



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs) GHYC CHALLENGE REGATTA 2023

July 16, 2023, Nantucket, MA  
Organizing Authority: Great Harbor Yacht Club

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix V.
- 1.2 Competitors may not draw or compete in the Rhodes 19 that they race on a regular basis. If a competitor draws his/her boat, the OA will return the draw to the pool, and the OA will draw another boat for the competitor.

## 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to Sailing instructions made before 0930 on July 16 will be posted on the [official notice board](#) and announced at the competitor's meeting. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on July 15.
- 2.2 Any changes to a sailing instruction made after the competitor's meeting will be made on the water by VHF radio communication to all sailors on VHF channel 71. See RRS 90.2(c).

## 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the [official notice board](#) located online.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole. If a postponement is signaled ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing is scheduled for Sunday, July 16, 2023.
- 5.2 Boat rotation draw will commence at 0945 at GHYC. One rotation draw is planned.
- 5.3 Competitors' meeting will be at 1000 at GHYC.
- 5.4 First gun is scheduled for no later than 1130.
- 5.5 No race started after 1500.
- 5.6 Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

## 6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 Class flag is the R flag.



## 7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be one of the three areas shown on SI Addendum A and will be announced at the competitors' meeting.

## 8 COURSES

- 8.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will announce the course over VHF and will display the course on a whiteboard at the back of the race committee signal vessel.

- 8.2 The course diagrams are on SI Addendum B. They show the possible courses for the regatta, the order in which marks are to be passed, the approximate angles between legs and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks will be inflatable tetrahedron drop marks of varying sizes and colors.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **11 CHANGE TO NEXT LEG OF COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position and announce the change on VHF 71. This changes RRS 33.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 When flag Y is on display prior to the warning signal from the race committee signal vessel, the Turns penalties of RRS V1 are replaced by the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.
- 13.2 RRS Appendix V1 and V2 will apply.
- 13.3 In accordance with RRS V2, boats may e-mail a written notice to [econway@ghyc.com](mailto:econway@ghyc.com).

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 60 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of THE first boat to finish, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), equal to the number of finishers in her class plus two. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

## **15 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 15.1 If a boat intends to protest another boat, it is requested that the protesting boat hails Race Committee after finishing the race in which the protest occurred.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the Jobson Sailing Center.
- 15.3 Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Desk within 45 minutes after the race committee vessel docks. The docking time and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held promptly in the Protest Room, which will be in the Jobson Sailing Center.
- 15.4 A boat requesting redress for a breakdown before or after a race shall drop its jib, move away from other boats and contact the race committee vessel immediately. If the breakdown occurs during a race, the vessel must finish the race, if possible, provided that further damage will not likely be incurred. 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.

- 15.5 If a boat incurs a breakdown through collision or equipment failure through no fault of her own, the protest committee may grant redress. This changes RRS 62.1. If a boat incurs a breakdown through no fault of the team sailing her, that team may file for redress in accordance with SI and RRS 62.1.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will be used for scoring.
- 16.2 One completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 16.3 If five or more races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores excluding the worst score.

## **17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 17.1 J2.2(25) [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the OA.
- 17.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in by the OA. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 All boats are requested to check-in with the race committee before the start of the first race by sailing past the race committee signal vessel on starboard tack and hailing their sail number and receiving confirmation from the race committee.
- 18.2 A boat that leaves the course area before the end of the last race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.3 All participants are reminded that the US Coast Guard requires a wearable PFD for all crew on board the vessel.
- 18.4 When flag Y is on display prior to the warning signal from the race committee signal vessel, all participants are required to wear a personal flotation device and spinnakers may not be used.

## **19 SUPPLIED BOATS**

- 19.1 Boats will be supplied by the organizing authority. See SI Addendum C.

## **20 PRIZES**

- 20.1 Prizes will be given for first through third place at the Awards Ceremony on the Great Harbor Yacht Club Lawn on Sunday, July 31 at 4:00pm.

## **21 CLEAN REGATTA**

- 21.1 This regatta is a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta." Great Harbor Yacht Club is committed to maintaining Nantucket's clean waters and shores. We encourage all participants to pledge to become a Sailors for the Sea Green Boater using the following link [www.sailorsforthesea.org/greenboater](http://www.sailorsforthesea.org/greenboater). Green Boaters will receive free, digital Green Boating Guide with tips on how to boat in an environmentally responsible manner.



