



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
RADIO CONTROLLED BOAT REGATTA
A Part of Nantucket Race Week
August 14, 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 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, 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* Appendix E - Radio Sailing Racing Rules as changed by the RC POND RACING RULES (7-6-20) shown in Addendum A.
- 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 will be seated in portable chairs and shall properly wear face masks and observe social distancing of 6 feet. It is recommended that each competitor have an observer who shall stand behind the chair.
- 1.5 All competitors will be required to sign a Waiver prior to the regatta.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at www.nantucketraceweek.org.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The race committee may make verbal changes to the sailing instructions prior to the warning signal.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be verbal adjacent to the Starting/Finishing Line.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Check-in 1500 at Mary Slade Lawn, Old North Wharf. There is no parking at Old North Wharf.
- 5.2 Competitors meeting at 1530, Mary Slade Lawn.
- 5.3 There will be a practice race at 1530.
- 5.4 The first warning signal will be at 1600.
- 5.5 Multiple races are scheduled.
- 5.6 No warning signal will be made after 1800.

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The Racing Area will be the Easy Street Basin.
- 6.2 The sailing area will be approximately 200 x 140 FT.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The course is shown in Addendum A.
- 7.2 The Start/Finish line will be OPEN during a race.

8 MARKS

The Starting and Finishing line marks will be yellow. Marks 1 and 1a will be red. Marks 2a and 2b will be green.



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9 THE START

- 9.1 The Starting Line will be between the two yellow marks.
- 9.2 There will be a hail, "Ready to Start?" approximately 2 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.3 Starting one (1) minute before the Starting Signal a sound will play:
- 1 minute till mark
 - 50 seconds
 - 40 seconds
 - 30 seconds
 - 20 seconds
 - 15
 - 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

followed by the starting signal. Individual Recalls will be signaled according to RRS E3.5.

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

10 HOLDS

- 10.1 Holds may be announced periodically by the Race Director.
- 10.2 Prior to the Warning Signal, a skipper may request that the Race Director delay the starting sequence for five minutes for the repair of a technical problem or breakdown.
- 10.3 When such a delay is granted, it will be announced and the Warning Signal will not be sounded until the expiration of five minutes from the commencement of the delay.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the yellow marks.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 20 minutes.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 5 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.

13 PROTESTS

The word "Protest" shall not be used during racing. A boat involved in, or seeing, an incident during a race, may, in the spirit of teaching, ask the other party after the race whether they are aware that a Rule may have been broken.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 The number of races will be in accordance with MA Phase III guidelines.
- 14.2 One completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 14.3 Finishes may be recorded to facilitate scoring.
- 14.4 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.



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15 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

16 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

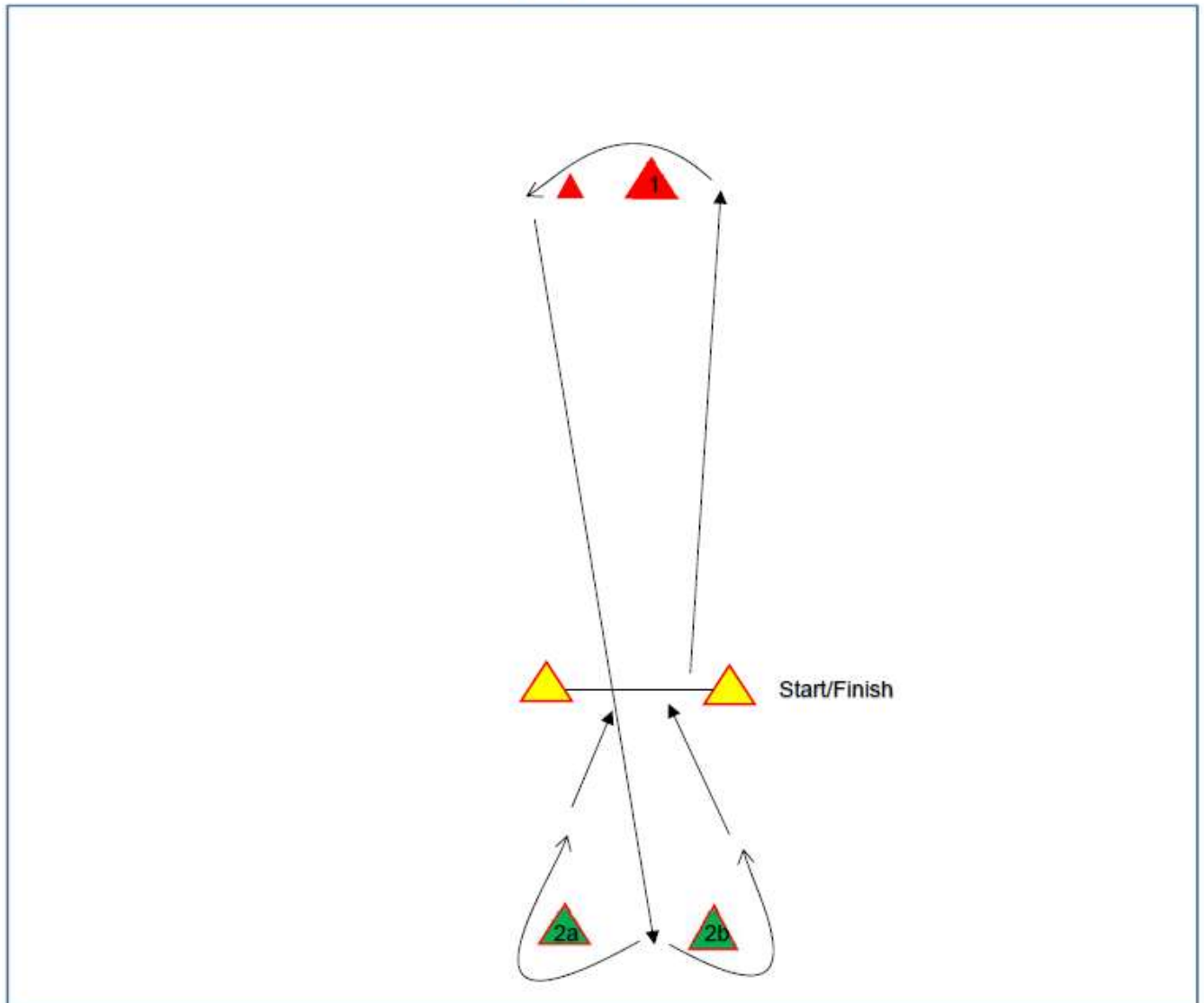
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[Massachusetts Boating Guidelines](#)

