



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
KITEBOARD 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 24th, 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
- 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.

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 F and Appendix V1 (Alternative Penalties)
- 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 The term “boat” in these SI means “board” or “boat” as appropriate.
- 1.5 All competitors will be required to sign a Waiver prior to the regatta

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board 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.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0830 on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 The race committee may make changes to the sailing instructions on the water by hail before the warning signal

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

There will no signals ashore, only audible signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The number of races will be in accordance with the MA Phase III guidelines.
- 5.2 All competitors who have not previously raced in this event should attend the optional racing safety clinic at 1300 on Sunday, August 9 at Bass.
- 5.3 The Competitors Meeting will start at 1315.
- 5.4 The first warning signal will be at 1400.
- 5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1700.

6 CLASS FLAGS

There are no class flags. Hydrofoils will be the first fleet to start and Twin Tips will be the second fleet to start. Competitors are asked to stay in the vicinity of the Race Committee Boat for audible instructions

7 RACING AREAS

All races will be sailed in Area 2 or Area 3 as in Addendum A and will be announced at the competitors meeting.



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8 COURSES

8.1 Courses are described in Addendum B including the approximate angles between legs and the order in which marks are to be passed.

8.2 WINDWARD COURSES

8.2.1 The Windward/Leeward courses are described in Addendum B will be discussed and displayed on a whiteboard during the Competitors Meeting as well as by whiteboard on the committee boat.

8.2.2 The course will be either once [W] or twice around [W2].

8.2.3 The Starting Line will be between and **orange** flag on **port** side of the signal vessel and the course side of a nearby mark.

8.2.4 The Starting and Finishing lines will be OPEN for competitors to cross during racing

8.3 REACH COURSES

8.3.1 The courses are described in Addendum B and will be discussed and displayed on a whiteboard during the Skippers Meeting.

8.3.2 The course will either once [R] or twice around [R2].

8.3.3 The starting/finishing line will run directly to downwind from an **orange** flag on the committee boat to a nearby mark.

8.3.4 Competitors shall start on starboard tack.

8.4 The Starting/Finishing line will be OPEN for competitors to cross during racing

9 MARKS

9.1 WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSES

9.1.1 The starting and finishing marks will be red "hippety hop" balls.

9.1.2 The windward and leeward marks will be colored inflatable triangle marks

9.2 REACH COURSES

9.2.1 The starting and finishing mark will be red "hippety hop" balls.

9.2.2 The gybe mark will be a green tetrahedron mark.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will use the Audible-Signal Racing System of Appendix U (3-minute dinghy starts)

10.2 Repeated short sound signals will be made ten seconds before the warning signal.

10.3 Boats may not start more than 3 minutes after their starting signal.

10.4 The race committee will attempt to hail pinnie 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).



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11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Marks will not be changed during a race.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The WINDWARD/LEEWARD courses finishing line will be between a **blue** flag on the **starboard** side of the signal vessel and the course side of a nearby mark.

12.1.1 **REACH** course starting/finishing line will run directly to downwind from an **orange** flag on the committee boat to a nearby mark.

12.2 **REACH** courses finish on port tack.

13 TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 45 minutes.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 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.

14 PROTESTS AND REDRESS

14.1 Competitors are expected to sail by the rules and exonerate themselves when they have broken a rule

14.2 The protesting boat shall notify the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity.

14.3 The protesting boat shall notify the race committee immediately following the race.

14.4 No written form is required. This changes RRS 61.2.

14.5 Three-Minute Justice Applies

14.5.1 The protests will be heard on the beach immediately following the racing. The changes RRS 61.3

14.5.2 Each Skipper finds a member of the fleet who is not a party to the incident to act as a juror.

14.5.3 The Protestor has one minute to present the case. The Protestee has one minute to present

14.5.4 Jurors have one minute to decide the case and present the findings to the race committee.

14.6 Protest Time Limit

The protesting boat shall notify the race committee prior to leaving the race area. The changes RRS 61.3

14.7 The Race Committee may convene a formal hearing in the case of serious injury or damage.

15 SCORING

15.1 The number of races will be in accordance with MA Phase III guidelines

15.2 One completed race constitutes a regatta

15.3 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.

16 SAFETY

16.1 Pursuant to Massachusetts YOUTH and ADULT AMATEUR SPORTS ACTIVITIES— Phase III, Step 1 rules, **all participants must wear a mask, sun buff, or equivalent while on land and in the vicinity of other participants**

16.2 All competitors should wear normal kiting gear and take normal precautions as if you were sailing on your own. Competitors shall wear a functioning detachable kite leash. There will be skiffs for assistance.



