



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS IOD CELEBRITY REGATTA August 19 and 20, 2021

Preamble

We are pleased to announce the 18th annual Nantucket Race Week and the 49th Opera House Cup Regatta, August 14 – 22, 2021. Proof of Covid vaccination will be required for social events and masks will be required for indoor events.

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Nantucket Race Week, L.L.C.

Regatta website www.nantucketraceweek.org

HOSTS

The Nantucket Yacht Club (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 at Race Week Headquarters, 33 Main Street daily or online at the www.nantucketcommunitysailing.org/page/store.

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The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. **RULES**

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix V1 (Alternative Penalties), and Appendix T (Arbitration).
- 1.2. The celebrity tactician may not helm the boat, except for brief periods, if necessary.
- 1.3. When flag Y  is displayed, prior to the warning signal, from the race committee signal vessel:
 - 1.3.1. Spinnakers shall not be used for that race.
 - 1.3.2. PFDs (lifejackets) shall be worn by all competitors.
 - 1.3.3. RRS 44.3 Scoring Penalty, will be in effect, instead of RRS V1 (turns).
 - 1.3.4. The provisions of this SI may be turned off by display of flag O , with repetitive sound signals, at a mark of the course.
- 1.4. All competitors, skippers and crew, will be required to sign a Waiver prior to the regatta.

2. **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at 0830 on the day it will take effect, or within 15 minutes after the termination of any competitors meeting.
- 2.2. The Race Committee may make changes to the Sailing Instructions before the Warning Signal. These will be communicated on VHF 73.

3. **COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1. The official notice board is online at www.nantucketraceweek.org/page/10774.
- 3.2. The race office is located at Nantucket Community Sailing, 4 Winter Street.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF 73.
- 3.4. The following communications may be made by the race committee. These include courses, course changes, shortening, postponement, abandonment, and recalls.
- 3.5. [DP]Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the NYC.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals

6. **SCHEDULE**

- 6.1. There will be a Competitors Meeting at 0830 on Thursday August 19 at Nantucket Yacht Club on the patio.
- 6.2. Practice starts are scheduled for 1000 on Thursday, August 19, followed by the first warning signal.
- 6.3. The first warning signal on Friday, August 20 will be at 1030. This changes NOR 6.6.
- 6.4. No race will start after 1430 on Friday, August 20.
- 6.5. Seven races are scheduled, four on Thursday and three on Friday.



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7. **CLASS FLAGS**

The class flag will be:



8. **RACING AREAS**

All races will be sailed in Nantucket Sound as shown in Addendum A. The racing area will be announced at the competitors meeting on Thursday and periodically on VHF 73. On Friday the racing area will be announced starting at 0930 on VHF 73.

9. **COURSES**

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed are shown in Addendum B, including the approximate angles between legs and the order in which marks are to be passed. The courses will be announced on VHF 73.
- 9.2. Before the warning signal, the race committee will display the course identifier as well as the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark. This will also be broadcast over VHF as a courtesy

10. **MARKS**

- 10.1. Marks 1, 1a and 2P and 2S will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 10.2. The starting and finishing marks will be yellow tetrahedrons and a RC vessel.

11. **THE START**

- 11.1. The race committee signal vessel will display an orange line flag approximately five minutes before the warning signal for each race.
- 11.2. Five short sound signals will be made ten seconds before the warning signal
- 11.3. The Starting Line will be between and orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark
- 11.4. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line the race committee will attempt to hail, over VHF and/or by voice, the sail numbers of those boats after the starting signal. The failure to hail her number, failure to hear such a hail, and the order and timing of such hails, will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. **CHANGE IN THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position

13. **THE FINISH**

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

14. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1. Penalties while racing: Appendix V1 applies.
- 14.2. See Section 1.3.3 for penalties under flag Y.

15. **TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes.



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16. DAMAGE REPORTS

[DP] Damage Report forms are available at the Protest Desk outside the NYC Sailing Room. After each day's sailing, **each** skipper **shall** complete an accurate damage report, including all contact, however minor, and return it, by the protest time limit, to the Protest Desk. This changes RRS 63.1.

