



Sailing Instructions

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Friday, July 24th, 2026

Mystic River Mudhead Sailing Assn, Mystic, CT

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Race is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Double-handed entries may use autopilot during sail changes. ***This changes RRS 52.***
- 1.3. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: *(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or*
- 1.4. National letters and sail numbers shall be of a contrasting color to the body of the sail.
- 1.5. All boats shall minimally comply with the Coastal section of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements. A boat may not be protested for failing to comply with these Requirements except by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.

2. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1. The Race Committee will broadcast on VHF Channel 1001 (formerly 01A) and competitors are asked to monitor that channel during the race.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices will be posted to the Official Notice Board on Clubspot.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted to the Notice Board prior to noon, July 24th, 2026.
- 4.2. Changes may be announced on VHF prior to the first warning.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. In the event of an early abandonment or postponement, notice will be posted to the Notice Board prior to 1500 on the day of the race. The Race Committee will also attempt to contact skippers by email and text.
- 5.2. Race Committee will also make announcements on VHF starting at 1730 on Friday, July 24th, 2026.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. One race is scheduled. There are no exclusions.
- 6.2. The first warning is scheduled for 1755 on Friday, July 24th, 2026.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Class flags will be assigned on the Scratch Sheet.
- 7.2. The start order will be announced on VHF.
- 7.3. Competitors shall check in at the stern of the RC Signal boat prior to the first warning signal.

8. THE START

- 8.1. Competitors shall rendezvous in the vicinity of Horseshoe Reef.
- 8.2. The RC Signal boat will be flying a Mudhead burgee & RC flag.
- 8.3. The Start Line will be between an orange flag on the Signal Boat and an inflatable buoy.
- 8.4. Competitors whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of boats starting.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The course to be sailed will be **Round the Buoys or Pre-Defined** and will be displayed on the course board on the RC Signal boat.
- 9.2. **Round the Buoys** course will be designated by a series of marks posted on the top row of the Course Board in order of rounding. Refer to Appendix A for the list of marks.
- 9.3. The letters P (port) or S (starboard) will indicate which side to round the preceding mark(s).

9.4. **Pre-Defined Courses** will be designated on the Course Board by number:

- 9.4.1. **Course 1:** From Start leave to port "1GI" Gardiner's Bay then "7SR" Shagwong Reef then "1" Watch Hill Gong and thence to Finish. Approximately 45 miles.
- 9.4.2. **Course 2:** From Start leave "1BI" then Shagwong Reef "7SR" to Starboard, leave "1GI" to Port, leave "2PG" to Starboard thence to Finish. Approximately 64 miles.
- 9.4.3. **Course 3:** From Start leave Shelter Island North Channel MOA "N" then Three Mile Harbor "TM" to Port, Gardiners Island "1GI" to starboard, Montauk Harbor Buoy "M" to port, Endeavor Shoals Buoy "1" to port, thence to Finish. Approximately 63 miles.
- 9.4.4. **Course 4:** From the Start, pass Seaflower Reef (Fl 4 S) to Port, thence around Block Island in either direction passing seaward of "1BI", NE Whistle "5", and SW Pt Whistle "4" Fl R, thence to the Finish. Approximately 55 miles.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. The Finish Line extends approximately 100 yards from Seaflower Reef. Competitors are to take their own time of day finish when the center of the tower on Seaflower bears 110°. You may pass Seaflower in either direction to finish.
- 10.2. Email the results to mudheadRC@gmail.com. Please include the GPS time of finish, yacht name, sail number, person reporting and a contact phone number.
- 10.3. The deadline to report your finish time is 2130 on Saturday, July 26th, 2026.

1. TIME LIMITS

- 1.1. The time limit for this race is 1800 hours on Saturday, July 25th, 2026.
- 1.2. Competitors who do not finish by the time limit shall be scored TLE.
- 1.3. Competitors who retire from the race shall notify the Race Committee.

2. PROTESTS

- 2.1. Competitors who wish to file a protest or request for redress shall inform the RC when reporting their finishing time.
- 2.2. Protests shall be filed via email using the General Race Forms available on the Yacht Scoring Events page.
- 2.3. The Protest Committee must receive all protest forms via email at mudheadRC@gmail.com by 2130 on Sunday, July 26th, 2026.
- 2.4. Protests will be heard at 6 pm Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at the MudHut, Front Street, Noank, CT.

3. SCORING

- 3.1. Boats will be scored using the time-on-time formula for PHRF and ORC.

4. TROPHIES

- 4.1. Trophies will be awarded for the top finishers in each class as determined by the Race Committee at the End of Season Awards Party at Shennecosset Yacht Club
- 4.2. The Mudhead Blow Hard Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the fastest corrected time.

5. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 5.1. Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. It is solely the responsibility of the skipper or boat owner to race or continue racing. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this event.

Appendix A: Marks

Letter	Mark Name	ID	Approximate Location
A	Bartlett Reef Bell	4	41°15.652' N, 72° 08.299' W
B	Block Island North Gong	1BI	41°15.523' N, 71° 34.552' W
C	Cerberus Shoal Gong	9	41°10.556' N, 71° 57.330' W
E	Endeavor Shoals Gong	1	41°06.095' N, 71° 46.245' W
G	The Ruins Gong, Gardiners Island	1GI	41°09.045' N, 72° 08.950' W
H	Block Island Harbor Entrance Bell	2	41°12.109' N, 71° 35.643' W
J	Point Judith Whistle	2	41°18.470' N, 71° 28.348' W
M	Montauk Harbor Bell	M	41°05.205' N, 71° 56.359' W
N	Shelter Island North Channel MOA	N	41°06.005' N, 72° 15.663' W
S	Gardiners Bay South Entrance Buoy	S	41°02.256' N, 72° 03.102' W
T	Three Mile Harbor Buoy	TM	41°02.682' N, 72° 11.295' W
U	Plum Gut Bell	2PG	41°10.622' N, 72° 13.067' W
W	Block Island SW Point Bell	4	41°08.798' N, 71° 37.358' W
X	Montauk Shoal MOA	MP	41°01.850' N, 71' 45.620 W
Y	Saybrook Bar Bell	8	41°14.949' N, 72° 18.851' W