



## The 2018 Donzo Wednesday Night Race Series

Organizing Authority is

**Mystic River Mudhead Sailing Association**

### 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. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. Additional amendments to the SIs may be announced on the water by VHF Ch. 01A prior to the first warning.

#### 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 and continue approximately every 10 minutes until the time of the First Warning (1755).

#### 4. Schedule of Races

- 4.1. See the NOR for the complete Series Schedule.
- 4.2. The First Warning is 1755.

#### 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 handicaps. Rating changes will not affect prior results.

#### 6. Communication & Check In

- 6.1. The RC will communicate on VHF Ch. 01A.
- 6.2. 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.

#### 7. Courses

- 7.1. Two types of courses will be offered. Round the Buoys or Pre-Defined.
- 7.2. The **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.
- 7.3. Refer to **Appendix A** for the list of marks.
- 7.4. The letters P (port) or S (starboard) will indicate which side to round the preceding mark(s).
- 7.5. 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. For example, 4 indicates 2 windward legs and 2 leeward legs. 5 indicates 3 windward, 2 leeward legs.
- 7.6. The windward mark can be a drop mark or a government mark. 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.
- 7.7. When the windward mark is a government mark, it's identifier will be posted after the number of legs. Refer to Appendix A. i.e., 4 N = 4 legs using North Hill Bell as windward mark.
- 7.8. The windward mark shall be rounded to port.
- 7.9. An offset mark may be positioned to port (looking upwind) of the windward mark. It shall be rounded to port.
- 7.10. 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.

#### 8. Restrictions

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

## **9. Start**

- 9.1. The Starting area will be in the vicinity of Horseshoe Reef.
- 9.2. The RC may reposition depending on weather conditions. Monitor VHF Ch. 01A.
- 9.3. The Start line will be between an Orange flag on the RC and Mark S/F.
- 9.4. The RC may notify OCS boats by sail number or boat name via VHF or loud hail. Only the RC may request redress for misunderstandings, errors, or omissions that may result from such communications. **RRS 62.1a is changed.**

## **10. Changing the Next Leg of the Course**

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

## **11. Finishing**

- 11.1. The finish line will be between an Orange Flag on the Committee Boat and S/F.
- 11.2. The Finish line for Round the Buoys courses will be in the vicinity of the Start line.
- 11.3. The Finish for Pre Defined course with an odd number of legs will be approximately 100 yards upwind of the windward mark.
- 11.4. Boats withdrawing shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

## **12. Time Limit**

- 12.1. The time limit is 2030.
- 12.2. Any boat which has not finished by 2030 will be scored TLE.

## **13. Protests**

- 13.1. Notify the RC of your intent to protest at the time of finishing and by email within 2 hours of finishing at [mudhead@mudhead.org](mailto:mudhead@mudhead.org).

## **14. Scoring**

- 14.1. One completed race constitutes a series.
- 14.2. See NOR for Series Scoring .
- 14.3. All classes must record a finish for a race to be counted toward the Salle Evelyn Best in Fleet Award.
- 14.4. TLE boats will receive points equal to the number of class finishers plus one.

## **15. Awards**

- 15.1. Awards will be presented at the Awards Party on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Masons Island Yacht Club.

## **16. Additional Information**

- 16.1. All information is available at [www.mudhead.org](http://www.mudhead.org).
- 16.2. Contact Bob Austin-La France at (860) 912-6940 or [rjaustinlafrance@gmail.com](mailto:rjaustinlafrance@gmail.com).

## Appendix A

<b>Letter</b>	<b>Mark Name</b>	<b>ID</b>	<b>Latitude/Longitude*</b>
B	Black Ledge	N "2BL"	41'18.02" 72'03.92"
E	Silver Eel Pond Whistle	SE	41'15.55" 72'02.22"
I	Intrepid Rock	C "DIR"	41'17.94" 72.00.24"
M	Mouth of Mystic River	C "1"	41'17.92" 71'59.42"
N	North Hill Bell	R "2"	41'16.79" 72'01.38"
R	Ram Island Bell	R "20"	41'18.19" 71'58.39"
V	Vixen Ledge	N "28VL"	41'18.33" 72'02.92"
W	West Harbor	FI R "6"	41'16.30" 72'00.33"
D/M	Drop Mark I		Inflatable Mark
S/F	Start Finish		Inflatable Mark

\* All positions approximate