17. PROTESTS AND REDRESS

- 17.1. Competitors are expected to sail by the rules and exonerate themselves when they have broken a rule.
- 17.2. The location of the Protest Desk and Protest Hearings will be announced at the Competitors Meeting along with any special restrictions or regulations.
- 17.3. Protest forms are available at the Protest Desk. Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Desk within 60 minutes after the race committee finish vessel docks. The docking time and a list of protests received will be posted.
- 17.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or names as witnesses.
- 17.5. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
Arbitration will be held prior to a protest hearing for incidents involving rules of Part 2 except when RRS 44.1(b) may apply.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. One completed race constitutes a regatta
- 18.2. When five or more races are completed, one worst score will be excluded, as permitted in RRS 90.3(b), from a boat's series score

19. SAFETY

- 19.1. All boats are requested to check-in with the race committee before the start of the first on VHF 73 and hailing their sail number and receiving confirmation from the race committee.
- 19.2. [DP] A boat that retires from the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. The boats shall not be modified in any way except as follows: [DP]
 - (a) A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars.
 - (b) Wind indicators may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat.
 - (c) Hulls (above the waterline only), decks, sails and equipment may be cleaned only with non-abrasive materials.
 - (d) Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the waterline except on brightwork.
 - (e) All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted in accordance with Class Rules may be adjusted within the limits provided, except that shrouds, forestay and mast chocks shall not be adjusted.
- 20.2. Prohibited actions: [DP]
 - (a) The shrouds, above the turnbuckles (bottle screws), may not be used to project crew weight.
 - (b) No holes may be made in sailcloth to permit the attachment of telltales.
 - (c) Cross winching of sheets.
 - (d) Competitors may not change purchase to any of the boats running rigging.
 - (e) No marks should be made on the boats with pencils, markers or grease pencils, except that they shall be completely washable, leaving no trace of their use. Only non-residue tape may be used.
 - (f) The hulls may not be scrubbed, washed, wet-sanded or otherwise treated below the waterline.



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21. DAMAGES, REPORTS AND PENALTIES

- 21.1. The questions of damages arising from a breach of any rule shall be governed by the US Sailing prescription to RRS 67. Damage to boats while not racing shall be the responsibility of the at-fault skipper. The at-fault skipper must pay damages determined by NIODFA to Nantucket Community Sailing pending any appeal of a decision of the protest committee.
- 21.2. If no protest is filed because the at-fault boat retired or accepted a penalty pursuant to the rules, they shall be held responsible for any damage from an incident. If damage occurs as a result of an incident between boats, and neither boat delivers a valid protest, then the boats involved in the incident shall be held equally responsible.
- 21.3. If damage that caused a boat to be withdrawn from the rotation has been attributed to a team by the protest committee, then that team shall not compete in any further races until the damaged boat or a replacement boat becomes available. That team will be scored DNC for all missed races.
- 21.4. If the damage that caused a boat to be withdrawn from the rotation was not completely and accurately reported on a damage report, the last team to use the damaged boat shall not compete in any further races until the damaged boat or a replacement boat becomes available. That team will be scored DNC for all missed races.
- 21.5. [DP]Damage Report forms are available at the Protest Desk. After each day's sailing, each skipper shall complete an accurate damage report, including all contact, however minor, and return it, by the protest time limit, to the Protest Desk. This changes RRS 63.1.

22. BREAKDOWNS

- 22.1. A boat requesting redress for a breakdown before or after a race shall drop its jib, move away from other boats and signal the race committee vessel immediately.
- 22.2. If the breakdown occurs during a race, the boat must finish the race if at all possible, provided that further damage will not likely be incurred.
- 22.3. The boat shall return to the starting area and stand by the committee vessel while executing her repairs. When repairs are completed the skipper shall then verbally advise the PRO that she is ready to race.
- 22.4. If a boat incurs a breakdown through collision or equipment failure through no fault of the team sailing her, that team may file for redress in accordance with SI 1.4 and RRS 62.

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be flying black Nantucket Race Week flags.

24. 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.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

25.1. 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 L.L.C., 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



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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.

