



The Donzo Wednesday Night Race Series

2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

1.1 The Series will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. Notice to Competitors

2.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board

Online 6 hours prior to the First Warning.

2.2 Posted changes will also be announced via VHF prior to the First Warning.

3. Signals Made Ashore

3.1 Any race Postponed or Abandoned prior to 1700 on the day of race will be posted online and will be communicated via VHF starting at 1700 and continuing approximately every 10 minutes until the time of the First Warning (1755).

4. Schedule of Races

4.1 See the NOR for the complete Series Schedule.

4.2 The First Warning is 1755.

5. Classes and Handicaps

5.1 Class Flags are the Numeral Pennant corresponding to the Scratch Sheet.

5.2 Classes will be established using current PHRF-Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association handicaps. Updated ratings will not affect prior results. Rating changes are in effect when posted by ECSA.

6. Courses

6.1 The marks of the course will be posted on the top row of the Course Board in order of rounding. Refer to Appendix A for the list of marks.

6.2 The letters P (port) or S (starboard) will indicate which side to round.

6.3 A numeral after a sequence indicates the number of times those marks are to be rounded.

6.4 The Pre-Defined Course is Windward/Leeward. The windward mark may be either a Government mark, which will be indicated by its corresponding letter, or a drop mark with range and bearing indicated on the lower row of the Course Board. The leeward mark will be set approximately 100 yards to windward of the starting line. All marks are to be rounded to Port. The number of legs to be sailed will be indicated by a number posted on the top row of the Course Board. Even numbers indicate a downwind finish. Odd numbers indicate an upwind finish.

7. Marks

7.1 Refer to **Appendix A** for a complete list of marks.

8. Restrictions

8.1 Boats shall not pass between Flat Hammock and South Dumpling.

8.2 Boats shall pass south of nuns "22", "24", and "26" located south of Groton Long Point.

9. Start

9.1 Starting sequence will correspond to the Scratch Sheet.

9.2 The starting line will be between an Orange flag on the RC and Mark S/F.

9.3 The RC may notify boats OCS by sail number or boat name. Misunderstandings, errors, or omissions that may result from such communications are not grounds for protest and only the RC may request redress. RRS 62.1a is changed.

10. Changing the Next Leg of the Course

10.1 When a change of course is signaled, the RC may identify the new mark with its letter designation as defined in Appendix B of the Sailing Instructions. This modifies Rule 33.

11. Finishing

11.1 The finish line will be between an Orange Flag on the Committee Boat and S/F.

11.2 Boats withdrawing shall immediately notify the RC.

12. Time Limit

12.1 The time limit is 2030.

12.2 Any boat which has not finished by 2030 will be scored TLE.

13. Protests

13.1 Notify your intent by email within 2 hours of finishing at mudhead@mudhead.org

14. Scoring

14.1 One completed race constitutes a Series.

14.2 See NOR for Series Scoring

14.3 All classes must record a finish for a race to be counted toward the Salle Evelyn Best in Fleet Award.

14.4 TLE boats will receive points equal to the number of class finishers plus one.

15. Radio Communication

15.1 The RC will communicate on VHF Ch. 01A.

15.2 All boats shall check in by passing within hailing distance of the Committee Boat on the side opposite the starting line prior to the starting sequence.

16. Awards

16.1 Awards will be presented at the Awards Party on Wednesday, September 16th, 2015 at Masons Island Yacht Club.

17. Additional Information

16.1 All information is available at www.mudhead.org

16.2 Contact Bob Austin-La France at (860) 912-6940 or robert.austin-lafrance@pfizer.com

Appendix A

Letter	Mark Name	ID	Latitude/Longitude
B	Black Ledge	N "2BL"	41'18.02" 72'03.92"
E	Silver Eel Cove Moa	SE	41'15.55" 72'02.22"
I	Intrepid Rock	C "DIR"	41'17.94" 72.00.24"
M	Mouth of Mystic River	C "1"	41'17.92" 71'59.42"
N	North Hill Bell	R "2"	41'16.79" 72'01.38"
R	Ram Island Bell	R "20"	41'18.19" 71'58.39"
V	Vixen Ledge	N "28VL"	41'18.33" 72'02.92"
W	West Harbor	FI R "6"	41'16.30" 72'00.33"
D/M	Drop Mark I	Inflatable Mark	
S/F	Start Finish	Inflatable Mark	

* All positions approximate