



# NRW RACE TO NANTUCKET AUGUST 18, 2011 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## Sailing Instructions 2011 Race to Nantucket

For boats holding current PHRF-NE Certificates

A Part of Nantucket Race Week  
Thursday August 18, 2011

Organized By:

**Nantucket Race Week, L.L.C.**

And Hosted By: Nantucket Yacht Club (NYC), Great Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC), Nantucket Community Sailing (NCS), and The Nantucket Race Week Committee.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes rule 63.7
- 1.3. This race is subject to ISAF Special regulations Category 5. Competitors are reminded that all personnel on deck shall wear personal flotation while starting and finishing without exception and at all other times except when the Captain of the boat directs that it may be set aside. Protest under this rule may be initiated by race committee or protest committee only.
- 1.4. Part 5, Section B is changed to provide for arbitration of protests of Part 2 rules.

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- 1.5. The following prescriptions of the US national authority will not apply: Prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4.
- 1.6. While racing, all yachts shall display the Nantucket Race Week event flag from their backstay, approximately six feet above the deck. If the yacht does not have a fixed backstay these flags may be displayed from a starboard shroud.

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located near the Steward's office at the Hyannis Yacht Club.

## 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0730 on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2. Notices, if any, will also be read aloud over VHF 74 at 0830.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

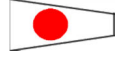
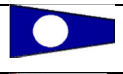


- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Hyannis Yacht Club and will be announced over VHF 74.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes," in race signal AP. If flag AP is displayed ashore, competitors shall monitor VHF 74 for further information.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

One race is planned for Thursday, August 18. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 0930.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1. Class flags and the starting sequence are shown below:

| CLASS |                      | Class Flag        |   |
|-------|----------------------|-------------------|---|
| One   | PHRF Spinnaker A     | Numeral Pennant 1 |  |
| Two   | PHRF Spinnaker B     | Numeral Pennant 2 |  |
| Three | PHRF Non-Spinnaker A | Numeral Pennant 3 |  |
| Four  | PHRF Non-Spinnaker B | Numeral Pennant 4 |  |

6.2. Final Class assignments will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0730 and may also be distributed on the water prior to the first warning signal.

## 7 RACING AREA

The course will be held between Hyannis and the entrance to Nantucket Harbor



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#### 8 COURSES

Courses will be announced over VHF 74 no later than the warning signal:

**Course 1:**

Gong #17 to Starboard, Finish between MO(A) Bell (BW-NB) to starboard and Committee Boat, Nantucket.

**Course 2:**

Bell #5 to Port (North of Horseshoe Shoal), Finish between MO(A) Bell (BW-NB) to starboard and Committee Boat, Nantucket.

**Course 3:**

Bell #5 to Port (North of Horseshoe Shoal), Gong #17 to Starboard, Finish between MO(A) Bell (BW-NB) to starboard and Committee Boat, Nantucket.

**Course 4:**

Bell #5 to Port (North of Horseshoe Shoal) #15 (North of Great Point) to Starboard, Finish between MO(A) Bell (BW-NB) to starboard and Committee Boat, Nantucket.

**Course 5:**

Tuckernuck Shoal Bell #1 to Port, #15 (North of Great Point) to Starboard, Finish between MO(A) Bell (BW-NB) to starboard and Committee Boat, Nantucket.

**Course 6:**

Tuckernuck Shoal Bell #1 to Starboard, Half Moon #18 to Port, Finish between MO(A) Bell (BW-NB) to starboard and Committee Boat, Nantucket.

**Course 7:**

Bell #5 (North of Horseshoe Shoal) to Port, #15 (North of Great Point) to Starboard, Tuckernuck Shoal Bell #1 to Port, Finish between MO(A) Bell (BW-NB) to starboard and Committee Boat, Nantucket.

#### 9 THE START

- 9.1. Starting area will be South of the Hyannisport Jetty.
- 9.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on a staff on the signal boat and the course side of a nearby inflatable mark.
- 9.3. Boats in classes whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 9.4. The race committee may attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal, over VHF 74. The failure of the race committee to hail, or of any boat to hear the hail and the order of such hails shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 9.5. A boat starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DID NOT START (DNS). This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.



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#### 10 THE FINISH

- 10.1. The finish line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the Mo (A) Bell buoy at the entrance to Nantucket Harbor.
- 10.2. All finishers are required to contact the "Race to Nantucket Signal Boat" on VHF 74 when they are within .5nm of the finish line and call Ian Braff at 416-333-1941
- 10.3. The RC Boat will attempt to announce, over VHF 74, when they leave station.
- 10.4. In the event that the Signal boat is not able to stay on station, then the yacht must take its own time as it passes within .25 NM of the Mo (A) Bell buoy and the buoy bears 90° or 270° M.
- 10.5. Those boats that take their own finishing time, must report their time to Ian Braff at 416-333-1941 and to the NRW Registration desk at the Nantucket Yacht Club or call 508-228-1400 (NYC main line) and leave a message for Ian Braff with your finish time for "The Race to Nantucket" and your contact number.

