



2020 NORWALK YACHT CLUB SATURDAY RACES
Including the NORWALK ISLANDS SAILING FLEET
ORGANIZING AUTHORITY – NORWALK YACHT CLUB
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RACES COVERED BY THESE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

May 23	King Cup- <i>Run by Minuteman Yacht Club</i>
Jun 13	Chanteyman Cup
July 11	Norwalk Yacht Club Greens Ledge Trophy. This race will be run both as part of the NYC/NISF Saturday Series and as a stand-alone race for the benefit of the Greens Ledge Lighthouse Preservation Society. See APPENDIX E.
August 1	Full moon Evening Race <i>Run by Saugatuck Yacht Club</i>
August 8	Yellow Rock Trophy Requires woman skipper (helmsman)
August 29	NISF Cup- <i>Run by NISF</i>
Sept. 26	Partners Cup- <i>Run by NISF</i>

1. RULES

- 1.1. The races will be governed by the rules as defined in:
- 1.2. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including the current Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Regulations (PHRF) as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (www.yralis.org), as modified in these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3. The Category C Minimum Equipment Recommendations of the YRALIS.
- 1.4. Racing rules 35, 44.2, 62.1(a), 29.1, and 61.3 will be changed as stated in these Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notices to competitors and changes to the Sailing Instructions or scratch sheets will be posted on the official notice board at Norwalk Yacht Club and at <http://www.yachtscore.com> at least 24 hours before taking effect, or from the race committee signal boat by displaying international code flag L and orally communicating the change by broadcasting on VHF channel 5A in the 10 minutes prior to the first warning signal on the day they take effect.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be made at the flagpole at Norwalk Yacht Club not later than 1100 on race days. Any signals made ashore shall also be broadcast on VHF channel 5A at 1100 and again at 1130. The Race Committee will also endeavor to contact competitors by text message on race day, to alert them to any changes. When flag AP is signaled ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The Schedule of Races is attached as **Appendix A**. One race for each class or combined classes is scheduled for each date. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1200, except for the Evening Race on August 24, as more fully described in **Appendix B**.

5. CLASSES & CLASSFLAGS

Classes will be designated in the scratch sheet, which will be available at www.yachtscoring.com, and also at Norwalk Yacht Club and from the race committee signal boat on race days, prior to racing.

Class flags will be the international code flag numeral pennants corresponding to the class designation in the scratch sheet, as shown in the table below:

Class 1: Spinnaker	Numeral pennant 1
Class 2: Non-Spinnaker	Numeral pennant 2

6. RACING AREA

Racing will be South of Rowayton or Norwalk, Connecticut, with the start and finish lines either in the vicinity of Greens Ledge Light, or in the vicinity of Government mark "R 26", as indicated in [Appendix A](#).

7. COURSES & MARKS

- 7.1. The list of Government marks eligible to serve as marks of the course is given in [Appendix C](#), which also gives approximate chart coordinates for each mark.
- 7.2. [Appendix D](#) gives approximate compass directions and distances between each pair of marks listed in Appendix C.
- 7.3. The race committee signal boat will announce the approximate range and compass bearing to the first Government mark by broadcasting on VHF channel 5A no later than the warning signal.
- 7.4. The race committee signal boat will designate the class with class placards followed by the applicable course signal placards, reading from top to bottom. When only one course is displayed, that is the course for all classes.
- 7.5. All course marks will be left to port, unless the signal boat displays a green shape with the course signal/s, in which case all course marks will be left to starboard.
- 7.6. The race committee signal boat will make a series of short sounds to draw attention to any changes to the course board approximately one minute before the first warning signal.
- 7.7. The number "2" displayed after the course letters means the course shall be sailed twice around.

8. COURSE RESTRICTIONS AND AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions. While racing, boats shall not cross a line segment:

- 8.1 between RN"28" and R"2A" (unless RN "28" is designated as a turning mark);
- 8.2 between R"2A" and the abandoned lighthouse at the western end of Sheffield Island;
- 8.3 between RN"28" and the abandoned lighthouse at the western end of Sheffield Island;
- 8.4 extending true north of R"30" at Smiths Reef.

