



2024 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES

49th Season

Racing: May 22nd – September 4th, 2024

Awards Night: 1700-1900 Saturday, November 2nd, 2024

Norwalk Yacht Club
Norwalk, CT

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:

- 1.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- 1.2. The PHRF Class Rules as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS) (<http://www.yralis.org>);
- 1.3. The Nearshore Category of US Sailing's Safety Equipment Requirements (SER). (<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>) Click on Monohull or multihull as applies.;
- 1.4. The House Rules of Norwalk YC. (DP)
- 1.5. RRS A5.3 shall apply. RRS rules: Race Signal AP, 62.1(a), 29.1, 33, 44.1, 35, A 5.1, A5.3, A10, 61.3, A2.2 and A5.3 are changed as stated in these Sailing Instructions.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on Yachtscoring.com at least 24 hours before taking effect and communicated by email; or
- 2.2. on the water from the race committee signal boat by displaying international signal flag L and orally communicating the change by broadcasting on VHF radio channel 5A (1005) in the 10 minutes before the warning signal on the day they take effect.
- 2.3. Communications with competitors may be by email; or
- 2.4. on the water, the race committee will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 5A (1005).

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at Norwalk Yacht Club not later than 1800 on race days. Any signals made ashore shall also be broadcast on VHF radio channel 5A (1005) at 1800 and again at 1830.
- 3.2. When flag AP is signaled ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1. Five races are scheduled for each of 3 series. Dates of racing are:

Series 1:	May 22 nd	May 29 th ,	June 5 th ,	June 12 th ,	June 19 th .
Series 2:	June 26 th ,	July 3 rd ,	July 10 th ,	July 17 th ,	July 24 th .
Series 3:	July 31 st ,	August 7 th ,	August 14 th ,	August 21 st ,	August 28 th .
Make-up race:	September 4 th .				

4.2. One make-up date is scheduled for September 4th. The race to be rescheduled will be the most recently abandoned race selected from within the series with the fewest or equally fewest races completed.

4.3. One race for each class or combined classes is scheduled for each date. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1900.

5. CLASSES

5.1. There shall be 2 PHRF classes: a spinnaker class (Class 1) and a non-spinnaker class (Class 2). The Organizing Authority reserves the right to divide any class into two or more divisions.

5.2. The classes and/or divisions will be designated in the scratch sheet and published in the order of their scheduled starts which will be available at Yachtscoring.com, and from the race committee signal boat on race days prior to racing.

5.3. Class flags will be the numeral pennant from the international signal flags that corresponds to the class designation on the scratch sheet.

6. RACING AREA

Racing will be south of Rowayton, Connecticut with the start line in the vicinity of Greens Ledge Light.

7. COURSES & MARKS

7.1 The course diagrams attached in **Addendum A** show the courses including the course signals, approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7.2 The race committee signal boat will designate the class with class placards followed by the applicable course signal placards for that class. When only one course is displayed, that is the course for all classes. Below is an example of the course board when multiple courses are displayed.

Class Placard:	Example of course signals:
I (Spinnaker Class)	D2
II (Non-Spinnaker Class)	W2

7.3 The number "2" means the displayed course shall be sailed twice around.

7.4. Courses will normally be displayed horizontally and read from forward to aft on the race committee signal boat. If for any reason a course is displayed vertically, it shall be read from top to bottom.

7.5. The race committee signal boat will make a series of short horn sounds to draw attention to changes to the course board and/or one minute before the first warning signal.

7.6. The race committee signal boat will announce the approximate range and compass bearing of the first leg by broadcasting on VHF channel 5A (1005) no later than the warning signal.

7.7. The distance from leeward mark to the committee boat shall be approximately one half the of the distance from the committee boat to the windward mark unless broadcast otherwise.

7.8. All marks will be inflatable tetrahedrons or race committee boats.

8. COURSE RESTRICTIONS & AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions.

- 8.1. While racing, boats shall not cross a line segment: between RN"28" and R"2A";
- 8.2. between R"2A" and the abandoned lighthouse at the western end of Sheffield Island; or
- 8.3. between RN"28" and the abandoned lighthouse at the western end of Sheffield Island; or
- 8.4. extending true north of R"30" at Smiths Reef.

