

The 2019 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 to the Official Notice Board at YachtScoring (through mudhead.org) prior to 1200 on the day they take effect.
- 2.2. Additional changes to the SIs may be announced on the water via VHF Channel 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 to the Official Notice Board on YachtScoring and will be communicated via VHF Channel 01A beginning at 1700 and continue to be announced 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. Warning Signal for the first class is scheduled for 1755.

5. Classes and Handicaps

- 5.1. Class Flags are the numeral pennants 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 Channel 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 are possible; 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 indicating the order in which they are to be rounded. The letters **P** (port) or **S** (starboard) will indicate which side to round the preceding mark(s).
- 7.3. The **Pre-Defined** Course is Windward/Leeward. The number of legs will be 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.

7.4. The windward mark will be an inflatable drop mark or a government mark. Position of a drop mark will be indicated by range and bearing from the RC signal boat and will be posted on the bottom row of the course board.

7.5. When the windward mark is a government mark, its identifier will be posted after the number of legs. (Refer to Appendix A) e.g., 4 N = 4 legs using North Hill Bell as windward mark.

7.6. The windward mark shall be rounded to port.

7.7. An offset mark may be positioned to port (looking upwind) of the windward mark. It shall be rounded to port.

7.8. 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, unless otherwise indicated by the RC signal boat.

9.2. The Start Line will be between the staff flying an Orange flag on the RC signal boat and inflatable mark S/F.

9.3. 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. Finish

11.1. The Finish Line will be between the staff flying an Orange Flag on the RC signal boat and inflatable mark S/F.

11.3. The Finish Line for a Pre-Defined course with an odd number of legs will be approximately 100 yards to weather 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 (i.e., Finishers in Class +1).

13. Protests

13.1. Notify the RC of your intent to protest at the time of finishing and by email at mudhead@mudhead.org within 2 hours of finishing.

14. Scoring

- 14.1. One completed race constitutes the 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. Only Summer series results include penalty.

15. Awards

- 15.1. Awards will be presented for Spring, Summer and Overall by class and Best in Fleet at the End of Season Party, Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 at Masons Island Yacht Club.

16. Additional Information

- 16.1. All information is available at www.mudhead.org.
- 16.2. Contact Bob Austin-LaFrance at (860) 912-6940 or rjaustinlafrance@gmail.com.

Appendix A

Letter	Mark Name	ID	Latitude/Longitude*
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 Reef Bell	R "20"	41'18.19" 71'58.39"
V	Vixen Ledge	N "28 VL"	41'18.33" 72'02.92"
W	West Harbor	FI R "6"	41'16.30" 72'00.33"
D/M	Drop Mark	Inflatable	Variable
S/F	Start/Finish	Inflatable	Variable

* All positions approximate