9. THE START

- 9.1. Prior to the first warning signal, each boat shall pass by the stern of the Race Committee signal boat to check in, stating their boat name and sail number. **Check in by VHF radio will not be accepted.**
- 9.2. Start sequence will follow the five-minute sequence laid out in RRS 26.
- 9.3. Warning signals for succeeding classes will be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.
- 9.4. The order of starts will be by ascending class number (e.g. I, II, III) unless otherwise announced.
- 9.5. Class starts may be signaled at five-minute intervals by displaying a class flag at the start of the preceding class, in which case the start of the preceding class shall be the warning for the next class.
- 9.6. At the discretion of the race committee, class starts may be combined. The race committee will signal this type of start by displaying the numeral pennants of all classes sharing the start as the warning signal.

- 9.7. The starting line for all classes will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the mark defining the other end of the starting line.
- 9.8. Boats whose class warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 9.9. A boat that starts later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.

10. RECALL

The race committee will attempt to identify recalled boats and to broadcast their sail numbers on the race course VHF channel. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hail, shall not be cause for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1

11. CHANGE OF COURSE BETWEEN STARTS

If the race committee changes the first mark following a postponement during a starting sequence, code flag C will be displayed with short repeated sounds prior to the warning signal.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line for all courses will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an official boat and the finish mark. The official boat at the finish line may be a different vessel than the Signal Boat at the start.
- 12.2. If the official boat at the finish is on the opposite side of the finish line, finish in accordance with this paragraph 12.1. Such finish line shall not be cause for redress.
- 12.3. If a course is shortened, the finish line will be between an official boat displaying Code Flag S and an orange flag, and a rounding mark. The race committee will make multiple sound signals to indicate shortened course and the committee will broadcast on the race course VHF channel that the course has been shortened. A text message may also be sent.
- 12.4. The finish line shall be crossed in the direction from the last mark rounded.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1. The time limit for each class shall be 3.5 hours from the class start time.
- 13.2. If no boat in a class finishes within the time limit, the race for that class will be abandoned.
- 13.3. Boats failing to finish within 40 minutes after the first class finisher will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.

14. WITHDRAWAL

Any boat withdrawing before the start or retiring during a race shall notify the RC at the earliest possible opportunity on the race course VHF channel.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. To initiate a protest, the protesting yacht must notify the protested yacht by hailing "Protest!" A RED protest flag must be flown from the protesting yacht's backstay immediately after the infringement, and carried until after the finish line has been crossed.
- 15.2. Immediately after finishing, a protesting yacht shall contact the Race Committee on the race course VHF channel to provide its sail number as well as the sail number of the yacht being protested. Written Protests must be filed as in 15.4 below.
- 15.3. Immediately after finishing, a boat that accepted a One-Turn Penalty shall contact the Race Committee on the race course VHF channel to provide its sail number as well as the sail number of the protesting yacht. This changes RRS 44.2.
- 15.4. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be filed on standard US SAILING protest forms, available for download on the USSAILING website. Completed forms shall be delivered or emailed to the Chairman, Regatta Committee, at Norwalk Yacht Club within 48 hours after the finish of the race. This modifies RRS 61.3
- 15.5. Protest Hearings shall be scheduled at Norwalk Yacht Club as quickly as practicable, at dates/times advised to the protesting and protested skippers.

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2020 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Race	Start Area	Party
May 23	King Cup	R26	Minuteman YC
Jun 13	Chanteyman Cup	GL	Norwalk YC
July 11	Greens Ledge Trophy	GL	Norwalk YC
August 1	Full moon Evening Race	R26	None
August 8	Yellow Rock Trophy	GL	Norwalk YC
August 29	NISF Cup	GL or R26 TBD	TBD
Sept. 26	Partners Cup	R26	Partners Cafe

* **First Warning Signal for all races except the Full Moon Evening Race on August 1 is 12:00.**
See Appendix B for timing of the Full Moon Evening Race. *

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APPENDIX B

SUPPLEMENTAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
FULL MOON EVENING RACE, AUGUST 1, 2020

The sailing instructions above remain in full force and effect for this race, except as specifically modified by this Addendum. This Addendum shall apply solely to the race named above.

