



## OUTER LIGHT CLASSIC REGATTA, SUNDAY JULY 23, 2023 Sailing Instructions

### 1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority for this regatta is North Cove Yacht Club, 111 Sheffield Street, P.O. Box 298, Old Saybrook, CT 06475, Telephone #860-388-9132

### 2. RULES

- 2.1 The races and will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS)*, the *Notice of Race* and these *Sailing Instructions*. (Special attention is drawn to Part 1-Fundamental Rules of the Racing Rules of Sailing.)
- 2.2 Changes to the RRS will be noted with each instruction that changes a rule. **CHANGES TO THE RULES**
- 2.3 The Race Committee (RC) will broadcast on VHF Channel 69 and respond to “North Cove Yacht Club Race Committee” when possible.
- 2.7 Entrants shall have a valid PHRF-Eastern Connecticut or ORC certificate to race in a handicap class.

### 3. SAIL NUMBERS

- 3.1 Conformance to Appendix G is not required. *This changes RRS 77.*

### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Yachtscoring Notice Board, inside the NCYC clubhouse, may be transmitted on VHF Channel 69, and may be posted on the NCYC website ([www.northcoveyc.com](http://www.northcoveyc.com)).

### 5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board by 2000 on the day before they take effect, and will be posted on yachtscoring.
- 5.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the NCYC official notice board before 0800 on the day that they take effect and will be posted on yachtscoring.
- 5.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be announced on VHF Channel 69 before the 1st warning.



## 6. RACE SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will not be employed.
- 6.2 Race signals will be deployed on the RC signal boat and will be in accordance to the US Sailing rules.

## 7. CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

- 7.1 All boats shall pass close by the RC signal boat on the side opposite the Starting Line to Check-in prior to the First Warning signal by hailing and being acknowledged.
- 7.2 A boat that retires from a race or that has checked-in and decides not to race prior to its start shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by the best means available.

## 8. CLASSES, FLAGS AND STARTING ORDER

- 8.1 Classes will be defined on the Entry List and assigned based on conditions of entry in the Notice of Race.
- 8.2 The class flag for each class will be the numeral pennant corresponding to the class number assigned on the Entry List.
- 8.3 Classes will start in class number order, 1, 2, 3, etc., unless otherwise specified by a change to the Sailing Instructions.

## 9. THE START AREA

- 9.1 The RC will rendezvous west of the mouth of the Connecticut River. Based on wind and weather conditions, the RC may re locate to facilitate a better start. The RC will announce their position on VHF Channel 69 when on station.

## 10. COURSES

- 10.2 **Around the Buoys** course will be signaled by a vertical display of letters on the RC Signal Boat. The marks shall be rounded in the sequence displayed, reading from top to bottom. Marks within a circle are to be kept to Starboard. The numeral two (2) at the bottom of the display signifies the course shall be sailed twice around then to the finish.
- 10.3.4 The Temporary Mark positions will be designated by Range Bearing from the RC Signal Boat.



**11. MARKS**

11.1 The marks used to designate **Around the Buoys** courses are as follows:

2	R "2" Bell South of Cornfield Pt
3	G C "3" at Orient Shoal
6	R N "6" South of Hatchett Reef
8	R Bell "8" Saybrook Bar Lighted Bell
A	R "8A" Bell Middle of Long Sand Shoal
C	R "8C" Bell At Six Mile Reef
E	RG N "E" East end of Long Sand Shoal
P	R Bell "2PG" Plum Gut Lighted Bell Buoy
V	RG "W" Gong West end Long Sand Shoal
X	Inflatable buoy Range&Bearing from RC
Y	Inflatable buoy Range&Bearing from RC
Z	Start/Finish Pin- inflatable buoy

**12. NOTE RESTRICTIONS:** Government buoy R "8" (Fl 4 sec Bell) southeast of the Connecticut River must be honored. Participants are cautioned that all charted depths indicated on Long Sand Shoal should be considered approximate.

**13. THE START AND FINISH LINE**

13.1 The START and FINISH LINE will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the start pin.

13.3 The Starting sequence will be in accordance with *RRS 26*.

**14. RECALLS**

14.1. As a courtesy the Race Committee will endeavor to announce the names and/or sail numbers of Over Early Boats (OCS) by hailing and/or on VHF Channel 69.

**15. CHANGING AND SHORTENING COURSE**

15.1 A change or shortening of course will be announced on VHF Channel 69 in addition to signals as described in *RRS 32* and *33*.

**16. TIME LIMIT**

16.1 The Time Limit will be 1600 hours for all classes.

16.2 A boat failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF.



**17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1 Boats intended to protest or seek redress shall inform the RC at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes and when applicable the identity of the boat being protested.
- 17.2 Protest forms are available at the Clubhouse.
- 17.3 The time limit for protests and request for redress is one hour after the Race Committee boat has docked at NCYC.
- 17.4 Notices of hearings shall be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of expiration of the protest time limit.

**18. SCORING**

- 18.1 The finish places of boats in handicap classes shall be calculated using Time on Time.
- 18.2 One race completed will constitute a series. There are no throw outs.

**19. PRIZES**

- 19.1. Prizes will be presented for the first three places in each class.

**20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 20.1. Competitors participate in the series 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 or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the event.