



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
HOBIE 16 REGATTA
A Part of Nantucket Race Week
August 9, 2020

Preamble

We are pleased to announce the 17th annual Nantucket Race Week and the 48th Opera House Cup Regatta, August 8 – 16, 2020. The events are organized in compliance with all the Massachusetts and Town of Nantucket Covid Guidelines including the MA Phase III reopening guidelines as of July 6th, and any subsequent revisions.

There are significant changes in the regatta to comply with the Phase III guidelines to ensure all competitor's safety. We encourage everyone's understanding of the changes and cooperation to make this a safe and fun event. Key requirements for all competitors include:

- All participants must wear face coverings
- Social distancing is required
- We encourage frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing
- Boats are limited to a crew of no more than 3 people
- Massachusetts requires a 14 day quarantine for all visitors to the state, EXCEPT those from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

While the Organizers will be implementing reasonable safety protocols, each individual attendee must decide if these guidelines meet their personal minimums and make their own choices. If the stated protocols do not meet what you believe to be safe guidelines for you, or if you believe these practices are excessive and you do not intend to follow them *then you should not attend this event*. Our primary concern is the health and safety of our competitors.

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Nantucket Race Week, L.L.C.

Regatta website www.nantucketraceweek.org

HOSTS

The Nantucket Yacht (NYC), Great Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC), Nantucket Community Sailing (NCS) and the Nantucket Race Week Committee (NRW).

Nantucket Race Week merchandise and gear is available for order online at the [NCS Store](#) and can be picked up daily during Nantucket Race Week, or prior by arrangement, at the Nantucket Community Sailing office at 4 Winter Street.



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1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix V2 (Alternative Penalties) V2 (Penalty Taken After a Race) and the Class Rules of the International Hobie Class Association (Hobie Class Rules 2017-2020), including changes to RRS 42.2 and 42.3, for Hobie 16s.
- 1.2 The regatta will comply with all regulations of the Massachusetts Reopening Standards for Youth and Adult Amateur Sports at the time of the regatta.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between the RRS and the Massachusetts Reopening Standards, the Massachusetts regulations will prevail.
- 1.4 All competitors, skippers and crew, will be required to sign a Waiver prior to the regatta

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at www.nantucketraceweek.org
- 2.2 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 hours prior to the affected event(s) on the Nantucket Race Week website or verbally by the Signal Boat prior to the Warning Signal.
- 2.3 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 73 to communicate with competitors.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes may be made to the Sailing Instructions by the Race Committee on VHF 73 or verbally to the competitors prior to the Warning Signal.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

There will only be audible signals made verbally to competitors or via VHF 73

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 There will be no competitors meeting
- 5.2 The first warning signal will be at 1100.
- 5.3 There will be no warning signal after 1500.

6 CLASS FLAGS

There are no class flags.

7 RACING AREAS

The races will be sailed in Area 6 as shown on Addendum A, except the Race Committee may designate Course H, as shown on Addendum C, which will be a "Harbor Tour", finishing near Jetties Beach.

8 COURSES

Courses are described in Addendum B and Addendum C including the approximate angles between legs and the order in which marks are to be passed. The course will announced verbally to the competitors, on VHF 73 and briefly displayed on a white board on the starboard side of the Signal Boat prior to the Warning Signal for each race.



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9 MARKS

All Marks will be red balls

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will use the Audible-Signal Racing System of Appendix U (3-minute dinghy starts).
- 10.2 The Starting Line will be between and orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of a nearby mark
- 10.3 Boats may not start more than 5 minutes after their starting signal.
- 10.4 The race committee will attempt to hail, over VHF and/or by voice, the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, and the order and timing of such hails, will not be considered an improper action or omission of the race committee under RRS 62.1(a).

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Courses will not be changed during races, although minor adjustments may be made to mark positions.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between an orange flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of a nearby mark

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 41.1 is changed so the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish shall be 45 minutes, except if Course H is sailed, the time limit shall be 75 minutes for that race.
- 14.2 Boats still racing 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REDRESS

- 15.1 Competitors are expected to sail by the rules and exonerate themselves when they have broken a rule
- 15.2 No red flag is necessary. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 15.3 The protesting boat shall notify the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 15.4 The protesting boat shall notify the race committee promptly after finishing the race.
- 15.5 No written form is required. This changes RRS 61.2.
- 15.6 Three-Minute Justice Applies:
 - The Jury will consist of the members of the Race Committee
 - Each of the parties shall be allowed one minute for a representative to present its case.
 - Following the presentations, the Jury may ask questions of either party, will deliberate, and deliver to decision to the parties.



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- 15.7 Protest Time Limit: The protesting boat shall notify the race committee immediately following the completion of the Race in which the incident occurred. The changes RRS 61.3
- 15.8 The Race Committee may convene a formal hearing in the case of serious injury or damage.