1. SCHEDULE

The evening race is scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2020. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1700. Warning signals for succeeding classes will be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

2. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE; DELAY OF START

Signals made ashore will be made at the flagpoles at Norwalk Yacht Club and Saugatuck Yacht Club not later than 1400 on the race day. Any signals made ashore shall also be broadcast on VHF channel 5A at 1600 and again at 1630.

3. THE FINISH

3.1 Finishes shall be as provided in the sailing instructions, except that all competitors are additionally required to shine a light on their sail numbers and hail the finish boat or otherwise ensure that they have been properly identified by the finish boat when finishing after dark. Boats failing to do this may be scored DNF without a hearing.

3.2 If no finish boat is on station, each boat shall finish when her bow crosses a line from R 26 perpendicular to the last leg of the course and within 50 yards of R 26, passing R 26 on either side. Each boat shall record her finish time, using GPS time of day to the second, and email it to regatta@saugatuckclub.com by 1200 on Sunday, August 2, 2020.

4. TIME LIMIT

4.1 If no boat in a class has finished by 2200 hours, the race for that class will be abandoned.

4.2 The time limit for the first finisher in each class will be 2200 hours. Boats failing to finish within 40 minutes after the first finisher in their class will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.

5. NAVIGATION LIGHTS

Every vessel shall display proper running lights after sunset and shall not display an all-round light (anchor light) or a masthead light (steaming light) while sailing. A trilight may be displayed at the masthead only when sailing. When a trilight is displayed at the masthead, no other running lights may be displayed. A boat observed by the race committee to break this basic rule shall be subject to protest

6. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests shall be made in accordance with the sailing instructions, except that the deadline in section 15.2 for filing a protest shall be 1000 on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, for this race only.

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APPENDIX C
MARKS

COORDINATES APPROXIMATE. NOT SUBJECT TO REDRESS

A	R"26"	41° 03.65' N 73° 22.02' W
B	R"24"	41° 04.50' N 73° 19.84' W
C	G"11B"	41° 00.03' N 73° 23.70' W
E	R"28C"	41° 00.56' N 73° 25.21' W
F	R"22"	41° 06.45' N 73° 15.78' W
G	R"28"	41° 02.38' N 73° 25.50' W
H	C"13"	40° 58.21' N 73° 23.64' W
I	GL Vicinity Greens Ledge Light	41° 02.40' N 73° 26.77' W
J	G"15"	40° 57.70' N 73° 29.17' W
K	R"32"	41° 00.19' N 73° 31.42' W

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APPENDIX D
MAGNETIC COURSES AND NAUTICAL MILE DISTANCES BETWEEN MARKS

	R"26"	R"24"	G"11B"	R"28C"	R"22"	R"28"	C"13"	GL*	G"15"	R"32"
R"26"	- 1.88	76° 1.88	212° 3.88	231° 3.95	73° 5.5	259° 2.9	206° 5.6	265° 3.73	236° 8.1	257° 7.9
R"24"	256° 1.88	-	226° 5.45	239° 5.66	70° 3.6	258° 4.76	219° 7.05	262° 5.55	240° 9.9	257° 9.8
G"11B"	32° 3.88	46° 5.45	-	311° 1.24	56° 8.9	345° 2.8	193° 1.81	332° 3.34	255° 4.8	285° 5.8
R"28C"	51° 3.95	59° 5.66	131° 1.24	-	64° 9.33	07° 1.93	167° 2.66	345° 2.27	240° 4.2	280° 4.67
R"22"	253° 5.5	250° 3.6	236° 8.9	244° 9.33	-	255° 8.35	230° 10.25	258° 9.2	242° 13.54	255° 13.4
R"28"	79° 2.9	78° 4.76	165° 2.8	187° 1.93	55° 8.35	-	175° 4.5	289° 0.84	225° 5.55	257° 4.95
C"13"	26° 5.6	39° 7.05	13° 1.81	347° 2.66	50° 10.25	355° 4.5	-	355° 4.9	276° 4.26	304° 6.12
GL*	85° 3.73	82° 5.55	152° 3.34	165° 2.27	78° 9.2	109° 0.84	175° 4.9	-	216° 5.25	251° 4.25
G"15"	56° 8.1	60° 9.9	75° 4.8	60° 4.2	62° 13.54	45° 5.55	96° 4.26	36° 5.25	-	340° 2.7
R"32"	77° 7.9	77° 9.8	105° 5.8	100° 4.67	75° 13.4	77° 4.95	124° 6.12	71° 4.25	160° 2.7	-

