



**Sailing Instructions**  
**Mudnite Madness Overnight**  
**Friday, July 28th, 2023**

**Mystic River Mudhead Sailing Association, 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.*

**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 Yacht Scoring linked through [www.mudhead.org/racing](http://www.mudhead.org/racing).

**4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted to the Notice Board prior to noon, July 28th, 2023.
- 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.

**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 28th, 2023.

**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. Phone or text the results to 860 625-0094. Please report the GPS time of finish, yacht name, sail number, person reporting and a contact phone number.

## 11. TIME LIMITS

- 11.1. The time limit for this race is 1900 hours on Saturday, July 29th, 2023.
- 11.2. Competitors who do not finish by the time limit shall be scored TLE.
- 11.3. Competitors who retire from the race shall notify the Race Committee.

## 12. PROTESTS

- 12.1. Competitors who wish to file a protest or request for redress should make note of their intention when reporting their finishing time.
- 12.2. Protests shall be filed via email using the General Race Forms available on the Yacht Scoring Events page.
- 12.3. The Protest Committee must receive all protest forms by 2130 on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Email your intentions to [mudhead@mudhead.org](mailto:mudhead@mudhead.org).
- 12.4. Protests will be heard at 6 pm Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at the MudHut, Front Street, Noank, CT.

## 13. SCORING

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

## 14. TROPHIES

- 14.1. Trophies will be awarded for the top finishers in each class as determined by the Race Committee at the End of Season Awards Party on September 20, 2023 at Mason's Island Yacht Club..
- 14.2. The Mudhead Blow Hard Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the fastest corrected time.
- 14.3. Free event T-shirts will be distributed to participants at a time and place to be determined.

## 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1. 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**

| <b>Letter</b> | <b>Mark Name</b>                  | <b>ID</b> | <b>Approximate Location</b> |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| 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 |