



NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2023 Alerion Express 28 One Design Series

1. Rules

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) and the Devon Alerion Class Rules.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be communicated via VHF prior to the start of racing for that day.
- 2.2 The racing area will be in the waters of Gardiners Bay and Napeague Bay. The first course for the day will be specified via VHF prior to the start of racing for that day. This communication is scheduled for 1400. The Race Committee intends to run as many races as conditions permit on each day of racing, but will not start a race after 1630. One race is required to be completed to consider this a series.
- 2.3 Any changes to the schedule of races will be communicated via email and posted on the official notice board on the Sailing page of the DYC Website.

3. Communication

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located on the Devon website at https://www.devonyc.com/Sailing_M.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on *Channel 11*.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio Channel 11
- 3.4 While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 A Yacht owned by a Member of Devon (a "Member Yacht") will be eligible to race in any Race if its owner is a Fleet Member as defined in the Devon Alerion 28 Fleet Rules. The owning Fleet Member must fully comply with all of the Fleet Rules in order for the yacht to be raced in a Race or Series. The Yacht owner or their immediate family member (also a DYC member) are required to skipper all Series Races. Member Yachts may be skippered by other DYC members, though these races

do not count toward the Yacht's series total. Member Yachts skippered by other DYC members are eligible for daily race awards.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole closest to the Devon Marina.

6. Weather Limits

6.1 Racing will be postponed or canceled if wind velocity measured at the Marina exceeds 25 miles per hour, seas exceed 3 feet in height, or the Fish Factory is not visible from the Club dock.

7. Crew Limitations

7.1 Each yacht owner is responsible for ensuring that any and all COVID-19 restrictions imposed by the Club, the state or Federal government are adhered to.

8. Schedule of Races

8.1 Race Days for 2023:

Date	Race Type
<i>Saturday, June 17</i>	Tune-Up*
<i>Sunday, June 25</i>	Race Day #1
<i>Sunday, July 2</i>	Race Day #2
<i>Sunday, July 9</i>	Race Day #3
<i>Sunday, July 16</i>	Race Day #4
<i>Sunday, July 30</i>	Race Day #5
<i>Sunday, August 6</i>	Race Day #6
<i>Sunday, August 13</i>	Race Day #7
<i>Sunday, August 20</i>	Race Day #8

* Tune-Up Race is not considered part of the series for scoring purposes. Note this is the only race day to take place on a Saturday.

8.2 Number of races: The Race Committee will endeavor to run three Races per Race Day

8.3 Length of races: It is the intention of the Race Committee to keep all Races to a length of less than 1 hour.

9. Courses

9.1 The Race Committee will determine the course using tetrahedrons, red cylinders, and red hippity-hop mark. Any change marks will be inflatable marks.

9.2 The course for each day will be communicated via VHF before the start of each Race Day and will be posted on a Course Board on the back of the Signal Boat.

9.3 Courses may include variations of: Modified Triangle, Modified Windward/Leeward, and may include a Windward Offset mark and/or a Leeward Gate. Other courses may be selected at the discretion of the Race Committee.

9.4 Marked areas containing oyster beds are off-limits and must be sailed around.

10. Check in

10.1 All racers must sail up to the Signal Boat and verbally check-in prior to racing.

11. Start Sequence

11.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each race day is immediately following the skippers meeting held via VHF radio (Channel 11) at 1400.

11.2 The starting line will be between the mast of the Signal Boat and a red cylinder on the port side of the Signal Boat.

11.3 The Race Committee has an option to dispatch a keep-off buoy. If the Race Committee decides to exercise this option the mark at the starboard end of the starting line will be the Signal Boat with an orange buoy attached to its stern by a line. The orange buoy and its attached line are parts of the *mark*.

11.4 The RC will be using Rules 26 of the RRS for a 5-minute start sequence

Minutes before the Start	Visual Signal	Sound	Means
5 minutes	Class Flag	One	Warning
4 minutes	P,I, or Black flag	One	Preparatory
1 minute	P Flag Removed	One Long	1 Minute
0	Class Flag Removed	One	Starting

11.5 The Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS boats at the start. Failure of the Signal Boat to send, or the failure of the offending boat to receive such a message shall not be grounds for redress. If there is a General Recall, the fleet will be restarted in accordance with the RRS.

12. The Finish

12.1 The finish line will be between the mast of the Signal Boat and a red cylinder to the side of the Signal Boat.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

12.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

13. Alternative Penalty

13.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 RRS or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

14. Protests

14.1 A participant intending to protest must notify the Race Committee immediately upon finishing or retiring from the race concerned.

14.2 Protests will be subject to the 3-Minute-Justice hearing format. Protests hearings will be held as soon as possible following racing, prior to daily awards.

15. Scoring

15.1 Scoring for Races for the Day: The Low-Point System will be used to calculate daily results based on the number of Races completed.

15.2 Scoring for Races for the Series: The Low-Point System will apply for the Series based on the total number of Races completed. The number of throw-outs will be based on the total number of Races Completed. Yachts will be entitled to:

Three throw outs if 21 or more Races are completed

Two throw outs if 20 Races are completed

One throw out if 19 Races are completed

Zero throw outs if 18 or fewer races are completed

15.3 A Yacht must be a Member Yacht and have started 65% of the Races in the Series to be eligible for Series prizes.

16. Risk Statement

16.1 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.**

17. Insurance

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance in accordance with the requirements set forth by NYC.

18. Further Information

18.1 For further information please contact Sailing Director Alec Weatherseed at sailingdirector@devonyc.com.