

**NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB
2021 EARLY BIRD REGATTA
SATURDAY JUNE 5th, 2021**



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Hosted by the Niantic Bay Yacht Club, the Organizing Authority (OA) is the Niantic Bay Yacht Club. Niantic Bay Yacht Club is located at 8 Shore Road, Niantic, CT 06357. Phone number is 860 739 0558. VHF channel 72 for general club communications, channel 01A (1001) for race communications. Club information is available at www.nbyc.org. Racing information is available at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14563>.

1. RULES

- 1.1. This event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including *Appendix V* (Alternative Penalties)
- 1.2. The courses and number of races will be set by the RC to be appropriate for Niantic Bay at their discretion. This changes the ECSA regulations.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14563> and will be announced on channel 01A at 1045 hours on the day of the race noted above.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted to the official notice board before 1000 on the day of the race and may be announced on channel 01A prior to the first warning.

4. OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official RC vessels will display a Race Committee flag.





5. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will utilize VHF channel 01A for race communications, including safety, Notices to Competitors, mark locations, assistance in calling boats OCS and other courtesy information. Failure to hear a radio message does not constitute grounds for a request for redress.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Warning for the first race: 1100
- 6.2 Competitors shall check-in with the Race Committee prior to the warning of the first race by sailing past the stern of the RC Signal vessel and hailing their sail number.
- 6.3 No warning signals will be made after 1600.
- 6.4 Code flag "Alpha" flying at the finish indicates that racing is done for the day.

7. CLASS FLAGS

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| Class 1: Numerical Pennant "1" |  | (white background with red circle) |
| Class 2: Numerical Pennant "2" |  | (blue background with white circle) |
| Class 3: Numerical Pennant "3" |  | (red, white, blue vertical stripe) |
| Class 4: Numerical Pennant "4" |  | (red background with white cross) |
- Atlantic Class: Atlantic Class Flag
Ensign Class: Ensign Class or Fleet Flag
J24 Class: J24 Class or Fleet Flag

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course for each race for each Class will be posted on the signal board of the RC Signal vessel
- 8.2 The Class Flag will be displayed followed by a space, then followed by the course for that class.
- 8.3 The courses will be displayed as the series of marks in the sequence in which they shall be rounded (i.e., "1 HW" means Class 1 starts, rounds H, rounds W, then goes to finish).
- 8.4 Any numeral inserted in the displayed course (except "8") indicates the number of times the preceding sequence shall be repeated (i.e., AL2 means AL then AL again). Ditto ("") marks mean; "same course as the course listed immediately above."
- 8.5 Leave all marks to Port EXCEPT if the mark is circled. CIRCLED marks are to be left to starboard.
- 8.6 If the first mark is NOT a government mark, the approximate magnetic bearing and distance from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed at the bottom of the course board on the RC Signal vessel.
- 8.7 If (and only if) Mark H is listed on the course immediately before and/or immediately after mark 8, H is a Control Gate rather than a turning mark (i.e., ...8HW..., or ...H8W...). If so listed, boats shall pass between H and Hatchett Reef R"6" (rather than rounding H). This will allow for shortening the course to H if weather conditions so require.