16 **SCORING**

- 16.1 The number of races will be in accordance with MA Phase III guidelines
- 16.2 One completed race constitutes a regatta
- 16.3 When five or more races are completed, one worst score will be excluded, as permitted by RRS 90.3(b), from that boat's series score.

17 **SAFETY**

- 17.1 Pursuant to Massachusetts YOUTH and ADULT AMATEUR SPORTS ACTIVITIES – Phase III, Step 1 rules, all participants must wear a mask and boats may only have three or fewer people aboard.
- 17.2 All boats are requested to check-in with the race committee before the start of the first race by sailing past the signal vessel on starboard tack and hailing their sail number and receiving confirmation from the race committee.
- 17.3 All competitors shall wear, while on the water, US Coast Guard approved PFD, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40. The penalty for breach of this rule is DSQ, without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1
- 17.4 A boat that retires from the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible

18 **CLEAN REGATTA**



Nantucket Race Week is committed to maintaining Nantucket's clean waters and shores, and is certified by Sailors for the Sea as a gold-level Clean Regatta. All NRW participants are encouraged to follow the goals and requirements of the Clean Regattas program

19 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, Nantucket Race Week LLC, the Nantucket Yacht Club, Great Harbor Yacht Club, Nantucket Community Sailing, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Technical Committee, volunteers, sponsors, agents, employees, or any other organization or official providing services at the request of any of the foregoing in connection with the events will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury, disease, or illness to any person sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners, skippers, crews, and support persons) agrees to release the race organizers and all persons and groups listed above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Nantucket Community Sailing
508-228-6600

