



2026 FALL ONE DESIGN REGATTA

Newport Harbor Yacht Club

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. US Sailing is the National Authority of the venue. US Sailing National Prescriptions can be downloaded from the World Sailing Website.
- 1.2. Newport Harbor Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA).

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2. Harbor 20 Class and Harbor 20 Fleet 1 rules shall apply.
- 2.3. Breaches of instructions which are annotated [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). If the jury concludes that a boat has broken one of these rules, or rule 47, it may impose a penalty other than disqualification. In these cases, the discretionary penalty, if less than disqualification, will be represented by the scoring abbreviation "DPI". The penalty imposed by the jury in such cases constitutes the "other penalty" in the first sentence of rule 64.2.
- 2.4. The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.1 will not apply.
- 2.5. Where there is a conflict between the rules in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 65.3(c)
- 2.6. Contact with moored vessels-Any regatta participant that contacts a moored boat is required to do the following:
 - 2.6.1. Immediately take a one turn penalty (if racing)
 - 2.6.2. Notify the Race Committee immediately (after the race if racing)
 - 2.6.3. Contact the owner of the moored boat as soon as possible.
 - 2.6.4. Complete a Contact Information Form located in the Race Office
 - 2.6.5. Take full financial responsibility for the damage.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at Newport Harbor Yacht Club (NHYC) as well as on the online notice board which is accessible at www.nhyc.org.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later than thirty (30) minutes before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be made by 2000h on the day before it is to take place.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from a signal mast located at the top of the dinghy ramp in the main boatyard.
- 5.2. When flown ashore, Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two horns (one horn when lowered) means, "Racing is postponed: do not leave the harbor. The time of the warning signal will be posted before the lowering of 'AP'." This changes RRS Race Signals, AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race is 1300.

7. RACING AREA

Racing will take place in the harbor north of NHYC.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Addendum A - Course Descriptions show the possible courses to be sailed.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee (RC) signal boat will display the course to be sailed.
- 8.3. The letter "G" displayed with any course description will denote that a gate will replace Mark 3.
When there is a leeward gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 8.4. All marks are to be left to port unless otherwise indicated.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The marks will be as follows:

MARK	DESCRIPTION
W, L, (LGs, LGp)	GREEN inflatable cube
O	ORANGE inflatable ball
Start, Finish	ORANGE inflatable cube

- 9.2. The starting/finishing line *marks* are not *marks* of the course except when *starting* or *finishing*.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

[NP] Moored boats shall not be touched in any way.

11. THE START/FINISH

- 11.1. All races will be started using RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix U.
- 11.2. The start line will be a straight line between the course side of a staff with an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the nearby start mark.
- 11.3. The finish line will be a straight line between the course side of a staff with a blue flag on the race committee signal boat or finish boat and the course side of the nearby finish mark.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the position of the next mark, the RC will move the original mark to a new position. The change will be signaled before the first boat has begun the leg. At the time of the signal, the new mark need not be in position. Any subsequent mark to be rounded after the new mark may be relocated to maintain original course configuration without a signal.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish will be one (1) hour.
- 13.2. A boat that fails to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired ("TLE") without a hearing. In such case, the R/C may terminate the race and score the boat points equal to the number of boats finishing plus two (2). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A11.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1. RRS 60.2 is changed by adding this sentence before the word, however: "She shall also notify the race committee at the finish line as soon as practicable after she finishes."
- 14.2. Protests must be submitted in writing, on forms available at the Protest Desk, located on the Sailing Patio at Newport Harbor Yacht Club. Protests shall be delivered within the protest time limit.
- 14.3. Protests must be delivered within thirty (30) minutes of the RC signal boat docking time. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.4. The PC will hear protests as soon as possible and in the order it determines. The hearing schedule will be posted on the notice board as soon as possible. This posting will constitute the notification required by RRS 63.1.

- 14.5. Notice of any other protest by the race committee or protest committee will also be posted. This will constitute the notification required under 61.2(b).
- 14.6. Only the skipper may represent a boat in a hearing. No coach or other person may represent a boat or file a protest on her behalf. This changes RRS 63.1(a).
- 14.7. It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.
- 14.8. If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFP, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one (1) hour after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of RRS 61.2.
- 14.9. On the last scheduled day of racing, a party to the hearing shall deliver a request for reopening a hearing or a request for redress based on a protest committee decision no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 61.2 and 63.7.

15. SCORING

- 16.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When four (4) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16. TROPHIES

- 16.1. Trophies will be awarded Saturday, September 26 as soon as possible after racing.
- 16.2. Take home trophies will be awarded to the top three (3) boats in each division.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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