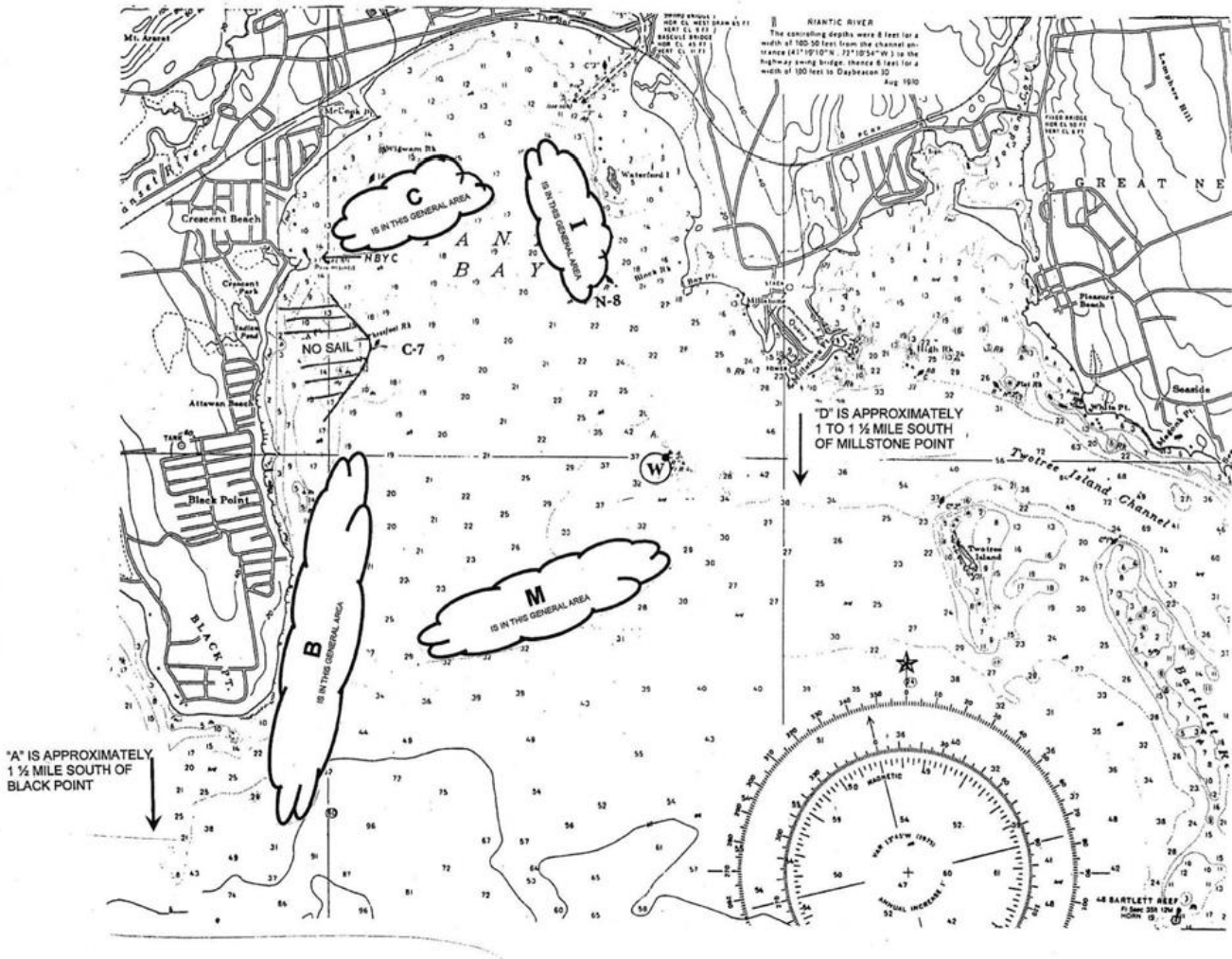
9 MARKS

- 9.1 All marks other than Government Marks will be orange or yellow inflatable marks.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will provide location of Mark H, if used, on the official race channel 01A. Failure to announce or hear the announcement will not constitute grounds for a request for redress.
- 9.3 Marks of the course are designated as follows:

8	Bell R"8" south of the Connecticut River
A	Inflatable approximately 1 ½ miles South of Black Point
B	Inflatable in vicinity of Black Point (see chart attached)
C	Inflatable in the vicinity of Crescent Beach (see chart attached)
D	Inflatable approximately 1 to 1 ½ miles South of Millstone Point
H	Inflatable SSE of R"6" Hatchett Reef (position announced). May be a turning mark or a Control Gate. See 7.6 above
I	Inflatable in the vicinity of Waterford Island (see chart attached)
L	Inflatable approximately ½ mile to leeward of the finish line
M	Inflatable located in the Middle of the Bay between Black Point and White Rock (see chart attached)
O	Orange inflatable mark to weather of the starting line
S	Bell R "4" approximately 1 mile south of Bartlett's Reef
W	Bell R "6" south of White Rock
Z	Mo(A) "PI" located approximately 2 miles north of Plum Island

10 RACING AREA RESTRICTIONS

- 10.1 All boats shall pass to the east of C "7" Three Foot Rock. This area is defined as an obstruction.
- 10.2 All boats shall pass to the west of White Rock island (the rocky island itself – not bell R "6".) This area is defined as an obstruction.
- 10.3 Boats not starting or finishing shall keep clear of the start and finish lines. These lines are obstructions for boats not starting or finishing. Boats violating this SI shall be scored "DSQ" without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.



11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between the staff flying an orange flag on the RC Signal vessel and the course side of an inflatable mark.
- 11.2 Stand-off buoys (pink or orange balls) may be used at the RC Signal vessel
- 11.3 The starting sequence of classes will be in the order displayed starting at the top of the signal board. Classes recalled will be restarted prior to starting the next class.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff flying a blue flag on the RC vessel and the course side of an inflatable mark.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The first boat in any given class to properly complete the course and finish shall finish no later than 1700 or that race will be abandoned.
- 13.2 Any boat finishing any race later than 1745 will be scored TLE. This changes RRS A5, A4.2 and A11.
- 13.3 Any boat racing in a PHRF class or Ensign class that finishes more than 60 minutes after the first boat in her class that properly completes the course and finishes shall be scored TLE.
- 13.4 Any boat racing in a One Design class (except Ensigns) that finishes later than 30 minutes after the first boat in her class to finish shall be scored TLE.
- 13.5 Any boat scored TLE shall be awarded points equal to the number of boats in her class that finished properly plus 1. This changes RRS A4.1.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be filed with the Protest Committee at the RC Signal Boat at NBYC docks or electronically via email to nbycprotest@gmail.com no later than one hour after the Signal boat docks.
- 14.2 The docking time will be posted to the Notice Board .
- 14.3 Hearings will be scheduled at the earliest opportunity following completion of the last race. The Protest Committee may at its discretion hear the protest virtually, as recommended by Appendix M and the US Sailing Guidelines for Video Conference Protest or Redress Hearings.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A competitor who withdraws during a race shall notify the Race Committee on channel 01A, or the NBYC Club office on Channel 72 or 860-739-0558.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see Rule 4, Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17 CONTACT

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