## **22 RISK STATEMENT**

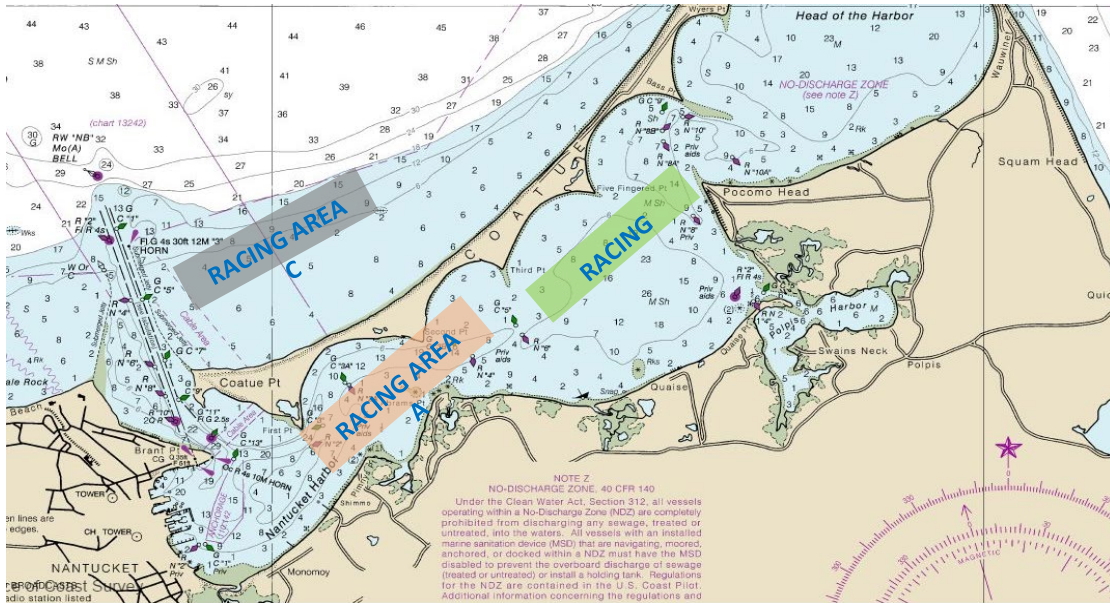
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## **23 FURTHER INFORMATION**

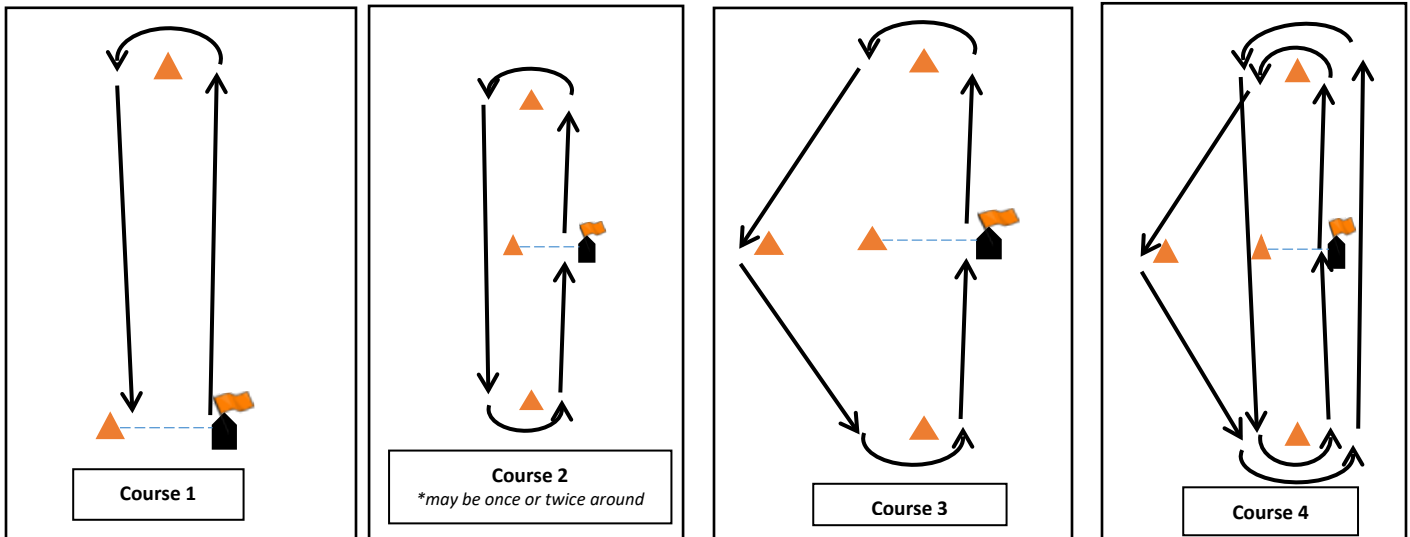
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# SI ADDENDUM A RACING AREAS



# SI ADDENDUM B COURSES



**SI ADDENDUM C**  
**BOATS SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

**C1. BOATS**

- C1.1 Boats will be supplied for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that
- a) a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars
  - b) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat; and
  - c) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line
- C1.2 Boats will be bottom cleaned and universally tuned prior to racing by the OA
- C1.3 All equipment supplied with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
- C1.4 The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions is disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
- C1.5 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority (via Race Committee) immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determine effort to comply, is disqualification from the race most recently sailed.