



# 'Round the Bay Regatta

June 24, 2023

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1) RULES

- a) The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

### 2) CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a) Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

### 3) COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- a) Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at [YachtScoring.com](http://YachtScoring.com).
- b) Contact NBYA for information prior to the day of the race.
- c) On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel listed in the Appendix for each start/finish line.
- d) The following communications may be made by the race committee on the VHF channel
  - i) Status of starting sequence, including intent and information on any delay
  - ii) The direction of the start for the 'Round The Bay course
  - iii) Attempt to notify OCS, if any.

### 4) SCHEDULE OF RACES

- a) The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 9:30

### 5) CLASS FLAGS

- a) The class flags will be number pennants.
- b) They will be assigned on the scratch sheet to be available on the Regatta web site prior to 1000 on Friday June 23
- c) [DP} [NP] All boats shall fly their class flag

## **6) RACING AREA**

- a) The racing area is that portion of Narragansett Bay surrounding Prudence and Conanicut Islands

## **7) COURSES**

- a) The courses are described in detail in the applicable Appendix to the SI's and shown on the attached chart. Arrows indicate the normal direction that the course is to be sailed. The RC may, by radio announcement or on the scratch sheet reverse the direction of any course. In this case the side that the mark shall be left on will be opposite what is shown in the Appendix. Just use your head!
- b) There are three basic courses:
  - i) 'Round the Bay ("RTB") -around both Conanicut and Prudence Islands in figure 8 approximately 33NM. Boats on this course may be re-assigned to either course RC or RP on the day of the event if the race committee feels that conditions dictate a shorter course. An announcement will be made before the warning signal to notify competitors.
  - ii) 'Round Conanicut ("RC") – Counterclockwise circumnavigation of Conanicut Island- approximately 18NM
  - iii) 'Round Prudence ("RP") – Clockwise circumnavigation of Prudence Island – approximately 18 NM

## **8) MARKS**

- a) Marks of the course are listed in the appendices and are Government aids to navigation or center spans of named bridges.
- b) Description of the Start/Finish mark for each start/finish location will be listed on the scratch sheet.

## **9) THE START**

- a) Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
  - i) The warning signal for the next class will be shortly after each start.
  - ii) Starts will not be rolled.
- b) The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- c) Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- d) 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 request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **10) THE FINISH**

- a) The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

- b) If the signal boat is not on station, each boat shall record their GPS time when they finish. A boat finishes when the finish mark is within 200', is to port and is abeam of the helm station. Send finish time promptly with name of boat by email to [NBYAAdmin@nbya.org](mailto:NBYAAdmin@nbya.org) or text to 401-241-4252

#### **11) PENALTY SYSTEM**

- a) RRS 44.1 as modified by RRS Appendix V applies

#### **12) TIME LIMIT**

- a) The Time Limit for all courses and all classes is 10 hours after their start. Boats finishing after that time shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.

#### **13) PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- a) Protest forms are available on the regatta event page at YachtScoring. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered on-line to [NBYAAdmin@nbya.org](mailto:NBYAAdmin@nbya.org) within the appropriate time limit.
- b) For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished.
- c) Hearings will be conducted on-line via Zoom conference, Monday, June 26 commencing at 7PM. NBYA will facilitate the on-line meeting and provide procedure for the hearing prior to the meeting on-line.