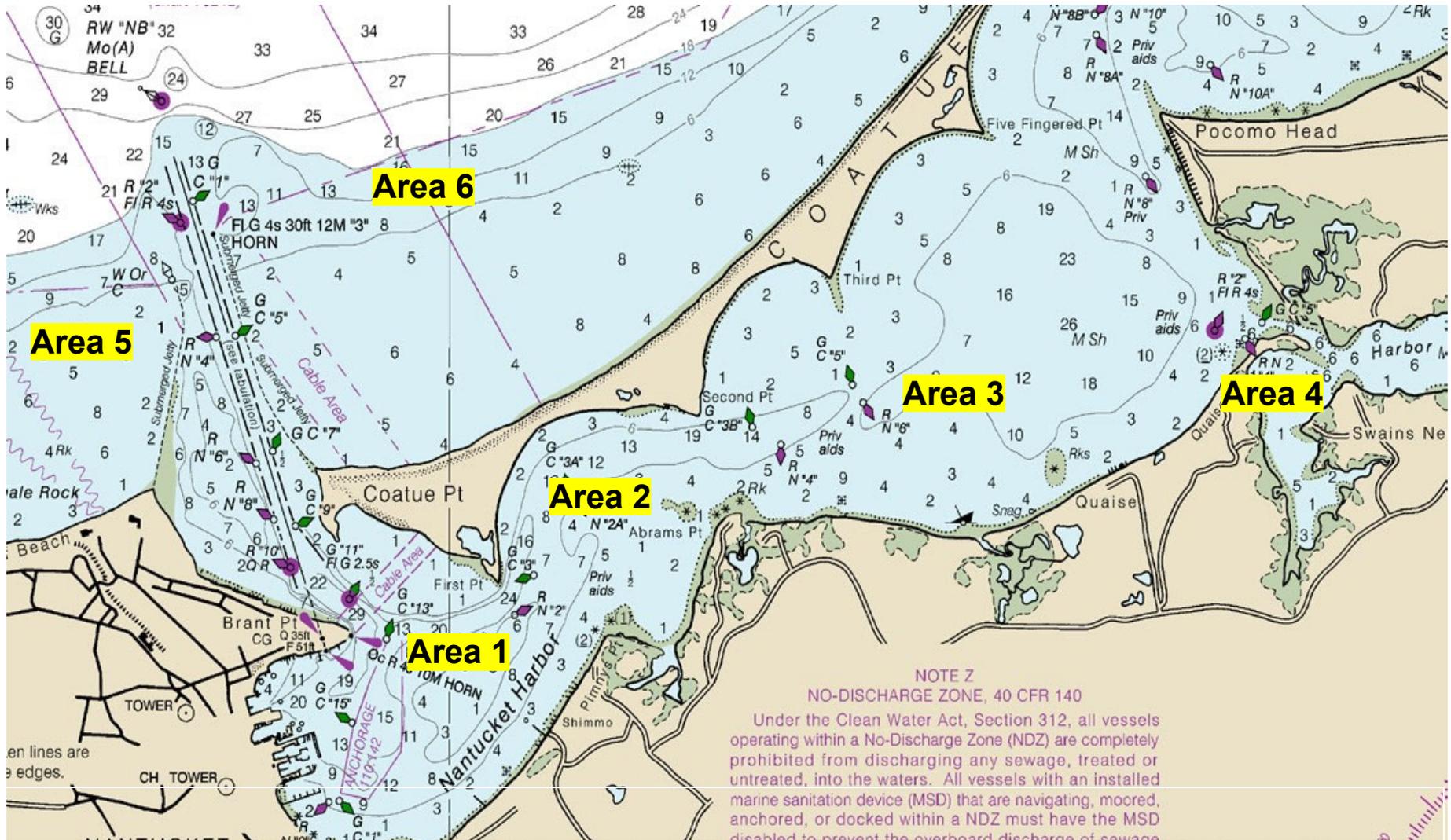


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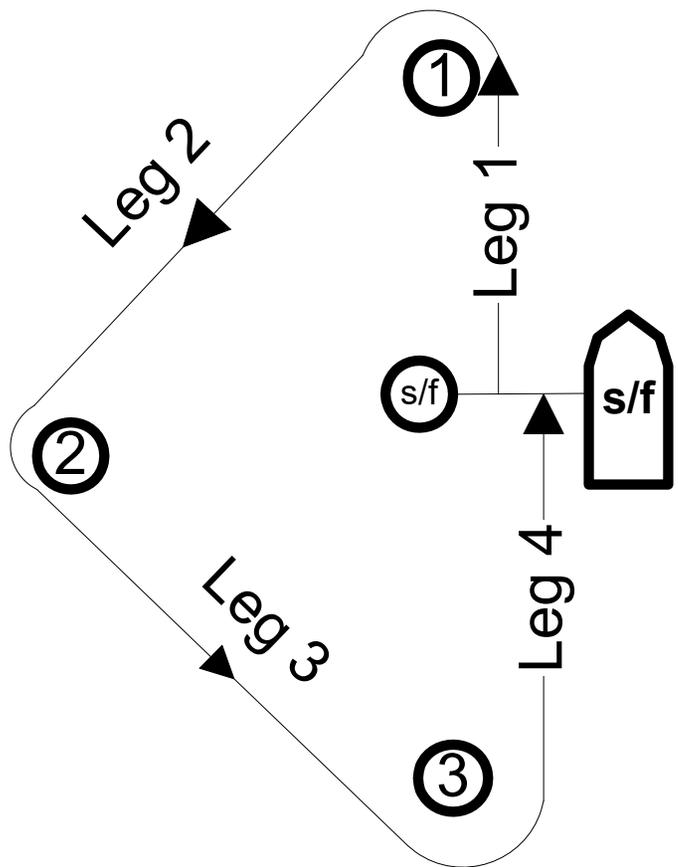
[Massachusetts Boating Guidelines](#)

