



2018 Summer Series  
May 16 – August 29  
East Greenwich Yacht Club  
East Greenwich, RI

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. The current book must be on board while racing.
- 1.2. The following documents will apply:
  - 1.2.1. The US Sailing Prescriptions to the RRS. These appear in the RRS published by US Sailing and can also be found on their web site [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org)
  - 1.2.2. Principles of PHRF of Narragansett Bay. ([www.phrf-nb.org](http://www.phrf-nb.org))
  - 1.2.3. The Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendments thereto.
  - 1.2.4. If there are any conflicts among these documents, the later one(s) in this list shall govern.
- 1.3. Under rule 87 International J/22 Class Association Class Rules the class rule 8.9 will be changed as follows: The J22 crew weight is not in effect.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the west deck at the East Greenwich Yacht Club House.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yardarm of the club flag pole.
- 4.2. When flag "L" LIMA is displayed ashore a notice of a change(s) or amendment(s) to race documents have been posted on the official notice board.
- 4.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. As stated in the Notice of Race
- 5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1810.
- 5.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

## CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

<i>Class</i>		<i>Flag</i>
A	Blue	
B	White	
C	Red	
D	Green	

## 6. RACING AREAS

6.1. The racing areas include two starting circles.


Circle 1 (outside) will be used by Classes A, B, and C and will be from the eastern area of Greenwich Bay to the area west or south of R"8' Patience Island Bell.

Circle 2 (inside) will be used by Class D – J22 and will be inside Greenwich Bay.

## 7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. The diagrams in Addendum A shows the courses using inflatable marks, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2. The list in Addendum B shows the governments mark using government marks, including the mark description and course board abbreviation.
- 7.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display on a course board:  
The approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg for Addendum A courses using inflatable marks or for Addendum B Courses for courses using Government marks.

## 8. MARKS

- 8.1. The start and finish line marks will be inflatable marks for both Addendum A and B courses.
- 8.2. All government marks shall be honoured during racing unless the mark is specified as a mark of the course.
- 8.3. When using inflatable marks as show in Addendum A new marks will have black bands.
- 8.4. **A special yellow mark**  **may be used for class C boats ONLY** for a shorter course if designated before the class warning and posted on the Race Committee Signal Boat course board.
- 8.5. Honouring Green Can C"3" SW of Warwick Country Club (C3) can be dismissed from the race course / sailing area if using drop mark courses L or T at the discretion of the Race Committee Chair.

The Race Committee shall display code flag **"V"**  **VICTOR** (white background with red X) on the signal boat to signal Green Can C"3" SW of Warwick Country Club is not required to be honoured while racing.

## 9. THE START

- 10.1 All handicap classes will be started by using rule 26.
- 10.2 J22 Class (One-Design) may use either rule 26 or the Appendix U - Audible-Signal Racing System (3-minute dingy start) for the starting sequence. The Race Committee will communicate via VHF its decision.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying orange flag on the committee boat and the nearby inflatable mark.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.5 The Race Committee may deploy a "keep off" buoy tethered to the committee boat. This buoy

is to be regarded as an integral part of the committee boat. This changes the definition of a mark.

10.6 Starting Safety: The Race Committee encourages all yachts to have a crew member on the bow during the pre-start manoeuvres and to have all crew members, operating forward of the mast, wear a PFD at all times during the race.

10.7 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

#### 10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 When using inflatable marks: to change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2 Shortened Course: The Race Committee may shorten the length of a course at any mark of the course in accordance with rule 32.

#### 11. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying orange flag on the committee boat and the nearby inflatable mark.

12.2 **Start / Finish line closed while racing.** After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the starting line. A boat shall not cross the finishing line until she is completing the last leg of the course and finishes. A boat that breaks this rule shall not correct her error. However, she will be exonerated if she takes a Two-Turns Penalty (see rule 44.2). This changes rule 28.1. On a leg of the course from W to L or from L to W, boats may leave the line between Start and Finish either to port or to starboard.

