



## 2016 Team Race Championship of Narragansett Bay

# Ernest N. Swanson Trophy Bay Cup Trophy SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 1. Rules:

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing as altered by Appendix D, Team Racing

### 2. Eligibility:

2.1. Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Narragansett Bay Yachting Association as described in the Swanson Cup / Bay Cup 2016 Regatta Notice of Race.

### 3. Notices:

3.1. Notices to competitors and amendments to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Bristol Yacht Club and will be broadcast over VHF channel 72 in the racing area at approximately ½ hour before the Warning Signal. Any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect on both the Official Message Board and, if possible, on the NBYA web site, [www.nbya.org](http://www.nbya.org). The Race Committee may also use code flag Lima to call attention to an announcement on the radio.

### 4. Schedule of Races:

4.1. There are two scheduled races for each class on Sunday, September 18, 2016.

4.2. Time of first warning signal 1200

4.3. The Swanson Cup teams will start first.

4.4. The Bay Cup teams will start second.

4.5. The race committee may not use rolling starts

4.6. It is the intent of the Race Committee to run two races, and only two races. No flag will be used to indicate a second race.

4.7. The second race shall be started shortly after the completion of the prior race.

4.8. No race shall be started after 1600 hours.

### 5. Racing Area –

5.1. In the Vicinity of the Ohio Ledge Buoy, north of Prudence Island. To avoid grounding by deep draft competitors, the starting or finishing area may be moved. Competitors with a deep draft are invited to so inform the race committee when registering for the race.

### 6. Courses:

6.1. Courses will be set in accordance with Appendix 1

6.2. The Race Committee will display the course on a course board.

6.2.1. the approximate distance and bearing to the first mark on a course board.

6.2.2. the course designation as defined in Appendix 1.

6.2.3. If an offset is to be used at the windward mark by adding “O” to the posting

6.2.4. If the leeward mark is a gate, by adding “G” to the posting

6.3. If a gate is indicated, all yachts shall pass between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark, leaving one mark to port and the other mark to starboard. If only one mark is in the water, it shall be left to port.

**7. Marks:**

- 7.1. Marks 1, 1a (if used) and 2 will be inflated orange cylinder marks.
- 7.2. The start/finish marks will be inflated orange tetrahedron marks on each side of the signal boat.
- 7.3. A new mark, in accordance with Paragraph 9, Change of the Next Leg of the Course, will be an inflated yellow tetrahedron mark.

**8. The Start:**

- 8.1. Each yacht is requested to sail past the race committee boat's stern before the first warning signal and identify herself to the Race Committee and receive acknowledgment.
- 8.2. The start shall be in accordance with Rule 26.
- 8.3. The Class Flags are as follows:

Class	Class Flag
Swanson (Spinnaker)	Pennant 1
Bay Cup (Non Spin)	Pennant 2

- 8.4. The start line will be between a halyard displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the start mark.
- 8.5. After the first warning signal, yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 8.6. A yacht starting more than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.

**9. Change of the Next Leg of the Course**

- 9.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 9.2. Change of course for the next leg will be signaled in accordance with Rule 33.

**10. The Finish:**

- 10.1. The finish line will be between a halyard displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the finish mark.

**11. Time Limit:**

- 11.1. If no boat in a division has finished within 2 hours of its Start the race will be abandoned.

**12. Protests:**

- 12.1. In addition to the requirements of Rule 61, protesting yachts must notify the Race Committee of their intention to protest immediately after finishing the race in which the alleged infringement occurred, or as soon as practicable if the protesting yacht does not finish.
- 12.2. Protests shall be written and submitted to the Bristol Yacht Club no later than 2000 hours on Monday September 19, 2016.
- 12.3. The protest hearing will be held at the Bristol Yacht Club at 1900 hours on Wednesday September 21, 2016.

**13. Scoring:**

- 13.1. Low point scoring will be used based on corrected time finishes using PHRF time on distance.
- 13.2. Appendix D3 of the Racing Rules will apply except that each yacht's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races.
- 13.3. No throw out races will be allowed
- 13.4. The lowest point total earned by a team will determine the winning team.
- 13.5. If a team enters less than three yachts the non-starters will be scored DNS.

**14. Penalties:**

- 14.1. The penalty system as described in Rule 44.1 will apply.

**15. Radio Communications & Electronics**

- 15.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones, PDA's, or other smart devices.
- 15.2. All boats are required to monitor the RC VHF channel 72.

**16. Prizes:**

16.1. Awards for each regatta will be presented at the NBYA Fall Awards Dinner.

**17. Safety/Notes:**

17.1. The Narragansett Bay race area is considered a "Restricted channel" for commercial traffic restricted in its ability to maneuver. In accordance with the preamble to Part 2, Race event participants must understand that they are subject to the Navigation Rules of the Road (COLREGS) between their vessel and one NOT racing. Participants do not automatically become "stand-on" or "privileged vessels" by virtue of participation in a marine event.

17.2. Disposal of Trash: A competitor disposing of trash overboard may be protested only by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. This changes Rule 55

17.3. All times herein are Eastern Daylight Savings Time, (UTC/GMT -4)).