#### 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply for breaches of rules in Part 2.
- 11.2 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has not taken a penalty in compliance with rules 44.1 or 44.3 to take a scoring penalty for a breach of a rule of Part 2 prior to the protest hearing. This Scoring Penalty shall be 40% of the number of boats starting the race (rounding 0.5 upward), but shall not be less than 4 places, added to her actual finish position. However, she shall not be scored worse than DNF.

#### 12 TIME LIMIT

There is no time limit to the Race to Nantucket. Any boat still racing past 1600 must contact the RC on Channel 74 and/or call Ian Braff at 416-333-1941 to inform RC of their intentions on whether to continue racing and their current position.

#### 13 PROTESTS

- 13.1. Protest forms are available at the front desk of the Nantucket Yacht Club. Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Desk at Nantucket Yacht Club.
- 13.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class has finished. If you intend to protest and have not finished by 1600, please contact the race committee and inform them of your intent to file a protest.

#### 14 ARBITRATION

- 14.1. For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing.
- 14.2. One representative from each boat will meet with an arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn. No witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to the protest committee.
- 14.3. The arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony given to the protest committee and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).
- 14.4. Rule 63.1 is changed by adding: "The arbitrator may allow a protest to be withdrawn on behalf of the protest committee."



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#### 15 SCORING

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, with no scores excluded.

15.2 Ties will be corrected as described below, replacing rule A8:

- (a) In a race where two boats are tied on corrected time the slower rated boat will prevail.
- (b) In the event that two boats of identical rating are tied then the winner shall be decided by a coin toss at the awards ceremony.

#### 16 SAFETY

16.1 Before the first warning signal, each boat shall check in with the race committee and receive acknowledgement of their check in. Boats shall sail near the stern of the signal boat and hail, or they may check in over VHF 74. **ALL BOATS MUST RECEIVE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THEIR CHECK-IN FROM THE RACE COMMITTEE.** Boats failing to check in properly may be scored DNC, without a hearing.

16.2 If a boat wishes to retire, they shall notify the race committee over VHF Channel 74. In the event that the yacht is unable to hail the RC please call 508-228-1400 (NYC main line) and leave a message for Ian Braff with your contact number.

16.3 **REMINDER TO COMPETITORS -- THE CHANNEL LEADING INTO NANTUCKET HARBOR AND AREAS OF NANTUCKET SOUND ARE RESTRICTED. SAILING VESSELS DO NOT HAVE RIGHT OF WAY OVER A VESSEL UNDER POWER THAT MAY BE RESTRICTED IN HER ABILITY TO MANEUVER.**

#### 17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 The race committee will use VHF channel 74 to communicate with competitors.

17.2 The race committee may use VHF channel 74 or other channels for working communications. Boats may monitor, but are advised that the race committee communications are unofficial and the use, or lack thereof, of radio communications shall not be grounds for granting redress.

17.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

#### 18 AWARDS

18.1 Awards will be provided for the top three finishers based on corrected time in each class at the Thursday night Nantucket Race Week Regatta Dinner at the Nantucket Yacht Club.

18.2 An award will be provided for the fastest elapsed time within the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes.

#### 19 ANCHORAGE

The Nantucket Harbor Master has asked the Race to Nantucket Fleet to anchor within the designated anchoring areas near First Point. Anchoring beyond First Point is not permitted. To protect the sensitive eel grass beds and shellfish habitat, use only Danforth anchors with ample scope. Please avoid using plow anchors since they do not hold in that area.



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## **20 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be flying black Nantucket Race Week flags.

## **21 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance.

## **22 CLEAN REGATTA**

Nantucket Race Week is committed to maintaining Nantucket's clean waters and shores. As such Nantucket Race Week is registered in the Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regattas program. All NRW participants are encouraged to follow the goals and requirements of Clean Regattas.

The requirements include:

- No discharge of treated or untreated sewage or black water in harbor areas or no-discharge zones around Nantucket.
- No overboard discharge of trash or littering at shore facilities (e.g., rigging tape, cigarette butts, beer cans).
- Follow Nantucket's trash and recycling guidelines: Trash must be in clear plastic or biodegradable bags.
- All paper, glass, metal, and plastic must be recycled and placed in separate containers.
- Reduce plastic waste by using refillable water bottles.
- Use green cleaning and maintenance products.
- Reduce the impact of oil spills from motorized vessels by carrying at least one bilge sponge and fuel spill pad.

## **23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, Nantucket Race Week LLC, the Nantucket Yacht Club, Great Harbor Yacht Club, Nantucket Community Sailing, race committee, protest committee, volunteers, sponsors, agents, employees, or any other organization or official providing services at the request of any of the foregoing in connection with the events will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any person sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners, skippers, and crews) agrees to release the race organizers and all persons and groups listed above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.