12.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

#### 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 For all classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13.2 Rule 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) shall not apply.

#### 13. TIME LIMITS

14.1 Time limit for the first yacht in each class will be 2045.

14.2 If no boat has finished before the time limit expires the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the time limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

14.3 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

#### 14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at club office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 1 hour (60) minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks. Docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.3 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 named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the 2nd floor board room, located at the East Greenwich Yacht Club, on the night of the next scheduled regular Wednesday night race. An alternative date and time can be determined if all parties, the boat protesting, the boat protested and the Protest committee mutually agree.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform

boats under rule 61.1(b).

- 15.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 15.6 Breaches of instructions 10.6, 18, 19 and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 15.8 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 rule 62.2.
- 15.9 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

## 15. SCORING

- 16.1 PHRF Time-on-Time scoring will be used for all handicap classes based on the boat's PHRF of Narragansett Bay rating certificate. (Definition below is defined by link on US Sailing - <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/offshore-big-boats/rating-rules/#1471969534315-2e06dd00-392d>)

$$\text{Conversion Formula: } \text{TCF} = \frac{650}{550 + \text{PHRF}}$$

- 16.2 The scoring system is as follows: A4 LOW POINT SCORING SYSTEM

16.3 DSQ and DNF will equal the number of starters plus one.

16.4 DNS will equal the number of registered boats in the class plus one.

16.5 Ties will be broken per Appendix A8.1 and A8.2.

16.7 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

### 16.8 Series Scoring

16.8.1 When fewer than 4 races have been completed for Series 1 or Series 2, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores for that series

16.8.2 When from 4 to 6 races have been completed for Series 1 or Series 2, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score for that series.

16.8.3 Season Championship qualifier is to start or rank as a starter in at least 60% of the races for Series 1 and 2 combined.

## 16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Check-Out and Check-In: All Yachts are requested to sail past the committee boat's stern on starboard tack before the first warning signal to identify herself to the Race Committee. Yachts whose class warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area except for the purpose of identifying herself to the Race Committee.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3 All yachts, in addition to all federally required equipment, shall have a VHF radio aboard, and shall keep radio energized on the race committee-working channel for her circle from her "warning signal" until her "finish". Additionally, the race committee shall continuously monitor VHF Ch 13, "Ship-to-Ship". The BI Sound, Narragansett Bay race area, with its East and West passages and approaches to Providence and Fall River, are considered a "restricted channel" for commercial traffic and vessels in the navigation channel, restricted in their ability to manoeuvre. Sailors must comply with the International COLREGS when in such proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic. Yachts that obstruct the safe passage of commercial traffic are subject to protest under The Racing Rules of Sailing. A violation under this

instruction shall be considered a violation of rule 2. The Race Committee or Protest Committee, upon the report of information or observation of an incident shall protest a yacht. This is in addition to the requirements of rule 60.2 (a) and the preamble to Part 2.

#### 17. TRASH DISPOSAL

All competitors are reminded Narragansett Bay and adjacent waters are a “no-discharge zone”, yachts shall not discharge or dispose of anything in violation of Federal and / or State laws. Violators shall be subject to disqualification.

