



The Donzo Wednesday Night Race Series

2016

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 on the Donzo Events Page accessible on YachtScoring thru Mudhead.org, 6 hours prior to the First Warning.
- 2.2. Posted changes will also be announced via VHF Ch 01A 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. There are two types of courses that may be offered. **Round the Buoys** and **Pre Defined**.
- 6.2. **Round the Buoys** courses will be designated by a series of marks posted on the top row of the Course Board in order of rounding. Refer to Appendix A for the list of mark identifiers.
- 6.3. The letters P (port) or S (starboard) will indicate which side to round the preceding mark(s).
- 6.4. A numeral after a sequence indicates the number of times those marks are to be rounded.
- 6.5. The **Pre-Defined** Course is Windward/Leeward and will be designated by the number of legs to be sailed. Even numbers indicate a downwind finish. Odd numbers indicate an upwind finish. For example, Course 4 = 4 legs. (2 windward, 2 leeward.)
- 6.6. The windward mark can be a drop mark or a government mark. A drop mark's position is indicated by range and bearing from the Race Committee signal boat posted on the bottom row of the course board.
- 6.7. When the windward mark is a government mark, it's identifier will be posted after the number of legs. Refer to Appendix A. i.e. 4 N = 4 legs using North Hill Bell as windward mark.
- 6.8. All windward marks are to be rounded to Port. The **Finish Line** for Pre Defined courses with an **odd** number of legs will be approximately 100 yards to windward of the windward mark.
- 6.9. The leeward mark or gates will be set approximately 100 yards to windward of the starting line. If there is no gate, the leeward mark shall be rounded to port.

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. The Starting Area will be in the vicinity of Horseshoe Reef and Groton Long Point. The RC may reposition depending on weather conditions. The Starting area location will be announced on VHF Ch 01A.
- 9.2. Starting sequence will correspond to the Scratch Sheet.
- 9.3. The starting line will be between an Orange flag on the RC and Mark S/F.

9.4. 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 A 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 mark 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 to protest 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 15th, 2016 at Masons Island Yacht Club.

17. Additional Information

18. 16.1 All Race Documents are on YachtScoring available at www.mudhead.org

19. 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 Mo"A"	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