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- 16.3 All boats are requested to check-in with the race committee before the start of the first race each day by sailing past the signal vessel on starboard tack and hailing their pinnie number and receiving confirmation from the race committee.
- 16.4 A boat that retires from the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible

17 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

18 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

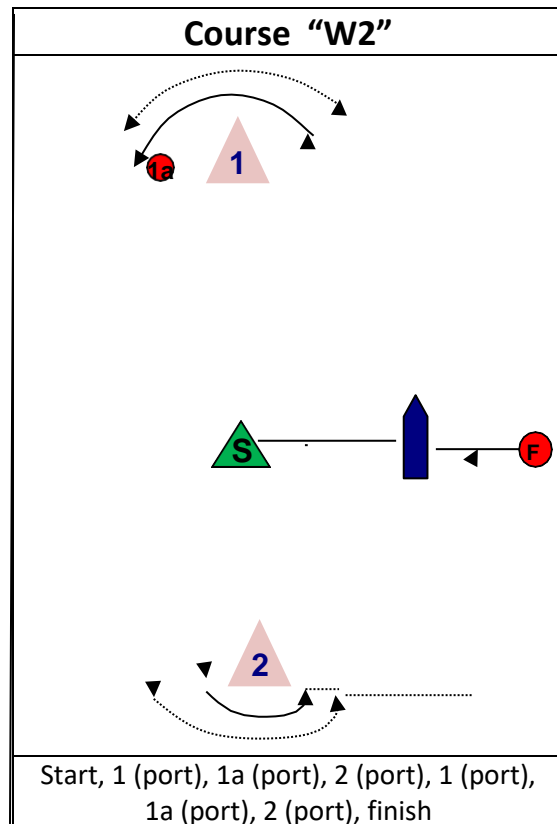
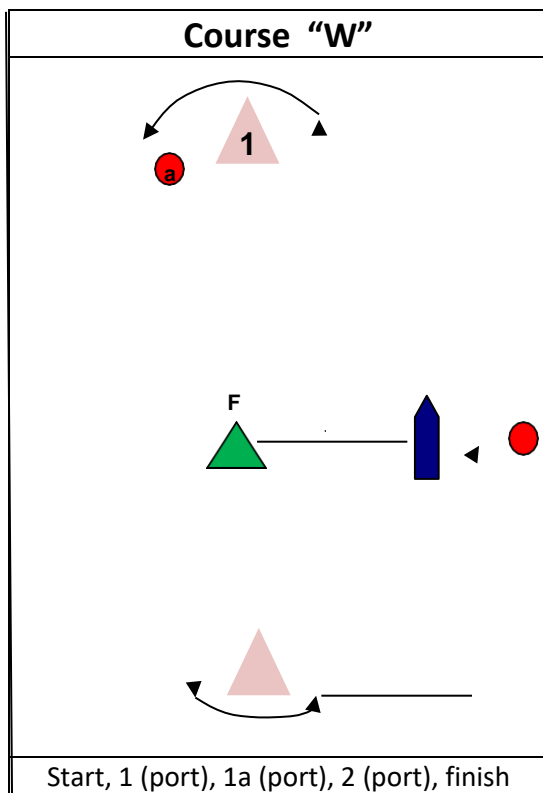
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Website nantucketraceweek.org

[Massachusetts Boating Guidelines](#)

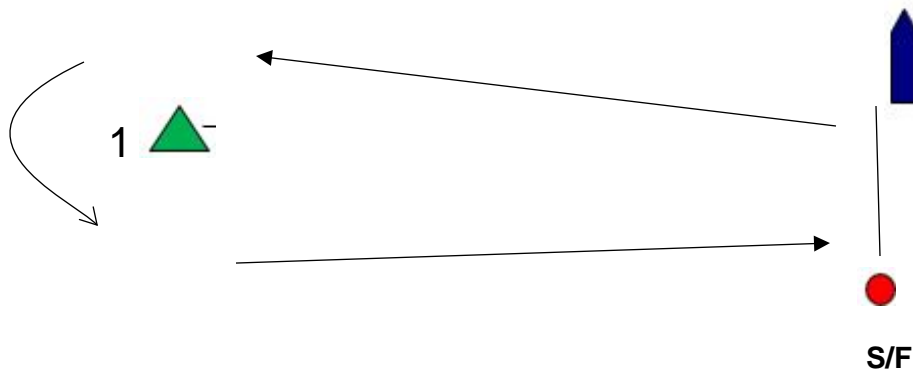
Addendum B – Windward/Leeward Courses



The starting and finishing lines are not restricted while sailing the course.

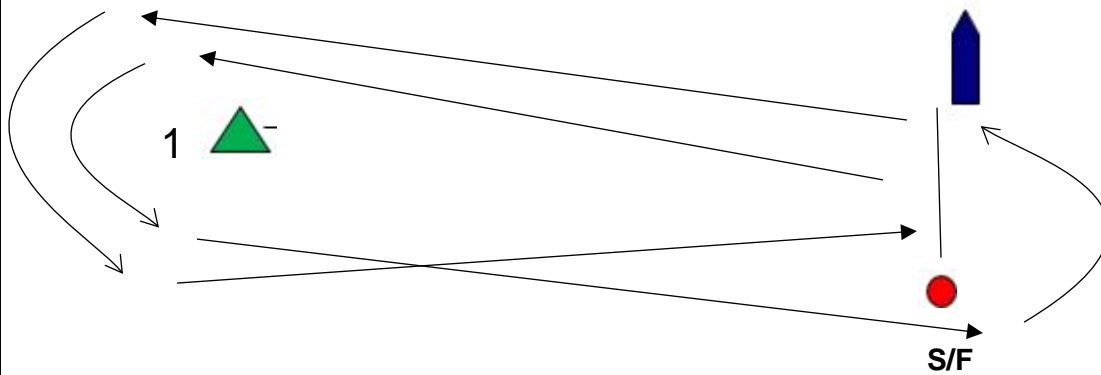
Addendum B – Reach Courses

Course R1



Start on starboard, Mark 1 (port) Finish (on port tack)

Course R2



Start on starboard, Mark 1 (port), S/F Mark (starboard), Mark 1 (port)
Finish (on port tack)