#### 18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 Circle 1 (inside) will be on VHF Channel 68.

18.2 Circle 2 (outside) will be on VHF Channel 69.

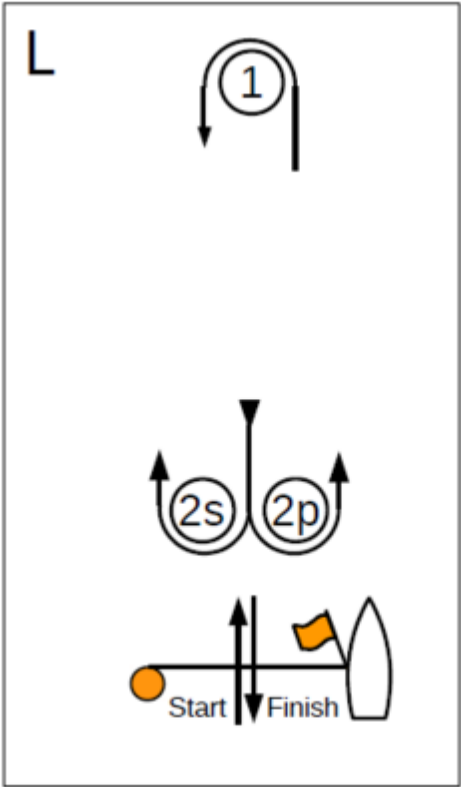
18.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. 18.4 All yachts, in addition to all federally required equipment, shall have a VHF radio aboard, and shall keep radio energized on the race committee-working channel for her circle from her “warning signal” until her “finish”. Additionally, the race committee shall continuously

#### 19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

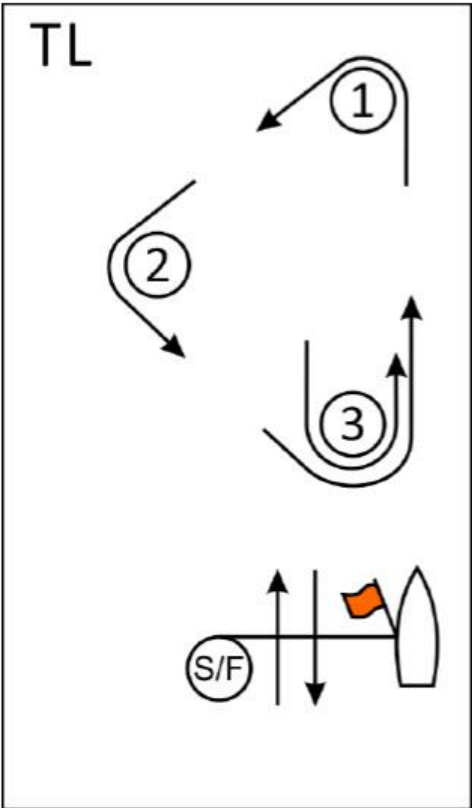
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ADDENDUM A

Inflatable / Dropped Mark Courses



COURSE L - WINDWARD / LEWARD	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L1	Start - 1 – Finish
L2	Start - 1 - 2S/2P* - 1 - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 2S/2P* - 1 - 2S/2P* - 1 - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 2S/2P* - 1 - 2S/2P* - 1 - 2S/2P* - 1 - Finish
GATE (SPECIAL NOTE)	
2S/2P*	If there is only one mark #2 in the location of the gate Leeward Mark is to be left to <b>PORT</b> .



COURSE T - TRIANGLE	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
T1	Start - 1 - 2 - Finish
T2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - Finish
T3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish
T4	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish

## ADDENDUM B

### Government Marks

Mark Description	Course Board Abbreviation
Green Can C "1" NE of Chipiwanoxet Point	C1
Green Can C"3" SW of Warwick Country Club	C3
Green Can C "5" Sally Rock	C5
Entrance to Greenwich Cove	C7
CL-G"13" SE of Conimicut Light	CL-G13
Green Can C"1" Dispair Island	DI
DV-R"14" SE of Davisville Pier	DV-R14
G"7" Quonset Point	G7
GC"5" North West of Conanicut Point	GC5
Red Nun N "6" Entrance to Greenwich Cove	N6
R"10" QR NE of Ohio Ledge	R10-QR
R"12" E of Rumstick Shoal	R12
R"2" FL R 4s BELL NE of Conanicut Pt.	R2
R"6"QR E of Quonset Point	R6-QR
R"8" SE of Warwick Light	R8
RGN N of Providence Point	RGN
RGN "PI" South of Prudence Island	RGN-PI
RN"10" Great Ledge North of Jamestown Bridge	RN-10
FL 5s Priv TOWER - Plum Beach Light House	PBL
F"1" FL G 2.5s Round Rock	RR