



NEW YORK YACHT CLUB RACE WEEK AT NEWPORT

Presented by Rolex

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Newport, Rhode Island



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – PART II

GENERAL

Race Week Part II - Around-the-Island Race on Wednesday, July 18.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Race Week website can be found at <http://nyyc.org/nyyccrace-week-jul14-22/>.
- 1.3 **Check-in:** Each yacht shall register at the check-in desk at the NYYC Sailing Center at Harbour Court prior to racing at the times so designated in the Notice of Race.
- 1.4 **Crew Waiver:** No crew shall be aboard a yacht while racing unless he/she has executed a Crew Waiver Form. The Crew Waiver Forms are available on the Race Week website. Registration will not be complete without receipt of a complete online Crew Waiver Form.
- 1.5 **Offshore Special Regulations: Offshore Special Regulations:** At minimum, all yachts shall comply with the 2012-2013 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR), Category 5 posted as NOR Addendum 1 on the Race Week website and shall comply with their class rules, where applicable. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.
 - a) Yachts that are not normally rigged with lifelines are exempt from Regulation 3.14.
 - b) All competitors, and in particular the person in charge, shall be fully aware of and understand the responsibilities described in OSR 1.02 and RRS 4:

1.02 Responsibility of Person in Charge

1.02.1 The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

ADD: He shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the Person in Charge in the event of his incapacitation.

1.02.2 Neither the establishment of these Special Regulations, their use by race organizers, nor the inspection of a yacht under these Special Regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge.

1.02.3 Decision to race -The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone - RRS Fundamental Rule 4.
- 1.6 The prescriptions of US SAILING that are posted as NOR Addendum 2 on the Race Week website shall apply.
- 1.7 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.8 The 2012 IRC Rules and Regulations shall apply to yachts racing under IRC.
- 1.9 The 2012 PHRF-NB Regulations shall apply to yachts racing under PHRF.

2 ENTRIES

Eligible yachts shall enter by completing online registration with the Organizing Authority on the Race Week website. Eligibility requirements for yachts and method of entry are detailed in the Notice of Race.

3 NOTICES, COMPETITOR INFORMATION AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Notices, including race results, amendments and protest hearing schedules, shall be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the courtyard of the NYYC Sailing Center at Harbour Court. This information may also be posted on the Race Week website.
- 3.2 Flag signals will be flown from the flagpole at Harbour Court.
- 3.3 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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. Flag “Lima” will be flown to signify such posting.
- 3.4 When Pennant “AP” is displayed ashore, “one minute” is replaced with “not less than one hour” in Race Signal “AP”.
- 3.5 The Race Committee will make an announcement to the fleet at 0900 on VHF Channel 72 to confirm the rendezvous location and announce the order of start as described in SI Appendix B. The failure to make this announcement or for a yacht to hear this announcement will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

4 CLASSES AND IDENTIFICATION

- 4.1 The Organizing Authority will divide yachts into classes with a numerical designation.
- 4.2 **Scratch Sheets** - The scratch sheets will be distributed at registration, posted on the Official Notice Board and posted on the regatta website.
- 4.3 **VHF Channels** - The Race Committee will be communicating on VHF Channel 72
- 4.4 **Backstay Flags** – Each yacht shall display the flag corresponding to her class designation, as shown on the scratch sheet, from her backstay approximately six feet above the deck and above the Rolex flag, from the warning signal of the first class in her fleet until she is no longer racing. Yachts without a permanent backstay shall conspicuously display these flags in an alternate position in the aft part of the yacht.
- 4.5 **Bow Stickers and Flags** - Each yacht shall display the Rolex backstay flag and bow stickers provided at registration while racing. Wooden yachts are not required to apply the bow stickers.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The Around-the-Island Race will be sailed on Wednesday, July 18, and is open to all eligible yachts. This race is separate from the any racing in Part I or Part III. It is the intention of the Race Committee to display the course signals at 1155. The first warning signal is scheduled to be made at 1200.

6 RENDEZVOUS LOCATIONS

The rendezvous location shall be in the vicinity of R “12” west of Rose Island. The Race Committee may give further direction on VHF channel 72.

7 CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

- 7.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first class, all yachts shall check in with the Race Committee Signal Boat by passing astern on starboard tack and announcing their sail number. The Race Committee will acknowledge by responding with the number heard.
- 7.2 Yachts retiring are requested to inform the Race Committee on their fleet VHF channel or by calling (401) 845-9633.

8 COURSES & MARKS

The courses and marks for each Part of Race Week are described in the SI Appendix B.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 9.2 The order of start will be included in the Race Committee’s announcement on VHF Channel 72 at 0900. Details are given in Appendix B1. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce the next class(es) to start on VHF Channel 72.

- 9.3 A yacht starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 9.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark. The Race Committee may deploy a “Keep Off” buoy(s) that shall be considered an integral part of the Race Committee Signal Boat.
- 9.5 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

10 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each premature starter over VHF channel 72. Failure to make such an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line is described in the SI Appendix B.

12 GOVERNMENT BUOYS

Government buoys have no required side except when specified as marks of the course. Caution should be exercised for safe navigation.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that a yacht has the choice between penalty systems, and the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. A yacht may choose either to:

- a) take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2; or
- b) take a Scoring Penalty in accordance with rule 44.3. The scoring penalty will be two places.

