



Amended Sept 17

2020 Yacht Club Challenge Regatta For the Swanson Cup And Bay Challenge Cup SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules:

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. Eligibility:

2.1. Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Narragansett Bay Yachting Association as described in the Yacht Club Challenge 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 be e-mailed to competitors. 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 20, 2020.
- 4.2. Time of first warning signal 1200 .The spinnaker class will start first. The non-spinnaker class will start second.
- 4.3. The race committee may not use rolling starts
- 4.4. It is the intent of the Race Committee to run two races, and only two races for each class. No flag will be used to indicate a second race. If only a single race is run, this will constitute a series.
- 4.5. The second race shall be started shortly after a class completes the prior race.
- 4.6. No race shall be started after 1600 hours.

5. Racing Area –

5.1. In the Vicinity of Halfway Rock, South 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 according to chart on last page
- 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
 - 6.2.3. If an offset is to be used at the windward mark by adding “O” to the posting

7. Marks:

- 7.1. Marks 1, 1a (if used) and 2 will be inflated orange inflatable marks.
- 7.2. The start mark will be a yellow inflatable and the finish line will be an orange inflatable

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 reposition the mark (or move the finishing line). Change of course for the next leg will be signaled by repetitive sounds and display of flag C. This changes rule 33

9.2. If an Offset is used, it will not be used if the windward mark is replaced.

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.

11.2. A boat finishing outside of the time limit, AND more than 45 minutes after the first finisher of a scored race for their class, shall be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This changes RRS Rules 35, A4, and A5.

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 21, 2020.

12.3. The protest hearing will be held at the Bristol Yacht Club at 1900 hours on Wednesday September 23, 2020.

13. Scoring:

13.1. Appendix A Low point scoring will be used based on corrected time finishes using PHRF time on distance.

13.2. The final score for each club shall be the sum of each member yacht's score for all races completed.

13.3. No throw out races will be allowed

13.4. The lowest point total earned by a club will determine the winning club.

13.5. If a club enters less than three yachts the non-starters will be scored DNS.

13.6. RRS Rules A8.1 and A8.2 are amended to replace all references to "boat" or "boats" with "club" or "clubs"

14. Penalties:

14.1. The penalty system as described in Rule 44.1 as modified by Rule V 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.

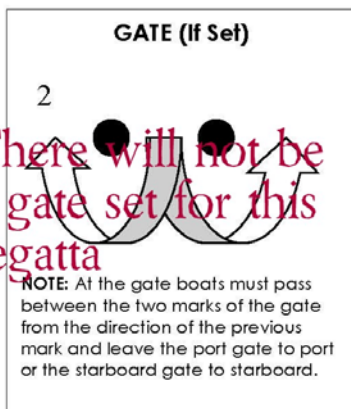
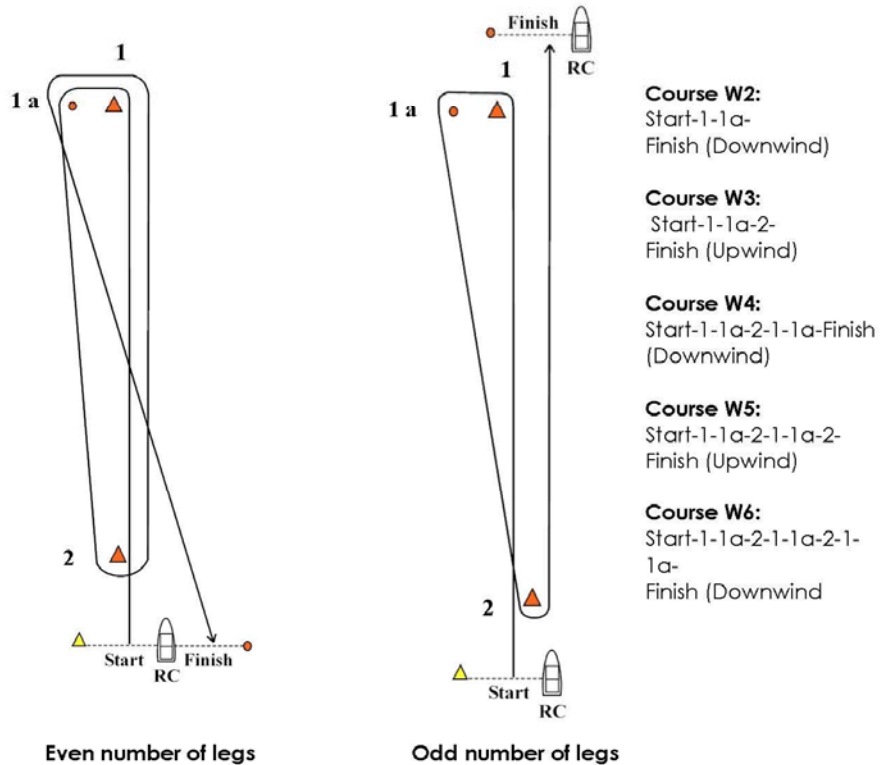
15.2. All boats are required to monitor the RC VHF channel 72.

16.1. Prizes 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

Course Diagram



There will not be a gate set for this regatta

- Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of mark 1.
- Except when there is a change of course, mark 2 will be positioned approximately to windward of the RC Signal Boat.
- For downwind finishes mark 2 is not a mark of the course for the first or finishing leg.
- For downwind finishes: the finishing line will be to the starboard side of the RC Signal Boat (facing upwind) to leeward of mark 2, unless a change is signaled for the finishing leg.
- For upwind finishes: the finish mark will be to windward of mark 1, unless a change is signaled for the finishing leg.