25.2.RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

26. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Nantucket Community Sailing

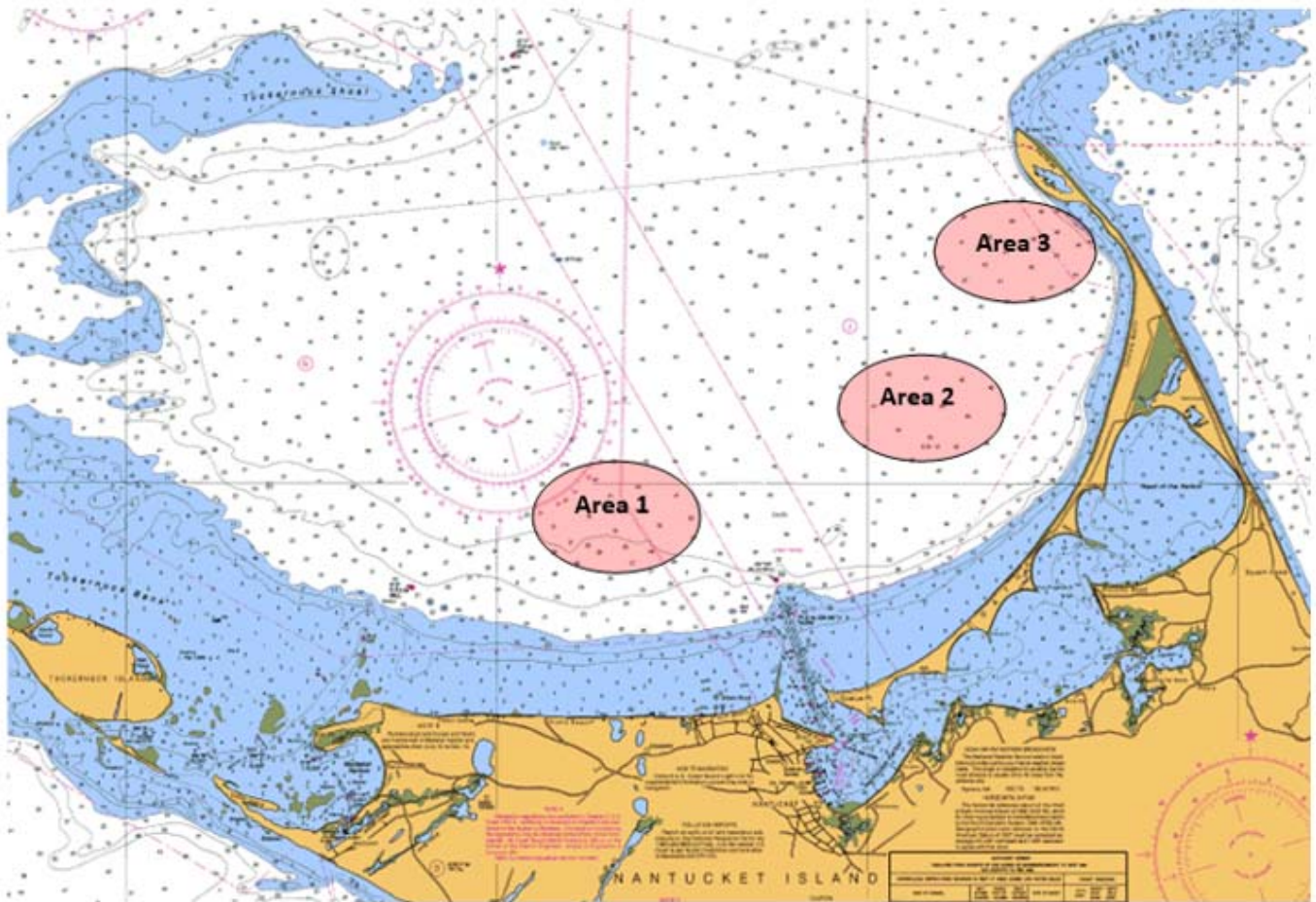
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Addendum A
Racing Areas





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Addendum B – Courses

Courses 1 and 2	Course 3	Course 4	Course 5
<p>Course 1: Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, finish</p> <p>Course 2: Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, 1(port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, finish</p>	<p>Start, 1 (port) 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, finish at 1</p>	<p>Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, 1(port), 1a (port), finish</p>	<p>Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, finish at 1</p>
<p>In courses 1 and 2 the Start/Finish line is not restricted</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">if only one leeward mark is present, it shall be rounded to port.</p>			