14 TIME LIMIT

The time limit to sail the course and finish is five hours.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 A yacht intending to protest shall report both their intention and the yacht being protested to the Race Committee on VHF channel 72 no later than five minutes after the protesting yacht finishes the race.
- 15.2 Written protests or requests for redress shall be submitted to the Jury Secretary in the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as possible, but not later than one hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat for that fleet has docked. The time limit for filing a protest will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.3 Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.4 Protest hearings will take place at the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The Jury will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of yachts who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest rooms.
- 15.5 When a yacht has been involved in an incident that may be subject to protest, it is her responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any yacht to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Jury as grounds for proceeding under rule 63.3(b).
- 15.6 Rule 63.5 is changed by adding, “A protest involving contact may be heard by the Protest Committee even though the requirements of rule 61.1(a) and 61.3 have not been fulfilled.”
- 15.7 Breaches of SIs 4.4, 4.5, 7, 9.5 and 18.2 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 15.8 A violation of SI 18.2 will be considered “a gross breach of a *rule*” under rule 69.1(a).
- 15.9 A written request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered to the Jury Secretary no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the Protest Committee’s decision. This changes rule 66.
- 15.10 A request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered in writing no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16 SCORING

Yachts will be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A Low Point Scoring.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Race. The awards ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday evening.

18 NOTES

- 18.1 Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay and its approaches are considered restricted channels for commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver. Competitors must comply with the government right-of-way rules when in proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic.
- 18.2 In the event there is racing in Narragansett Bay, competitors should be aware of heightened security around the Navy base in Newport just to the north of the Newport Jamestown Bridge. The area to the east of a line defined by a series of white buoys marking the Newport Security Zone along the coast of the Naval Facilities from Coasters Harbor to the breakwater at the north end of Coddington Cove shall rank as an obstruction. Yachts shall not enter this area. A Navy patrol boat monitors the area and vessels navigating in the Exclusionary Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval authorities.
- 18.3 All times herein are Eastern Daylight times. Bearings are in degrees magnetic and are approximate. Distances used herein are expressed in nautical miles (when not otherwise defined) and are approximate.
- 18.4 Newport Tides

Day	Date	High Tide	Low Tide	High Tide
Wednesday	July 18	0758	1318	2010

- 18.5 For further information please contact:

New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court
5 Halidon Avenue
Newport, RI 02840
Tel: 401-845-9633
Fax: 401-846-3303
Email: sailingoffice@nyyc.org
Website: www.nyyc.org/157th-annual-regatta/

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS- APPENDIX B

B1 ORDER OF START

The order of start for the Around-the-Island Race on Wednesday, July 18, will be included in the Race Committee's announcement on VHF Channel 72 at 0900. Classes may start in numerical order or in reverse order. The Race Committee may combine two or more classes into one start by displaying multiple class flags at the Warning Signal. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce the next class(es) to start on VHF Channel 72.

B2 MARKS

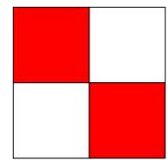
The starting mark will be a yellow tetrahedron buoy. Mark "U", if used, will be an 8' orange tetrahedron buoy. The finishing mark will be an 8' orange tetrahedron buoy

B3 COURSES FOR AROUND-THE-ISLAND RACE

B3.1 The flag(s) designating the course to be sailed will be displayed at Course Signals. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce the designated courses over VHF channel 72. Failure to make such an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

B3.2 Special Mark "U"

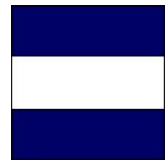
- The Race Committee may add a new first mark to any course by displaying flag "U" above a Green or Red flag on a separate pole.
- Mark "U" is to be rounded either to STARBOARD (Green flag below "U") or to PORT (Red flag below "U").
- The bearing and distance to Mark "U" will be displayed on a whiteboard on the Race Committee boat.



Flag "U"

B3.3 **Course "J"**, clockwise around Conanicut Island:

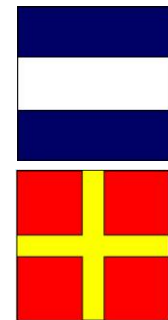
- RG "NR" Bell 650 yards SW of Beavertail Point to starboard
- The center span of the Jamestown Verrazano Bridge
- C "5" 1,250 yards NW of Conanicut Point to starboard
- R "2" Fl R 4 Sec Bell 900 yards NE of Conanicut Point to starboard
- The center span of the Newport Jamestown Bridge
- Pass to the west of R "12" off Rose Island
- Finish off Fort Adams (see SI Addendum B 3.6 below)



Flag "J"

B3.4 **Course "JR"** - if Flag "R" is flown beneath Flag "J", the Around Conanicut Island race shall be sailed in the reverse direction (counter-clockwise), with the above rounding marks passed to port, finishing off Fort Adams.

- Pass to the west of R "12" off Rose Island
- The center span of the Newport Jamestown Bridge
- R "2" Fl R 4 Sec Bell 900 yards NE of Conanicut Point to port
- C "5" 1,250 yards NW of Conanicut Point to port
- The center span of the Jamestown Verrazano Bridge
- RG "NR" Bell 650 yards SW of Beavertail Point to port
- Finish off Fort Adams (see SI Addendum B 3.6 below)



Flag "J" over "R"

B3.5 For the purposes of rule 32.2(c), the center spans of the Jamestown Verrazano Bridge and the Newport Jamestown Bridge shall be considered gates.

B3.6 The finishing line for the Around-the-Island Race Courses will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark, which will be an 8' ORANGE tetrahedron buoy. The finishing line will be located approximately 0.25 NM north of the Fl R 6 sec Horn "2" on the northern point of Fort Adams.

B3.7 In fog at the finish, the Race Committee Boat may ring a bell rapidly, for approximately 5 seconds, at intervals. The same Race Committee Boat may or may not start and finish each race.

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