



RAM ISLAND YACHT CLUB, INC  
Noank, Connecticut  
72nd Annual Island Race - August 20, 2017  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules:  
The Regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.
2. Start:  
Between orange flags on the Stake boat or orange tetrahedron and Committee boat, located between Horseshoe Reef Buoy N 26, and the SW point of Groton Long Point.
3. Courses:  
The course to be sailed by a class will be signaled by Numeral Pennants 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, displayed under the Class Flag, or independently on a halyard for that class. The courses will be announced on VHF channel 72.

**Course - 1**

Southwesterly to Race Point nun "2", leave to port. Thence easterly along south shore of Fishers Island to Lord's Passage Mo (A) "L", leave to port and then to Wicopesset Rock can "7" leave to port. Thence northerly to green Gong "3" off the Stonington breakwater, leave to port. Thence westerly to the finish. Approximately 15.5 nautical miles.

**Course - 2**

Southwesterly to Race Point nun "2", leave to port. Thence easterly along south shore of Fishers Island to Lord's Passage Mo [A] "L", leave to port and then to Wicopesset Rock can "7" leave to port. Thence northwesterly to finish. Approximately 14.5 nautical miles.

**Course - 3**

Southwesterly to Silver Eel Whistle "SE", leave to starboard. Thence northerly to Vixens Ledge "28VL", leave to starboard. Thence easterly to nun "16" just east of Eel Grass Ground, leave to port. Thence westerly to finish. Approximately 11.0 nautical miles.

**Course - 4**

Southeasterly to Wicopesset Rock can "7", Leave to starboard. Thence southerly to Lord's Passage Mo [A] "L", leave to starboard. Thence westerly along south shore of Fishers Island to Race Point nun "2", leave to starboard. Thence northeasterly to finish 1/4 mile west of North Hill bell "2". Approximately 13.0 nautical miles.

**Course - 5**

Southeasterly to drop mark [LAT [N] 41 17.420, LON [W] 71 56.662] off East Harbor, Fishers Island, leave to starboard. Thence westerly leaving Brooks Point can "1W", Clay Point can "5", and North Hill bell "2" to port. Thence southwesterly to Silver Eel Whistle "SE", leave to starboard. Thence northeasterly to finish 1/4 mile west of North Hill bell "2". Approximately 8.0 nautical miles.

4. Finish:  
For Courses 1, 2, and 3: Between orange flag on Committee boat and Stake boat or orange tetrahedron about 1/2 mile south of Mason's Point.  
For Courses 4, and 5: Between orange flag on Committee boat and Stake boat or orange tetrahedron about 1/4 mile west of North Hill bell "2".
5. Time Limit:  
If no boat in the Class finishes by 1700 E.D.T., there will be no Race for that Class. If any boat finishes after the Committee Boat has left the finish line, she shall take her own GPS time when Gates Island bears Northeast [045 degrees magnetic] within 1/4 mile of Gates Island, and report her time to the Committee. For boats racing Courses 4 or 5, they shall take their own time when North Hill bell "2" bears [090 degrees magnetic] within 1/4 mile of North Hill bell "2".

6. Classes:

Races will be started as provided in Rule 26. The starting procedure for starting a class is:

<u>Time to Go</u>	<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Sound</u>
5 min	Warning	Class Flag Deployed	1 Horn
4 min	Preparatory	"P" Flag Deployed	1 Horn
1 min	One-Minute	"P" Flag Removed	1 Long Horn
0 min	Start	Class Flag Removed	1 Horn

Classes will start in the following order:

	<u>Class Flag</u>
A	Alpha
B	Bravo
C	Charlie
D	Delta
E	Echo
F	Foxtrot
G	Golf
H	Hotel
J	Juliet
K	Kilo
L	Lima
M	Mike

The first horn will be at 0955 A.M. EDT.

7. Protests:

Immediately display a red flag. Verbally inform the Committee boat immediately after crossing line. A written protest must be given to the Protest Committee within 15 minutes after the Committee Boat docks at RIYC.

8. Recalls:

A racing boat failing to return for a proper start will be penalized by having one-half hour added to her corrected time. Boats over early may be identified by name or sail number via channel 72 VHF-FM.

9. Prizes:

Awards will be made at Ram Island Yacht Club as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the race.

10. Radio Communications:

The Committee will communicate with the participants [Race Off, Course selection, Recalls, etc.] on Channel 72 VHF-FM.

11. Scoring

All classes, except the One Design Classes, will be handicapped using the time-on-time system.