#### **14) SCORING**

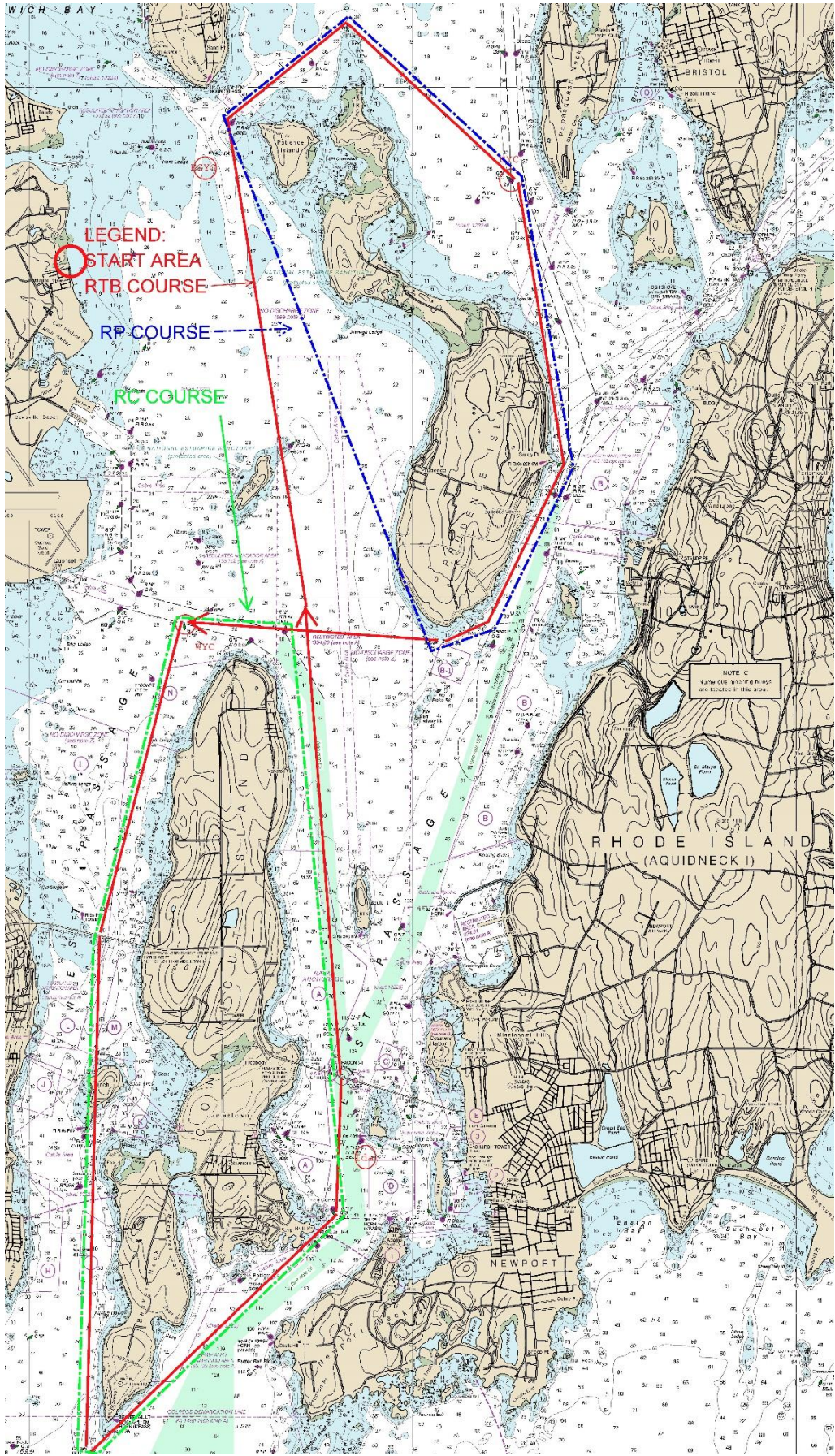
- a) Boats will be scored Time on Time ("TOT") using their PHRF-NB handicap.
- b) Boats will be scored within class both for their starting area and overall.

#### **15) SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- a) Safety shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and master of each boat to declare that she is seaworthy in hull, rig and gear and that she is properly equipped and competently manned and sailed.
- b) The race area utilizes navigable waters shared by commercial traffic and other stakeholders.
- c) The right of way of commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver is absolute.
- d) (NP) A commercial vessel sounding a danger signal ( 5 or more horn blasts) shall subject the offending boat to be protested by the Race Committee.
- e) [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

*For this regatta, NBYA salutes The Nature Conservancy, a global conservation organization dedicated to conserving the lands and waters on which all life depends. Working in this state for 50 years, The Nature Conservancy in Rhode Island has helped to conserve 35,000 acres of land and to protect the quality of the waters we sail in. Learn more about what this great organization is doing for us and the planet: [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org)*



## APPENDIX A – Of the Sailing Instructions

### Barrington YC /Bristol YC Start/Finish Line Courses

**Communications: RC to Boat on VHF Channel: 72**  
**Boat to RC, including check-in, on VHF Channel: 63A**

I. **‘Round the Bay Course (“RTB”)** is approximately 33 NM in length and rounds both Conanicut and Prudence Islands in a figure 8. The following marks of the course shall be rounded in sequence and left to the side indicated

**Start** in the vicinity of G “5” QG (W of Popasquash Point)

RG N”PI” (S of Prudence Island) – Leave to Starboard

G C”5” (NW of Conanicut Point)- Leave to Port

Center Span of Verrazano Bridge - Gate

GR “NR Bell (S of Beavertail) – Leave to Port

Center Span of Pell Bridge – Gate

R “2” FL R 4s Bell – NE of Conanicut Island – Leave to Port

R “8” (NW of Patience Island) – Leave to Starboard

RGN (N of Prudence Island) – Leave to Starboard

**Finish** in the vicinity of G “5” QG (W of Popasquash Point)

II. **‘Round Prudence Course (“RP”)** is approximately 18 NM in length and circumnavigates Prudence Island in a clockwise direction. The following marks of the course shall be rounded in sequence, and left to the side indicated.

