



2026 RED GAUNTLET CHALLENGE

Sailing Instructions — Amendment #2

Northeast Harbor Fleet

The following new rule is added to Section 11 (Penalty System and Umpiring) as SI 11.4:

“SI 11.4 Protest Flag. RRS 61.1(a) is changed as follows: a boat that intends to protest an incident shall hail ‘*Protest*’ and simultaneously display an **orange flag** at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident. The flag need not be displayed after an umpire call has been made. A hail without display of an orange flag, or display of an orange flag without a hail, does not constitute a valid protest notification under these Sailing Instructions. Each boat shall carry an orange flag aboard for this purpose.”

Note: under RRS Appendix D5 (On-the-Water Umpiring), boats do not file written protests for incidents observed and decided by the umpires. SI 11.4 applies to incidents not seen by an umpire and to any matter falling within RRS D5.4 (Part 1 rules, equipment, eligibility, and redress) for which a protest or request for redress may still be lodged.

-Nick Johnstone, *Principal Race Officer*. 10:21 AM, Tuesday, August 18th, 2026