9. THE START

- 9.1. Boats shall check-in before starting by sailing astern of the race committee signal boat and hailing until acknowledged.
- 9.2. The order of starts will be spinnaker (Class I) followed by non-spinnaker (Class II) unless otherwise announced: Classes may be combined into a single start. Warning signals for subsequent classes will be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.
- 9.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.4. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 9.5. When an Individual Recall is signaled and a boat is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF radio channel 5A (1005). Failure to make a broadcast, or for it to be heard, or the timing or order of the hail, shall not be cause for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.6. When the Round-an-End-Rule is in effect, the race committee will hail boats on course side as they are identified. This may be during the minute before the start. This changes RRS 29.1.

10. CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Except for moving the boat end of the finish line;

- 10.1. To change a leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark of a different color and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 10.2. Legs of the course will not be changed after sunset. This changes RRS 33.

11. NAVIGATION RULES

A boat observed by the race committee to break a rule shall be subject to protest. (DP)

- 11.1. All boats are reminded that when a boat sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, she shall comply with the Inland Navigation Rules. For the purpose of this SI rule any commercial tug & barge shall be considered a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver regardless of her lights and shapes displayed.
- 11.2. All boats shall exhibit proper running lights after sunset, but not exhibit an all-round light (anchor light) or a masthead light (steaming light) while sailing.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag (or flag S if the course is shortened) on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark which may be to port or starboard at the discretion of the race committee.
- 12.2. A boat shall identify herself to the race committee as she finishes by illuminating her sail number with a spotlight and hailing her sail number or announcing it on VHF radio channel 5A, (1005) when finishing. Failure to be identified may result in being scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

12.3. A boat that retires shall inform the race committee of her status at the earliest opportunity. Failure to do so may result in being protested and if disqualified she may be scored Disqualification Not Excludable. (DNE)

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 2100. The finish of one boat in any class will extend the time limit for all classes. Competitors failing to finish by 2200 will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.3, and A10. See Scoring.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. A party intending to protest shall inform the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity and no later than 30 minutes after the time the race committee signal boat docks. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 15.2. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race office at the Norwalk Yacht Club by hand or email (regatta@norwalkyachtclub.com). The time limit shall be 1800 on the day following the race. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 15.3. Hearings will be held at 2000 on the Monday following the protest, at Norwalk Yacht Club or at another time and place agreed by the relevant parties.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. Finish times shall be corrected using the PHRF handicap system as administered by the YRALIS based on the following "Time-on-Time" formula: Corrected Time = Elapsed Time x [700/ (600+PHRF)].
- 16.2. One completed race constitutes a series. When fewer than 5 races are completed in a series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 races are completed in a series, a boat's worst score will be excluded.
- 16.3. A boat's overall season score will be the total of her scores for the 15 scheduled races excluding her 3 worst scores.
- 16.4. RRS A5.3 will apply with the following change: Rule A5.3 shall be changed by adding "A boat that did not finish (DNF) because the time limit expired shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) and shall receive the same number of points plus two as the number of finishers in her class. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.3, and A10.
- 16.5. Rule A5.3 is further changed so "... a boat that did not come to the starting area (DNC) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series at the time of the race. This changes RRS A2.2 and A5.3
- 16.6. Results will be posted on Yachtscoring.com.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes for the three series will be awarded in each class or division for 1st; and 2nd in a class or division of 3 or more boats; and 3rd in a class or division of 5 or more boats.
- 17.2. Prizes for the best overall season scores will be awarded in each class or division for 1st place, and 2nd in a class or division of 3 or more boats, and 3rd in a class or division of 5 or more boats.
- 17.3. The perpetual Tomfoolery Cup will recognize the boat with the best overall score for the spinnaker class.
- 17.4. The perpetual Robert J Kienle Memorial Gala Cup will recognize the boat with the best overall score in the non-spinnaker classes.

