



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS WOMEN'S REGATTA August 18, 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.

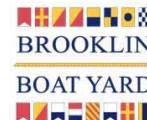
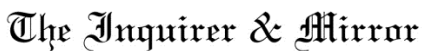
Regatta website www.nantucketraceweek.org

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).
- 1.2. Spinnakers are permitted in both Open and Coached Divisions, unless flag-Y is displayed.
- 1.3. Boats will be supplied with streamers, pink for Open and green for Coached, which shall be displayed from the backstay.
- 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 on the Notice Board at least 2 hours prior to the affected event or verbally by the signal vessel prior to the Warning Signal.
- 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
- 3.2. The race office is located at NCS, 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 starting classes, 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

There will be no signals ashore, only audible signals via VHF 73.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. There will be a Competitors Meeting at 1030 on the NYC Patio.
- 6.2. The first warning signal will be 1230.
- 6.3. Multiple races are planned. It is planned for racing to be completed so that competitors will be ashore by 1600.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags is the R19 Class Flag.

8. RACING AREAS

All races will be sailed in Area 2 or Area 3 as in Addendum A and will be announced on VHF 73 one hour prior to the first warning.



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9. **COURSES**

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.

10. **MARKS**

10.1. The government marks X, H, C, E, A, B, M, F, D and P as shown in Attachment A

10.2. The starting, finishing and all drop marks will be inflatable balls.

11. **THE START**

11.1. 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

11.2. The two classes may be started separately or together.

11.3. Boats may not start more than 5 minutes after their starting signal.

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**

Marks may be adjusted without signaling at the previous mark. This changes RRS 33.

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. When PFDs are required the Turns penalties of RRS V1 are replaced by the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.

14.2. After *starting* and before *finishing*, the starting and finishing lines are *obstructions*, and boats are prohibited from sailing through them. Boats may not correct this error and will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 28 and A5.

15. **TIME LIMIT**

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

15.2. 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.

16. **PROTESTS AND REDRESS**

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

16.2. Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk and protests will be heard promptly after racing. The location of the Protest Desk and Protest Hearings will be announced at the Competitors meeting, along with any restrictions or regulations.

17. **SCORING**

17.1. One completed race constitutes a regatta

17.2. A boat's score will be the total of her race scores, with no throw-out.

18. **SAFETY**



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- 18.1. 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.
- 18.2. A boat that retires from the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. 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.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1. 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 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.

20.2. *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.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

Nantucket Community Sailing

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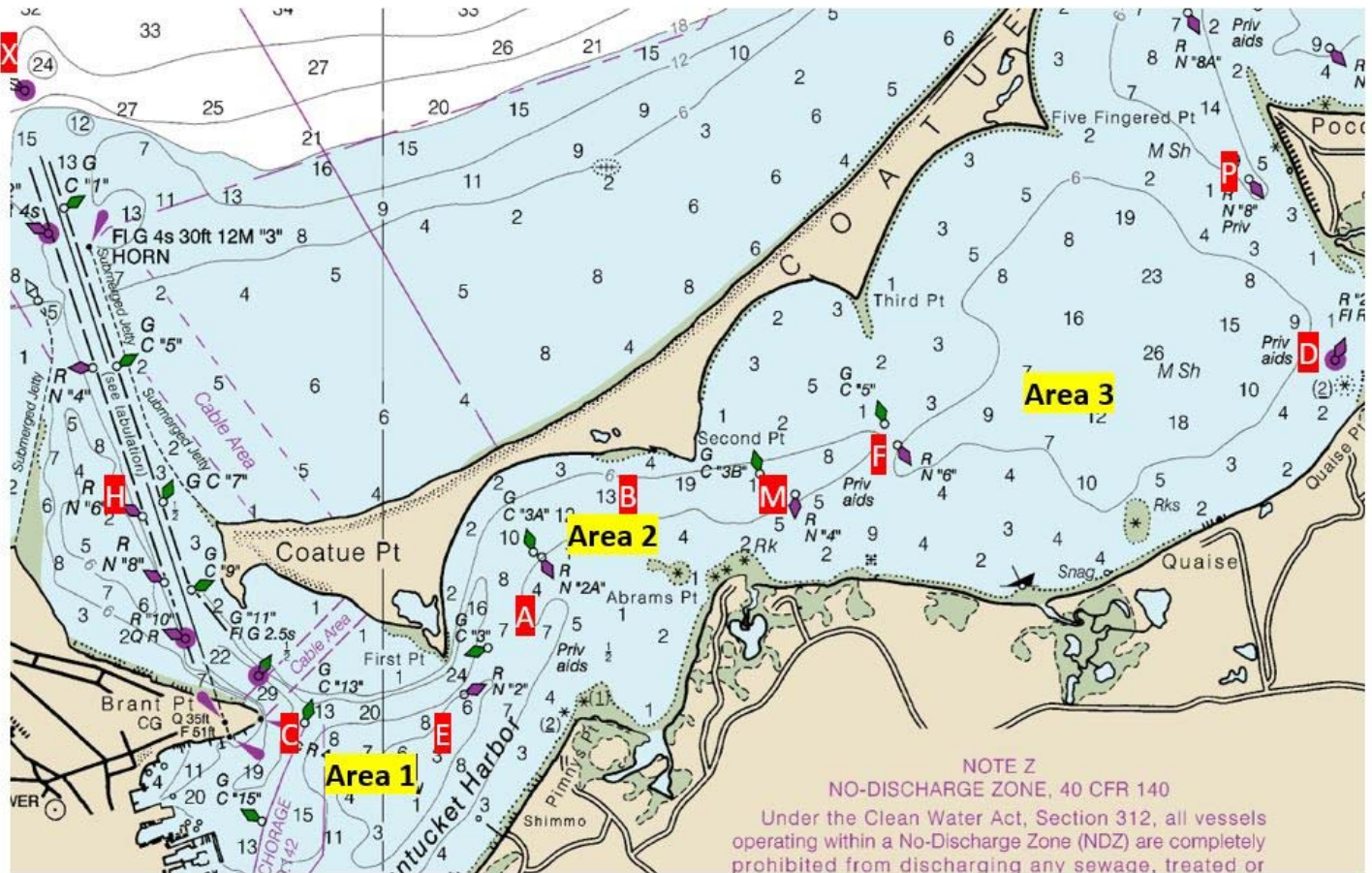
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Addendum A

Racing Areas and Permanent Marks





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ADDENDUM B – WOMEN' REGATTA COURSES – 2020

Courses will be hailed from the signal vessel. Windward-Leeward or Triangle courses may be hailed as Twice-around.

Unless starting or finishing, boats crossing the starting line or finishing line will be scored DSQ for that race

