



RAM ISLAND YACHT CLUB, INC  
Noank, Connecticut  
73rd Annual Island Race - August 26, 2018  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules:

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. Start:

The starting area will be between Horseshoe Reef Buoy N 26 and the SW point of Groton Long Point. The starting line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and an inflatable mark.

3. Courses:

The course to be sailed by a class will be signaled by Numeral Pennants 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, displayed under the Class Flag, or independently on a halyard for that class. The courses will be announced on VHF channel 01A.

Course - 1

Southwesterly to Race Point nun "2", leave to port. Thence easterly along south shore of Fishers Island to Lord's Passage Mo (A) "L", leave to port and then to Wicopesset Rock can "7" leave to port. Thence northerly to green Gong "3" off the Stonington breakwater, leave to port. Thence westerly to the finish. Approximately 15.5 nautical miles.

Course - 2

Southwesterly to Race Point nun "2", leave to port. Thence easterly along south shore of Fishers Island to Lord's Passage Mo [A] "L", leave to port and then to Wicopesset Rock can "7" leave to port. Thence northwesterly to finish. Approximately 14.5 nautical miles.

Course - 3

Southwesterly to Silver Eel Whistle "SE", leave to starboard. Thence northerly to Vixens Ledge "VL", leave to starboard. Thence easterly to nun "16" just east of Eel Grass Ground, leave to port. Thence westerly to finish. Approximately 11.0 nautical miles.

Course - 4

Southeasterly to Wicopesset Rock can "7", Leave to starboard. Thence southerly to Lord's Passage Mo [A] "L", leave to starboard. Thence westerly along south shore of Fishers Island to Race Point nun "2", leave to starboard. Thence northeasterly to finish 1/4 mile west of North Hill bell "2". Approximately 13.0 nautical miles.

Course - 5

Southeasterly to drop mark [LAT [N] 41 17.420, LON [W] 71 56.662] off East Harbor, Fishers Island, leave to starboard. Thence westerly leaving Brooks Point can "1W", Clay Point can "5", and North Hill bell "2" to port. Thence southwesterly to Silver Eel Whistle "SE", leave to starboard. Thence northeasterly to finish 1/4 mile west of North Hill bell "2". Approximately 8.0 nautical miles.

4. Finish:

For Courses 1, 2, and 3: Between a staff flying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and an inflatable mark located approximately 1/2 mile south of Mason’s Point.

For Courses 4, and 5: Between a staff flying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and an inflatable mark located approximately 1/4 mile west of North Hill bell “2”.

5. Time Limit:

If no boat in the Class finishes by 1600 E.D.T., there will be no Race for that Class. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE.

6. Classes:

Races will be started as provided in Rule 26. The starting procedure for starting a class is:

Time to Go	Signal	Flag	Sound
5 min	Warning	Class Flag Deployed	1 Horn
4 min	Preparatory	“P” Flag Deployed	1 Horn
1 min	One-Minute	“P” Flag Removed	1 Long Horn
0 min	Start	Class Flag Removed	1 Horn

Classes will start in the following order:

	Class Flag
A	Alpha
B	Bravo
C	Charlie
D	Delta
E	Echo
F	Foxtrot
G	Golf
H	Hotel
J	Juliet
K	Kilo
L	Lima

The scheduled time for the warning for the first start will be at 0955 A.M. EDT.

7. Protests:

Boats intending to protest shall inform the Signal Boat at their first opportunity upon finishing. Written protests must be received on the Signal Boat within one hour of the Signal Boat docking.

8. Recalls:

The Race Committee will attempt to identify OCS boats by VHF. Failure on the part of OCS yachts to hear or understand radio communication by the RC shall not be considered grounds for redress.

9. Prizes:

Awards will be made at Ram Island Yacht Club as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the race.

10. Radio Communications:

The Committee will communicate with the participants on VHF Channel 01A.

11. Scoring

All classes, except One Design Classes, will be handicapped using PHRF/ECSA time-on-time calculations.

