

**HYANNIS YACHT CLUB
CROSS SOUND CHALLENGE RACE
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
August 25 & 26, 2018**

Hyannis Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority
490 Ocean Street,
Hyannis, MA 02601

1. RULES

This race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. EQUIPMENT

2.1 All boats shall minimally comply with the World Sailing Offshore Regulations Appendix B. Requirements can be downloaded at:

<http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2016AppB15122015-%5b19842%5d.pdf>

2.2 All boats shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER). Requirements can be downloaded at:

http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/US_SER_2016_corrected_numbers.pdf

2.3 Additionally, all personnel on deck shall wear personal flotation while starting and finishing without exception and at all other times except when the Captain of the boat directs that it may be set aside.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 On Saturday, notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Ocean Race Notice Board located at south end of the patio.

3.2 On Sunday, notices will be announced over VHF 68.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on August 25, 2018, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 2000 on August 24, 2018.

4.2 Oral changes may be given on the water. Each boat will confirm with the Race Committee receipt of any oral change.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm on the Hyannis Yacht Club dock.

5.2 Flag AP with two sound signals displayed ashore means "The race is postponed". Flag AP with one sound signal when lowered means the end of the postponement. The warning signal for the first scheduled start will not be made less than one hour after Flag AP is lowered.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 0855 on August 25 and

August 26, 2018.

7. **CLASS FLAGS**

7.1 There will be no class flags.

7.2 The classes within each division will be determined by PHRF ratings and will be listed on the scratch sheets which will be available at the skippers' meeting.

8. **RACING AREA**

The racing area is Nantucket Sound.

9. **THE COURSES AND MARKS**

9.1 The race course shall be from the start to the finish, with no additional rounding marks.

9.2 ***On both Saturday and Sunday, all boats are required to pass through the gate established by R"8" near Wreck Shoal and C "7" near Horseshoe Shoal.***

10. **THE START**

10.1 The start of the Saturday race will be in the area south of the Hyannis Port breakwater, west of buoy RW "HH" Mo(A) Bell.

10.2 The start of the Sunday race will be in the area of Bell G "23" off of East Chop.

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and a buoy or mark on the port end of the starting line.

10.4 The following special procedures relate to the starts on both days. Each modifies RRS 26 as follows:

- Except for the orange flag on the committee boat, no flags will be displayed, hoisted, or lowered as part of the starting sequence.
- The Race Committee shall broadcast on VHF channel 68 the starting order of classes, the warning, prep, and start signals, postponement, individual recall, general recall, or abandonment signals.

10.6 Only the signals broadcast on VHF channel 68 shall be the official signals for the start.

10.7 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

10.8 The Race Committee may attempt to hail an OCS boat on VHF Channel 68. The failure of a competitor to hear any such hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1.

11. **SAFETY: REQUIRED REPORTING TO THE RACE COMMITTEE**

11.1 Each boat shall communicate with the Race Committee by hail, or on VHF Channel 68, or by cell phone at the following number (508) 237-2707.

11.2 Each boat shall contact the Race Committee in the starting area prior to the warning signal for its class and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee

- of its presence and intent to race.
- 11.3 Each boat shall maintain a watch on VHF Channel 68.
- 11.4 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.
- 11.5 Any boat that withdraws from the race shall promptly inform the Race Committee by hail or 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.
- 11.6 If a Race Committee boat is not on station at the finish line, each boat shall report its finish time to the Race Committee within 15 minutes of finishing in the manner set forth in paragraph 12.
- 11.7 Boats are allowed to run their engines in neutral during the race for the sole purpose of maintaining battery power.
12. **THE FINISH**
- 12.1 The finish of the Saturday race will be in the area of Bell G “23” off of East Chop.
- 12.2 The finish of the Sunday race will be in the area south of the Hyannis Port breakwater and west of buoy RW “HH” Mo(A) Bell.
- 12.3 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby mark.
- 12.4 In the event that a Race Committee boat is not on station at the finish line,
 - a. On Saturday, a competitor shall pass within three (3) boat lengths to the North of the finish mark and shall finish when the mark bears 180 degrees magnetic from the vessel.
 - b. On Sunday, a competitor shall pass within three (3) boat lengths to the West of the finish mark and shall finish when the mark bears 090 degrees magnetic from the vessel.
13. **TIME LIMIT**
- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish the race is 1430.
- 13.2 The time limit for any subsequent other boats to finish the race is 1600. Boats failing to finish by 1600 will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
14. **PENALTY SYSTEM**
- The Penalty at the time of an incident (Rule 44) will be a One-Turn Penalty for breaking rules in part 2 and Rule 31. This changes Rule 44.1.
If a boat elects to take a Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, while racing, the penalty will be two places.
15. **SCORING**
- Scoring will be the time-on-distance method.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1 A boat intending to protest another boat shall inform the Race Committee on VHF Channel 68 as soon as possible after finishing.**
- 16.2 Written protests shall be delivered to the Principal Race Officer (PRO) within 60 minutes after the time that the Race Committee Finish vessel is docked or moored. That time will be announced over VHF 68 to those boats involved in a protest.**
- 16.3 Boats involved in a protest will be contacted by the PRO and notified of the date,**

time and place of the Protest Hearing.

17. PRIZES

Prizes as listed in the Notice of Race shall be awarded at the Ocean Race Awards Dinner November 10, 2018.

18. TIME

The official time for this Race will be GPS Eastern Daylight Time.

- 19. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.**

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