17.5. Prizes will be awarded at the Norwalk Yacht Club at an awards party at 1700-1900 Sunday, November 2nd, 2024.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Norwalk Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman, and each crew member agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. Each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor, or assignee may have against the Norwalk Yacht Club and each of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents, or volunteers arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea, and weather conditions rests with each competitor, as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat, including safety equipment, rigging, and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel manning them is at the risk of the participant.

19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact:

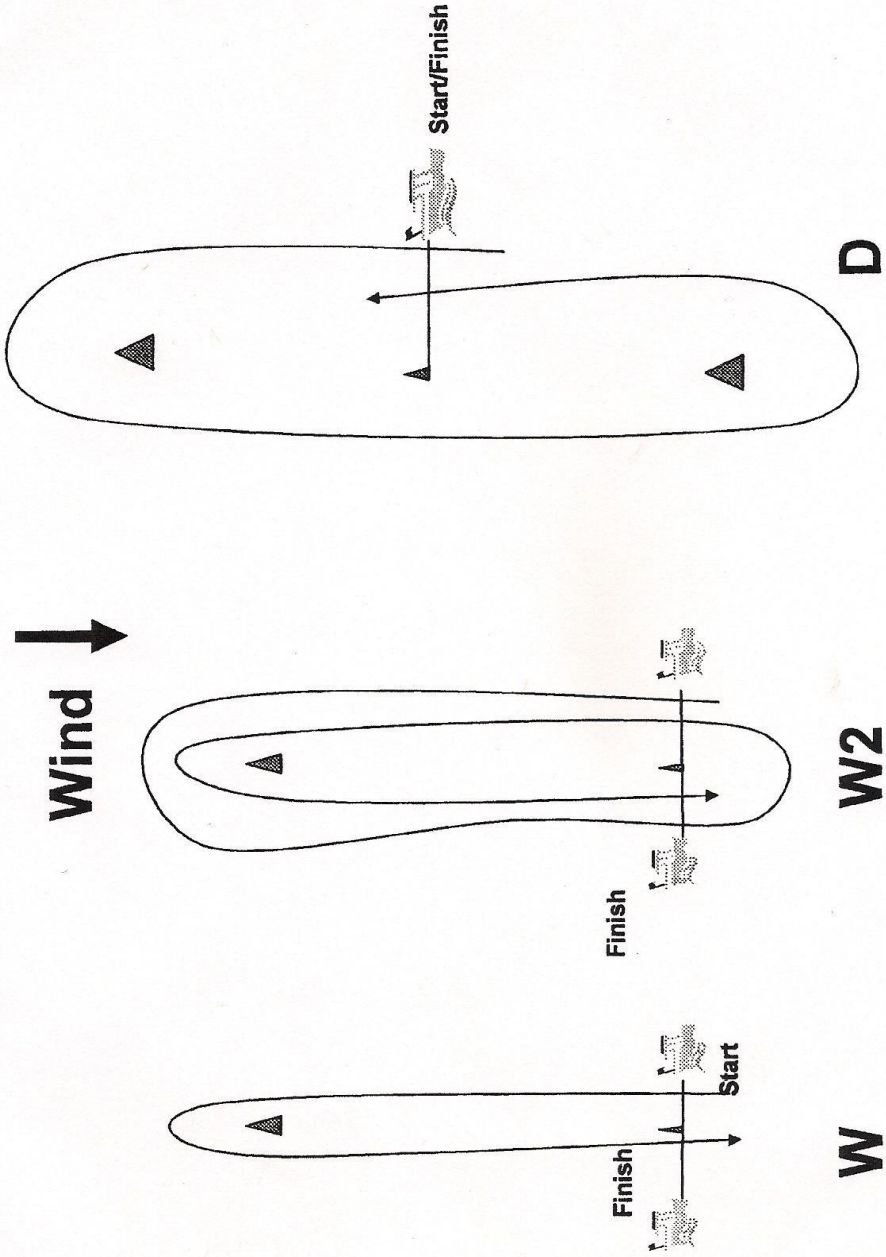
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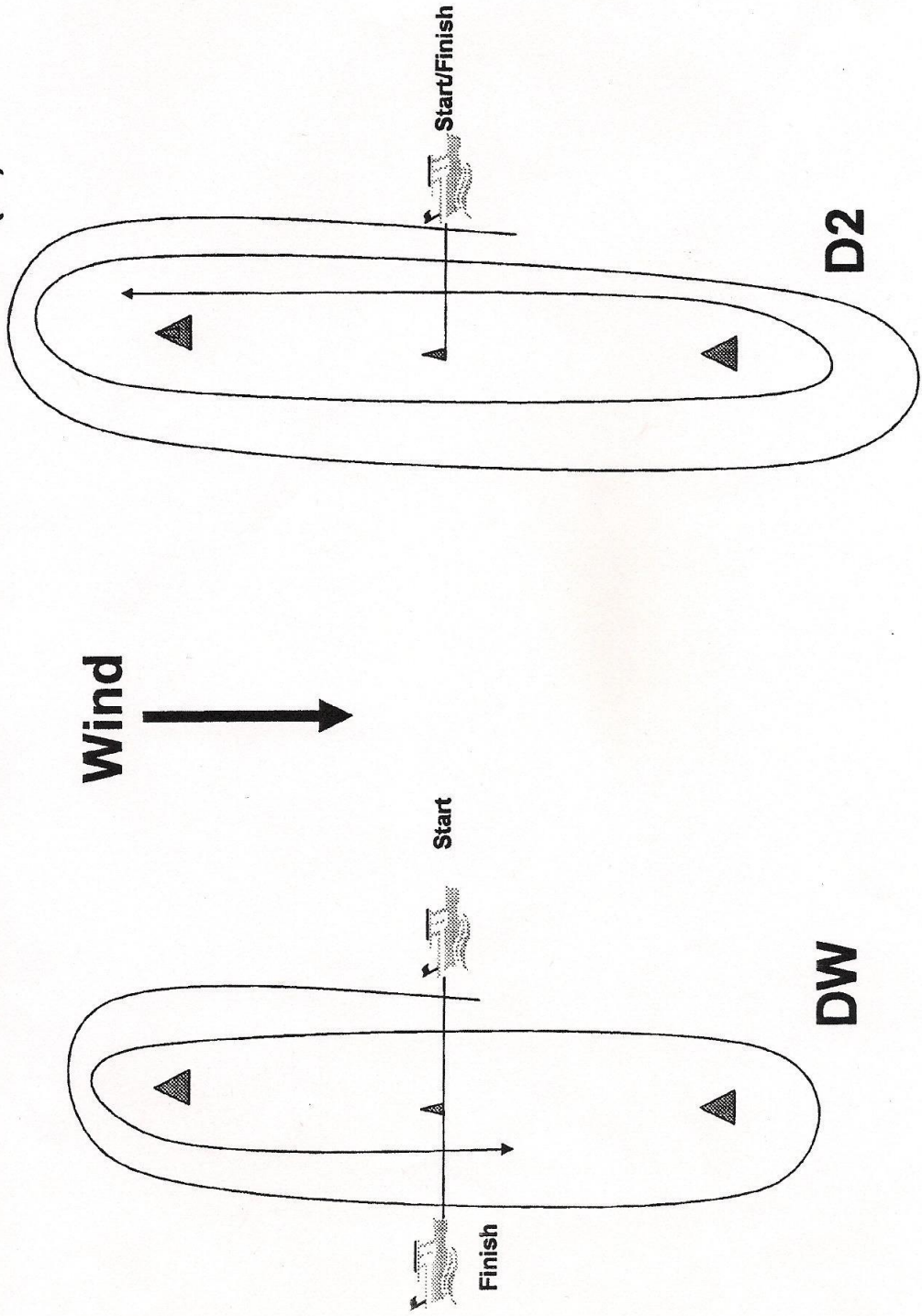
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