ADDENDUM A
Course Diagram



Course – Start, Mark 1 (Port), Mark 2a (Starboard) or Mark 2b (Port), Finish.

Course “O” once around; Course “T” twice around

Start/Finish line is “Open”



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RACING RULES

This **unofficial** summary and modification of the Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-2020) addresses the realities of RC racing on Nantucket at this time. The primary goal is to have FUN and for all sailors to subscribe to the RRS fundamental principle of sportsmanship by self-policing, doing their turns, unprompted by other competitors, announcing why they are doing turns...while being tolerant of others doing their best to comply and not using the word "Protest!" while racing.

SPORTSMANSHIP AND THE RULES is changed to: Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of *rules* that they are expected to follow ~~and enforce~~. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a *rule* they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire.

Rule 10 ON OPPOSITE TACKS a *port-tack* boat shall *keep clear* of a *starboard-tack* boat.

Rule 11 ON SAME TACK, OVERLAPPED a *windward* boat shall *keep clear* of a *leeward* boat.

Rule 12 ON SAME TACK, NOT OVERLAPPED a boat *clear astern* shall *keep clear* of a boat *clear ahead*.

Rule 13 WHILE TACKING is changed to: After a boat passes head to wind, she shall *keep clear* of other boats until she is on a close-hauled course.

Rule 14 AVOIDING CONTACT is changed to: A boat shall avoid serious contact with another boat if reasonably possible. Minor side to side, or bow to stern, hull or rigging contact, not changing the relative position of boats in a race, is permitted.

Rule 15 ACQUIRING RIGHT OF WAY When a boat acquires right of way, she shall initially give the other boat *room to keep clear*, unless she acquires right of way because of the other boat's actions.

Rule 16 CHANGING COURSE When a right-of-way boat changes course, she shall give the other boat *room to keep clear*.

Rule 17 ON THE SAME TACK; PROPER COURSE If a boat *clear astern* becomes *overlapped* within two of her hull lengths to *leeward* of a boat on the same *tack*, she shall not sail above her *proper course* while they remain on the same *tack* and *overlapped* within that distance,

Rule 18 MARK ROOM When boats are *overlapped* the outside boat shall give the inside boat *mark-room*. If a boat is *clear ahead* when she reaches the zone [4-boat lengths (Appendix E1.1)], the boat *clear astern* at that moment shall thereafter give her *mark-room*. If there is reasonable doubt that a boat obtained or broke an *overlap* in time, it shall be presumed that she did not. When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way boat must gybe at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she gybes, she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course.



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20.1 ROOM AT AN OBSTRUCTION, 20.1 Hailing is changed to: A boat may hail for *room* to tack or gybe and avoid a boat on the same *tack*, if she is approaching an *obstruction* and will soon need to make a substantial course change to avoid it safely.

31 TOUCHING A MARK is changed to: A boat may touch a mark other than a starting mark while starting or a finishing mark while finishing.

44 & E4.3 PENALTIES are changed to: After getting well clear of other boats and prior to the next mark, a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule(s) of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*. However, if the boat gained a significant advantage by her breach despite taking a penalty, her penalty shall be an additional One-Turn Penalty. If the boat caused another boat to become *disabled* and retire, her penalty shall be to retire.

61 PROTEST REQUIREMENT is changed to: The word, "Protest" shall not be used during a race. A boat involved in, or seeing, an incident during a race, may, in the spirit of teaching, ask the other party after the race whether they are aware that a Rule may have been broken.

E.2.1 HAILING REQUIREMENTS The individual digits of a boat's sail number shall be hailed; e.g. "one-five" for "15".