



**Wednesday Night Sunset Series**  
**New Bedford Yacht Club, host**  
**New Bedford Yacht Club Regatta Association (OA)**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)**  
**Sunset Series 2025**

The Notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.4(a)(2)

1. RULES
  - 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the current *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
  - 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1600 on the day it will take effect.
  - 2.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by VHF on channel 69
3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS
  - 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the event website.
  - 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69.
4. CODE OF CONDUCT
  - 4.1. [DP] 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 NBYC flagpole.
  - 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
6. SCHEDULE OF RACES
  - 6.1. Warning signals for the first class in June, July and August will be at 1800 hours.
7. CHECK IN
  - 7.1. All boats are required to check in with the Race Committee by passing the stern of the Race Committee on starboard tack communicating the boat's sail number and the number of souls aboard.
8. CLASS FLAGS
  - 8.1. CLASS I Etchells Class flag is E22 or Pennant 1
  - 8.2. CLASS II Race ( Spinnaker) Class flag is Numeral Pennant 2
  - 8.3. CLASS III Cruise (Non Spin) Class flag is Numeral Pennant 3
  - 8.4. CLASS IV Rhodes 19 Class flag is Numeral Pennant 4
9. RACING AREA
  - 9.1. Racing will take place outside of Apponagansett bay, south of the Padanaram breakwater .
  - 9.2. While races generally start in the vicinity of Mark "Delta" Δ participants should monitor VHF channel 69 to determine the location of the start for each race.
10. COURSES
  - 10.1. Courses will be designated by letters, symbols and/ or colors displayed on the committee boat course board.
  - 10.2. Each course will be posted to the right of the class designation.
  - 10.3. The RC may change any course prior to the warning signal. It is the responsibility of each yacht to note the course posted at the time of its warning signal.
  - 10.4. Course circulars are available on the website and in the front office.
11. MARKS
  - 11.1. Marks shall consist of NBYC race marks and government marks as listed in the NBYC course sheet.
  - 11.2. In rare cases, due to the requirement of running several classes around different courses, the RC may direct a class to round a mark on a certain side. Course roundings will be announced over the

radio and by using red or green colored placards following the race mark placards.

## 12. THE START

12.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.

12.2. Classes will be started in the following order:

12.2.1. Class I Etchells

12.2.2. Class II Race PHRF

12.2.3. Class III Cruise PHRF

12.2.4. Class IV Rhodes 19

12.3. While it is the intention of the RC to use rolling starts (i.e. the warning signal for the next class will be the start of the preceding class) this may not always happen. The class flag shall be hoisted at the warning signal for each class between a staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the starting mark.

12.4. [DP][NP]Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.5. 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 redress for request. This changes RRS 60.4

12.6. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finish line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the finish mark.

13.2 If the Race Committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. For all one-design classes: Appendix V1 shall apply.

14.2. For all PHRF classes, the Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply for penalties at the time of the incident. The penalty will be 10% with a minimum loss of one place. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be 20% with a minimum loss of two points. A yellow flag or streamer must be attached to the backstay of the boat accepting fault promptly after the incident to indicate her desire to take a penalty. Notify the Race Committee at the finish. 13.3 Rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply for all classes.

14.3. Any PHRF boat that has not submitted a current PHRF Certificate prior to racing will not be scored until the date of their certificate renewal.

## 15. TIME LIMITS

15.1. [NP] For all classes, the first boat must finish by 15 minutes after sunset on the day of the race or the race will be abandoned. All remaining boats must finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in its class.

15.2. [NP]The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, 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] more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

## 16. HEARING REQUESTS

16.1. Protest time limit is 30 mins after the committee boat reaches the dock.

- 16.2. Protest hearings shall take place the following Monday evening.
- 16.3. Hearing request forms are available from the race office.
- 16.4. 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.
17. SCORING
  - 17.1. Appendix A shall apply.
  - 17.2. One race constitutes a series.
  - 17.3. A boat's monthly series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - 17.4. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's monthly series score is the total of her race scores.
  - 17.5. For overall season awards, if twelve (12) races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of their races scored less their two (2) worst scores. If sixteen (16) or more races are scored, a boat's score will be the total of their races scored less their worst three (3) scores.
18. SAFETY REGULATIONS
  - 18.1. [DP] Any participant of an NBYC sponsored race who leaves the course after starting a race must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible:
  - 18.2. Boats requiring life threatening emergency assistance shall first contact the US Coast Guard with the sail number, location, and nature of the emergency including description of any injuries and then the NBYC support vessel.
  - 18.3. Boats requiring non-life threatening emergency assistance shall contact the NBYC support vessels.
    - NBYC Race Committee monitors VHF channel 69
    - NBYC office monitors VHF channel 68; Phone (508) 997-0762
    - Dartmouth Harbormaster monitors VHF channel 9; Phone (508) 999-0759
    - St. Luke's Hospital; Phone (508) 997-1515

**SI ADDENDUM A**  
**Supplement to the Etchells Sailing Instructions**  
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1. **NUMBER OF RACES**
  - 1.1. There may be two races run for the Etchells class only.
2. **STARTING LINE**
  - 2.1. The starting line is closed during Race 1.
3. **MARKS**
  - 3.1. Marks shall consist of NBYC Race Marks and drop marks.
  - 3.2. If “Q” is used, it will be an Orange hippity hop.
4. **FINISH**
  - 4.1. The finish line FOR RACE 1 ONLY will be between the blue staff on the committee boat and an inflatable finish mark. This mark will be on the starboard side of the committee boat. This changes SI 13.1 for Race 1.
  - 4.2. [NP] The committee boat will fly Second Substitute (with no sound) at the finish of Race 1 if running a second race.
5. **SCORING** (Add to SI 12.0)
  - 5.1. The weekly results will be the combined total of Race 1 and Race 2 if two races are held. A tie on any single Wednesday will be determined using RRS A8.2.
  - 5.2. Each race is added individually to the series score for the month.