

Nonsuch Racing Series

Tuesday & Wednesday August 18 &19, 2026

The International Nonsuch Association and the Niantic Bay Yacht Club
are the Organizing Authority (OA)

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

1. Rules

1.1 This event is governed by the rules as stated in the Notice of Race (NOR).

2. Communications with Competitors

2.1 There will be a Competitor's meeting Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 0800 on the lawn between the marina docks and the carousel at Mitchell Park Marina.

2.2 Notices to competitors will be posted online on the Official Notice Board located online at: <https://nbyc.org/regatta/L2EZK6KSX2/#notice-board>. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or other notices.

2.3 The Race Committee (RC) will broadcast on and monitor VHF Ch. 1001 (01A) throughout the regatta. At 0830 on Tuesday and Wednesday the RC will broadcast 'Nonsuch Harbor Start' unless there is a postponement.

2.4 [DP][NP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3. Changes To The Sailing Instructions

3.1 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.

3.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions may also be made on the water by announcement on VHF Ch. 1001 (01A) prior to the first warning on both days.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat, Freedom, located in a slip at Mitchell Park Marina.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Two races are scheduled each day of the series.

6.2 The scheduled time of the first warning both days is 1000.

6.3 There will be one start in each race for all boats.

7. Racing Area

7.1 The racing area will be in the waters between Mitchell Park Marina and Gardiners Bay and in the waters of Gardiner's Bay.

7.2 Each day, the Race Committee shall announce the position of the starting area on VHF Ch. 1001 (01A).

8. Courses

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be displayed on the RC Signal boat. Courses will also be announced on VHF Ch. 1001 (01A).

8.2 See the attached sheets (Appendix S-1) for course diagrams and number designation.

8.3 On Courses L & W, if there is only a single leeward mark (no gate) round the single mark as mark 2P.

8.4 If the letter H is displayed on the course board at the end of the course designation, the finish will be between Nun 2 at the entrance to Stirling Basin and the nearby Race Committee boat.

9. Marks

9.1 Starting finishing and rounding marks will be orange or yellow inflatable drop marks.

10. The Start

10.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the on-course side of the inflatable mark. An auxiliary RC boat, with an orange flag, may be substituted for the buoy.

10.2 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 on VHF Ch. 1001 (01A). A boat may not request redress based on failure of the race committee to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

11. The Finish

11.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of the Finish pin.

12. Penalty System

12.1 A boat breaking a rule of part 2 may take a one turn penalty including one tack and one gybe. This modifies rule 44.2

13. Time Limits

13.1 The time limit for an individual race is 2.5 hours.

13.2 On both days, no race shall be started after 3:00 PM

13.3 Boats starting but failing to sail the course within the Time Limit, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one (1) more than the finishing place of the last boat that sailed the course within the Time Limit and was not penalized under RRS 30.3 or 30.4. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

14.1 A boat intending to file a Hearing Request is requested to notify the RC as soon as possible after finishing and identify the boat(s) involved in the incident.

14.2 The protest time limit for all classes is one (1) hour after the RC finish boat docks.

14.3 Hearing Request Forms are available at the RC Signal Boat at Mitchell Marina and may be filed in person with the RC.

14.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held on the RC Signal boat located at Mitchell Marina.

15. SCORING

15.1 Scoring is the Time-on-Time method where a time correction factor (TCF) is multiplied by the Elapsed Time (ET) to calculate the Corrected Time (CT). The $\text{TIME CORRECTION FACTOR (TCF)} = 650/(\text{PHRF}+550)$. The Low Point System awards points based on the finishing position in each race per RRS Appendix A.

15.2 One (1) completed race is required to be scored to constitute a series.

15.3 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

15.4 No race will be excluded. This modifies RRS A.2.1

16. Safety Regulations

16.1 [DP][NP] Prior to her warning signal, each boat shall pass the RC Signal boat stern to bow on the side opposite the starting line and hail the class, name and sail number of the boat.

16.2 [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16.3 RRS 40 (Personal Flotation Devices) is replaced by: "It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant."

17. Prizes

17.1 Prizes will be awarded at the banquet on Thursday evening.

17.2 Fleet prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place boats overall.

17.3 Class prizes will be awarded to the first and second place boats in each class with more than 3 participants. NS33 and NS36 will be scored and be awarded as one class. NS26 & NS30 will be scored and awarded as individual classes.

18. RISK STATEMENT

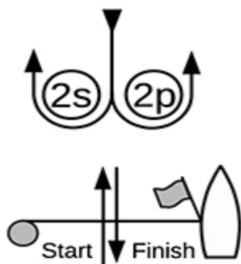
RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

Appendix S-1

COURSE DIAGRAMS

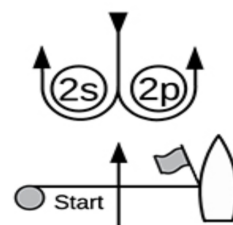
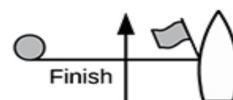
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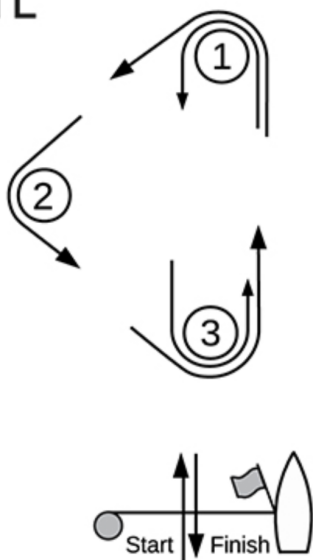
Course L – Windward/Leeward, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
L4	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish

W



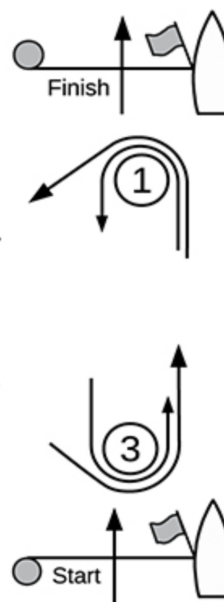
Course W – Windward/Leeward, Windward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish
W4	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish

TL



Course TL – Triangle, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
TL2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – Finish
TL3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish
TL4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish

TW



Course TW – Triangle, Windward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
TW2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
TW3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
TW4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish