



Wednesday Night Race Series
May 22 to September 4, 2024

Organizing Authority - **Mystic River Mudheads**

The Donzo
WNR SAILING
INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Series will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. **RRS Appendix V Alternative Penalties** will be in effect.

2. Communication

- 2.1. The RC will communicate on VHF Ch. 1001 (Formerly 01A.)
- 2.2. The Official Notice Board is on the Yacht Scoring Events Page for the Donzo, linked through mudhead.org/Racing/Donzo WNRS.
- 2.3. On race nights, all boats shall check in by passing within hailing distance of the Committee Boat on the side opposite the starting line prior to their Warning.
- 2.4. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board on-line prior to 1200 on the day they will take effect.

3. Signals Made Ashore

- 3.1. Any Postponement or Abandonment prior to 1700 on the day of race will be posted online and will be communicated via VHF starting at 1700.

4. Schedule of Races

- 4.1. There will be two series of 8 scheduled races each for Spring and Summer. The Spring Series is scheduled from May 22 to July 10. The Summer Series is July 17 to September 4, 2024.
- 4.2. The First Warning is scheduled for 1755 each night.

5. Classes and Handicaps

- 5.1. Class Flags are the numeral pennant corresponding to the Scratch Sheet.
- 5.2. Classes will be established using current PHRF-Eastern Connecticut and ORC handicaps verified by the RC. Rating changes during the season will not affect prior results.
- 5.3. Any rating change must be recorded prior to noon on the Tuesday before it takes effect.

6. The Racing Area, Courses and Marks

- 6.1. The racing area is in Fishers Island Sound between New London and Ram Island.
- 6.2. Two types of courses are offered: **Round the Buoys or Pre-Defined**.
- 6.3. The **Round the Buoys** course are designated by a series of marks posted on the top row of the course board on the RC Signal Boat in order of rounding.
- 6.4. Refer to **Appendix A** for the list of marks.
- 6.5. The letters P (port) or S (starboard) will indicate which side to round the preceding mark(s).
- 6.6. The **Pre-Defined** Course is Windward/Leeward. The course will be indicated by the number of legs posted on the top row of the course board. All Pre-Defined courses begin with a windward leg. Even numbers indicate a leeward finish. Odd numbers indicate a windward finish.
 - 6.6.1. For example, 4 = 2 windward legs and 2 leeward legs. 5 = 3 windward, 2 leeward legs.
- 6.7. The windward mark can be a drop mark or a government mark.
- 6.8. A drop mark position will be indicated by range and bearing from the RC signal boat posted on the bottom row of the course board.
- 6.9. When the windward mark is a government mark, its identifier will be posted after the number of legs. i.e., 4 N = 4 legs using Mark N - North Hill Bell as windward mark.
- 6.10. The windward mark shall be rounded to port.

- 6.11. The leeward mark or gate will be approximately 100 yards to windward of the starting line.
In the absence of a gate, the leeward mark shall be rounded to port.

7. Restrictions

- 7.1. Boats shall not pass between Flat Hammock and South Dumpling.
7.2. Boats shall pass south of nuns "22", "24", and "26" located south of Groton Long Point.

8. Start

- 8.1. The Starting area will be in the vicinity of Horseshoe Reef. The RC may reposition the Starting Area to accommodate wind conditions. Monitor VHF for any changes.
8.2. The Start line will be between the staff flying an Orange flag on the RC and Mark S/F.
8.3. The RC may notify OCS boats by sail number or boat name via VHF or loud hail.

9. Changing the Next Leg of the Course

- 9.1. When a change of the next leg of the course is signaled, the RC may identify the new mark with its letter designation as defined in Appendix A. ***RRS 33 is changed.***

10. Finish

- 10.1. The Finish line will be between a staff flying a Blue Flag on the RC and Mark S/F.
10.2. The Finish line for Round the Buoys courses will be in the vicinity of the Start line.
10.3. The Finish for Pre-Defined course with an even number of legs will be the same as the Start Line.
10.4. The Finish for Pre-Defined course with an odd number of legs will be approximately 100 yards upwind of the windward mark.
10.5. Boats withdrawing shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

11. Time Limit

- 11.1. The time limit is 20:30.
11.2. Any boat not finished by 20:30 will be scored TLE. ***Rule 35 is changed.***

12. Protests

- 12.1. Notify the RC of your intent to protest at the time of finishing and submit protest form by email within 2 hours of finishing to mudheadRC@gmail.com
12.2. Protests/Request for Redress/Scoring Inquiry forms may be prepared online from Yacht Scoring at General Documents/For Competitors.

13. Scoring

- 13.1. One completed race constitutes a series.
13.2. See NOR for Series Scoring.
13.3. All PHRF classes must record a finish for a race to count toward the Salle Evelyn Best in Fleet Award.
13.4. TLE boats will receive points equal to the number of class finishers plus one.
13.5. ORC Classes: The decision on wind ranges and course classification (WL or All Purpose) will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
13.6. Any race in which a Owner/Skipper serves on the Race Committee and his/her boat does not race on that day, that Owner/Skipper's boat shall be counted and scored as the average finish for that Owner/Skipper in the overall series to date. In the event that said Owner/Skipper's boat races in a given race while the Owner/Skipper serves on Race Committee, said Owner/Skipper's boat shall be scored as the average finish for that Owner/Skipper in the overall series to date, or said boat's actual finish, whichever is better. This changes RRS 90.3 and Appendix A.
13.7. The Awards Party is scheduled at 1755 on Sept. 18, 2024 at Masons Island Yacht Club.

14. Additional Information

- 14.1. All information is available at www.mudhead.org.
14.2. Contact Matt Curtiss at 860-287-9919 or at mudheadRC@gmail.com

MUDHEAD MARKS DONZO WNRS 2023

Appendix A

Letter	Mark Name	ID	Lat/Lon*
B	Black Ledge	N "2BL"	41'18.02" 72'03.92"
E	Silver Eel Pond <small>Whistle</small>	SE	41'15.55" 72'02.22"
I	Intrepid Rock	"DIR"	41'17.94" 72.00.24"
M	Mystic River West	C "1"	41'17.40" 71'59.42"
N	No. Hill Bell	R "2"	41'16.79" 72'01.38"
R	Ram Island Bell	R "20"	41'18.20" 71'58.39"
V	Vixen Ledge	N "28VL"	41'18.35" 72'02.92"
8	West Harbor West	Ent N	41'16.46" 72'00.83"
W	West Harbor Channel	FI R "6"	41'16.30" 72'00.33"
D/M	Drop Mark	Inflatable	R & B from RC
S/F	Start/Finish	Inflatable	Yellow near RC

* All positions approximate