Addendum A – Racing Areas



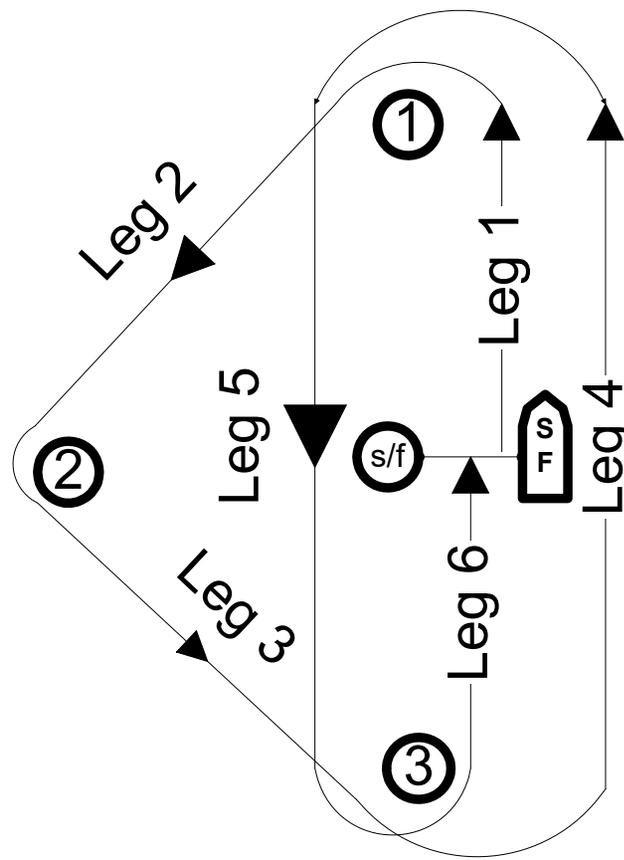
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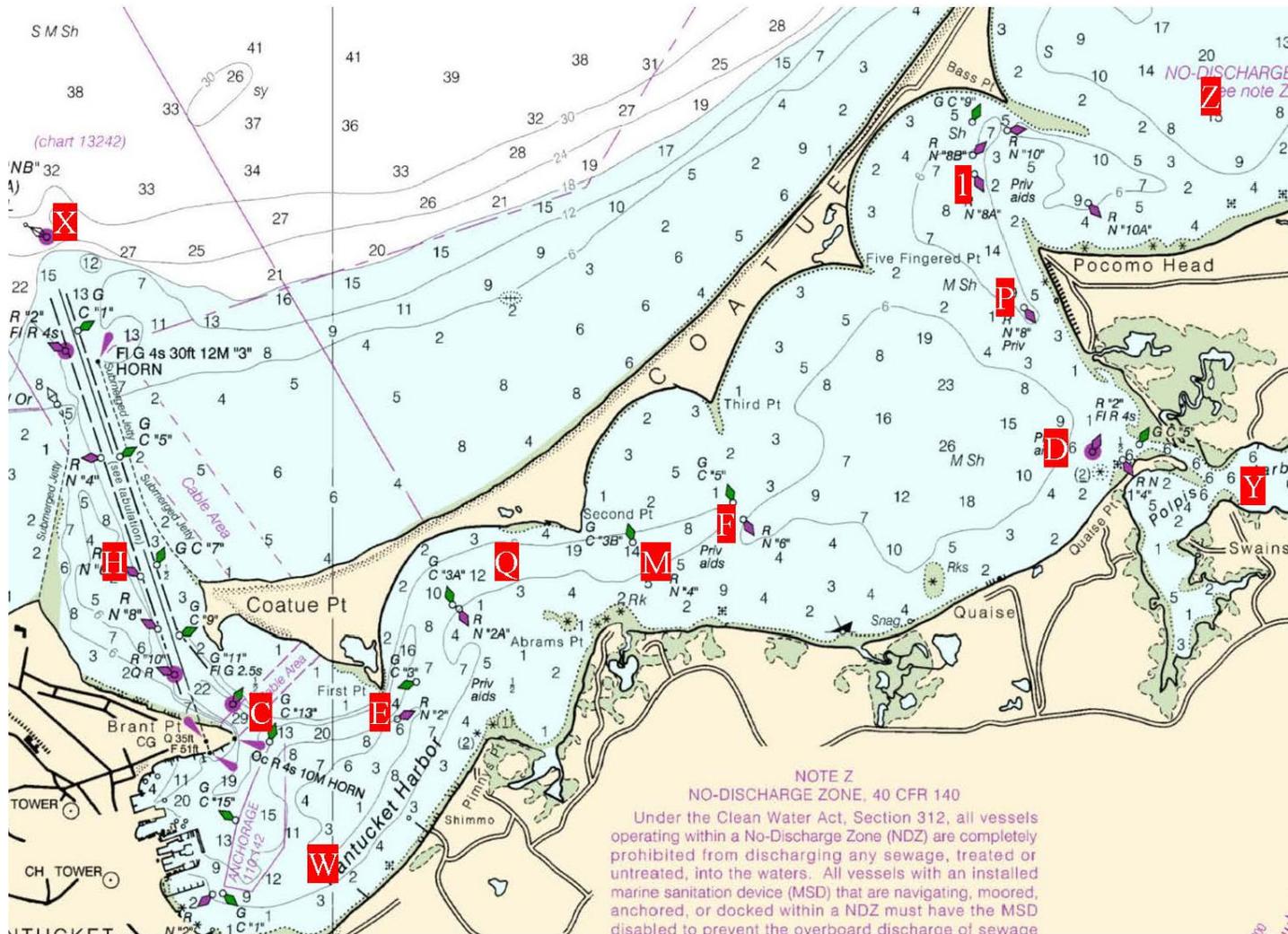


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Addendum C – Racing Area & Marks for Course H



- Marks for Course "H"**
- C: Gov't mark (green can # 13) off Brant Point.
 - X: Red and White Gov't bell outside harbor entrance (north of Nautifone).
 - Z: Orange inflatable tetrahedron in "Head of the Harbor".
 - Q: Orange inflatable tetrahedron between First and Second Points
 - E: Red Gov't Mark #2 off First Point
 - M: Red Gov't Mark #4 off Second Point
 - F: Red Gov't Mark #6 off Third Point
 - D: Red Gov't Mark #2 off Third Point
 - P: Red Gov't Mark #8 off Pocomo
 - H: Red Gov't Mark #6 off Jetties Beach (Main Channel marker)
 - W: Orange inflatable tetrahedron along Monomoy shore