*GL vicinity of Greens Ledge Lighthouse

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SUPPLEMENTAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
GREENS LEDGE TROPHY
and inaugural GREENS LEDGE LIGHTHOUSE RACE

The sailing instructions above remain in full force and effect for this race, except as specifically modified by this Addendum. This Addendum shall apply solely to the race named above.

The inaugural Greens Ledge Lighthouse Race will raise money for the Greens Ledge Lighthouse Preservation Society in support of its mission to restore and preserve the historic Greens Ledge Lighthouse just south of Rowayton, CT. This lighthouse is one of the “sparkplug” lighthouses in east coast waters and is still an active aid to navigation, guarding the entrance channel to Norwalk Harbor and the Norwalk Islands.

This race is in conjunction with Norwalk Yacht Club’s Norwalk Islands Saturday Series Greens Ledge Trophy race and will share the starts and course. **There will be an after party held at the Norwalk Yacht Club with fundraising activities such as a silent auction, live auction for a Night at the Lighthouse, a band, food truck, oysters, a presentation from GLLPS, and race awards.** Each race entrant will receive one ticket to the after party and additional tickets will be available.

Entry & Divisions:

- **Entry will be on Yachtscoring, Norwalk Island Saturday Series, Greens Ledge Trophy Race**
- **All racing divisions will be PHRF.**
- There will be Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker divisions. Additional divisions, such as one design, may be added if there are 6 or more boats interested.
- For season participants in the Norwalk Islands Saturday Series (any boat subscribed to all NISF races), this will be a **“race within a race,”** and they will be scored as if only those boats were racing for purposes of the series.

Race Entry Fees & dinner tickets:

- **Regular fee: \$100.**
- **Fee for boats entered into the full Norwalk Island Saturday Series: \$50.**
- **Entry fee includes 1 dinner ticket, 1 drink ticket.**
- After party dinner tickets will be **\$35.** This includes 1 mixed drink ticket.

GLRR Prizes for each class:

- Race prizes will be awarded at the after party on race day.
 - **First: name on perpetual trophy in Greens Ledge Lighthouse.**
 - **Second place**
 - **Third place**

Raffle & Donations:

- Silent auction items are expected to include:
 - **Donated prizes from local restaurants and businesses**
 - **Lighthouse tour on Spirit of the Sound**
- Any donor giving \$1,000 or more receives a tour of GLL.

- Giving Contest: Boat that collectively donates the most wins a prize

After Party Schedule

- 16:30 Party starts, silent auction opens
- 18:00 GLLPS Presentation
- 18:30 Live Auction 10:30
- 19:00 Awards presentation

Food & Beverage:

- Pizza Truck <http://www.newhavenpizzatruck.com/>
- Oyster Shucking
- Burgers and hot dogs
- Open keg
- Other food stations donated by local merchants
- Bar food truck - <https://www.ctfoodtrucks.com/food-truck/the-rolling-bar/>

Music:

- Bill Bickford (jazz) <https://performingartsconservatory.com/bill-bickford/>
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