**Start** in vicinity of G”5” QG (west of Popasquash Pt.)

RG N”PI” (S of Prudence Island) – Leave to Starboard

R “8” (NW of Patience Island) – Leave to Starboard

RGN (N of Prudence Island) – Leave to Starboard

**Finish** in vicinity of G”5” QG (west of Popasquash Pt.)

## APPENDIX B – Of the Sailing Instructions

### East Greenwich YC Start/Finish Line Courses

**Communications:** RC to Boat on VHF Channel: **71**  
Boat to RC, including check-in, on VHF Channel: **65A**

I. **‘Round the Bay Course (“RTB”)** is approximately 33 NM in length and rounds both Conanicut and Prudence Islands in a figure 8. The following marks of the course shall be rounded in sequence and left to the side indicated

**Start** In vicinity of R” 8” (NW of Patience Island)  
R “8” (NW of Patience Island) – Leave to Starboard  
RGN (N of Prudence Island) – Leave to Starboard  
G “5” QG (W of Popasquash Point) – Leave to Starboard  
RG N”PI” (S of Prudence Island) – Leave to Starboard  
G C”5” (NW of Conanicut Point)- Leave to Port  
Center Span of Verrazano Bridge - Gate  
GR “NR Bell (S of Beavertail) – Leave to Port  
Center Span of Pell Bridge – Gate  
R “2” FL R 4s Bell – NE of Conanicut Island – Leave to Port  
**Finish** In vicinity of R 8 (NW of Patience Island)

II. **‘Round Prudence Course (“RP”)** is approximately 18 NM in length and circumnavigates Prudence Island in a clockwise direction. The following marks of the course shall be rounded in sequence, and left to the side indicated.

**Start** In vicinity of R 8 (NW of Patience Island)  
R “8” (NW of Patience Island) – Leave to Starboard  
RGN (N of Prudence Island) – Leave to Starboard  
G”5” QG (west of Popasquash Pt.) – Leave to Starboard  
RG N”PI” – Leave to Starboard  
**Finish** In vicinity of R 8 (NW of Patience Island)

## APPENDIX C – Of the Sailing Instructions

### Ida Lewis YC and IYAC Start/Finish Line Course

**Communications:** RC to Boat on VHF Channel: 71  
Boat to RC, including check-in, on VHF Channel: 5A

I. **‘Round the Bay Course (“RTB”)** is approximately 33 NM in length and rounds both Conanicut and Prudence Islands in a figure 8. The following marks of the course shall be rounded in sequence and left to the side indicated.

**Start** in vicinity( SE) of R”12” FL R 4s Bell (SW of Rose Island)

Center Span of Pell Bridge – Gate

R “2” FL R 4s Bell – NE of Conanicut Island – Leave to Port

R “8” (NW of Patience Island) – Leave to Starboard

RGN (N of Prudence Island) – Leave to Starboard

G “5” QG (W of Popasquash Point) – Leave to Starboard

RG N”PI” (S of Prudence Island) – Leave to Starboard

GC”5” (NW of Conanicut Point) – Leave to Port

Center Span of Verrazano Bridge - Gate

GR “NR Bell (S of Beavertail) – Leave to Port

**Finish** in vicinity of R”12” FL R 4s Bell (SW of Rose Island)

II. **‘Round Conanicut Course (“RC”)** is approximately 18 NM in length and circumnavigates Conanicut Island counter clock wise. The following marks of the course shall be rounded in sequence and left to the side indicated.

**Start** in vicinity( SE) of R”12” FL R 4s Bell (SW of Rose Island)

Center Span of Pell Bridge-Gate

R “2” FL R 4s Bell – NE of Conanicut Island – Leave to Port

G C”5” (NW of Conanicut Point)- Leave to Port

Center Span of Verrazano Bridge - Gate

GR “NR Bell – S of Beavertail – Leave to Port

**Finish** in vicinity of R”12” FL R 4s Bell (SW of Rose Island)

## APPENDIX D –Of the Sailing Instructions

### Wickford YC Start/Finish Line Courses

**Communications:**                    **RC to Boat on VHF Channel : 69**  
**Boat to RC, including check-in, on Channel:73**

**I. 'Round the Bay Course ("RTB")** is approximately 33 NM in length and rounds both Conanicut and Prudence Islands in a figure 8. The following marks of the course shall be rounded in sequence and left to the side indicated.

**Start** in the vicinity of GC"5" (NW of Conanicut Point)  
Center Span of Verrazano Bridge - Gate  
GR "NR Bell (S of Beavertail) – Leave to Port  
Center Span of Pell Bridge – Gate  
R "2" FL R 4s Bell – NE of Conanicut Island – Leave to Port  
R "8" (NW of Patience Island) – Leave to Starboard  
RGN (N of Prudence Island) – Leave to Starboard  
G "5" QG (W of Popasquash Point) – Leave to Starboard  
RG N"PI" (S of Prudence Island) – Leave to Starboard  
**Finish** in the vicinity of GC"5" (NW of Conanicut Point)

**II 'Round Conanicut Course ("RC")** is approximately 18 NM in length and circumnavigates Conanicut Island counter clock wise. The following marks of the course shall be rounded in sequence and left to the side indicated.

**Start** in the vicinity of G C"5" (NW of Conanicut Point)  
Center Span of Verrazano Bridge-Gate  
GR "NR Bell – S of Beavertail – Leave to Port  
Center Span of Pell Bridge - Gate  
R "2" FL R 4s Bell – NE of Conanicut Island – Leave to Port  
**Finish** in the vicinity of G C"5" (NW of Conani