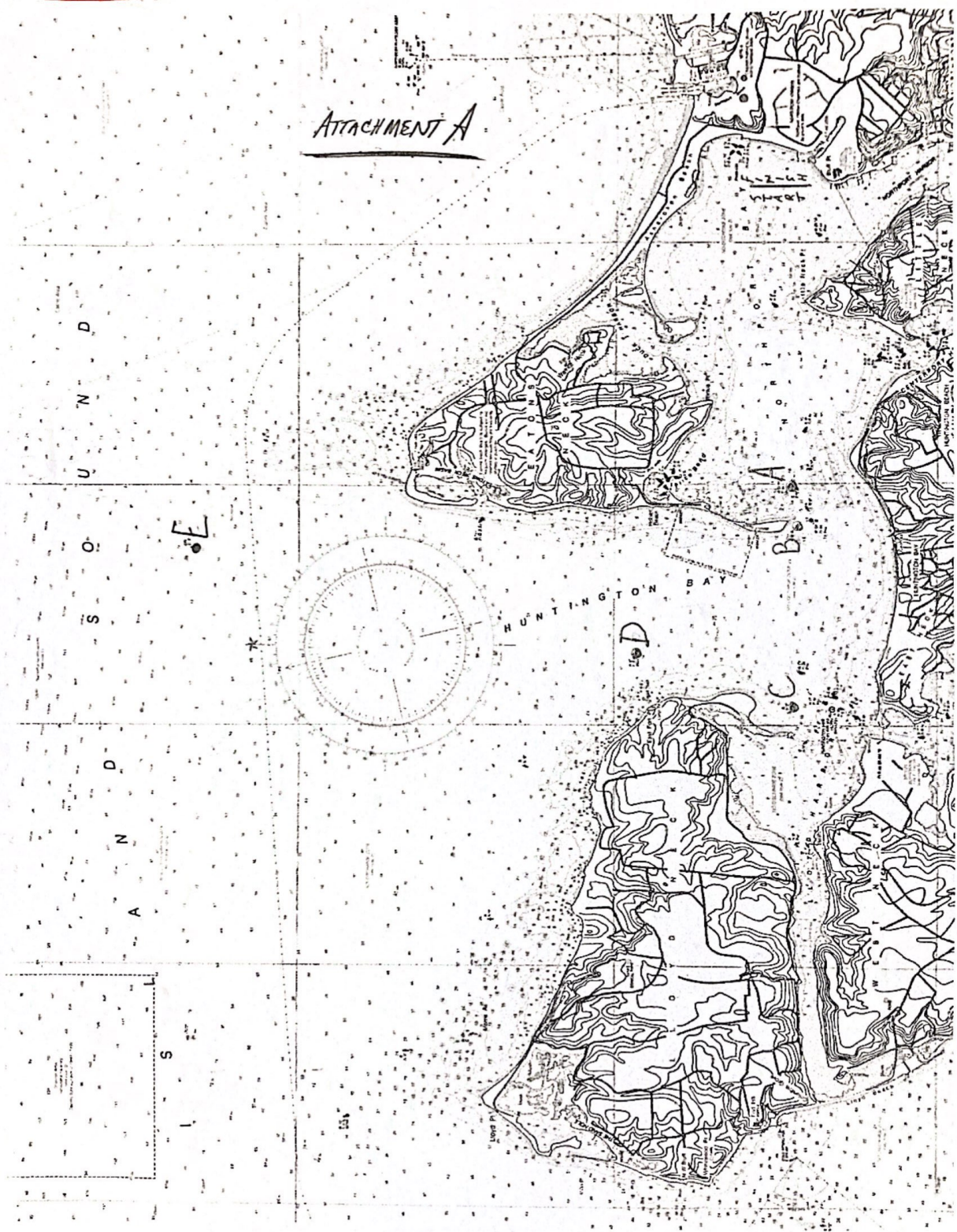
Start
Leave “C” to Port
Finish

***** NOTE: All government marks, when not designated as a mark of the course, must be honored *****

Course 4 (4.0 nm)

Start
Leave “A” to Port
Finish

***** NOTE: All government marks, when not designated as a mark of the course, must be honored *****



ATTACHMENT A