



NYYC Coastal Races

Newport, Rhode Island

July 18-19, 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS incorporating AMENDMENTS 1&2

7.17.25

7.18.25

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including the current ORC rules and the current PHRF Regulations as administered by the PHRF of Narragansett Bay.
- 1.2 The prescription to rule 63.1 is deleted.
- 1.3 All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communication.
- 1.4 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is replaced with “if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident, or”.

2 COMMUNICATION: NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, VHF CHANNELS

- 2.1 Notices, including race documents, results and amendments shall be posted on the online ONB located on the event [website](#). Protest Committee information, including protest time limits and hearing schedules, shall be posted on the online Protest Committee Notice Board located on the event [website](#). All notices may also be posted on the unofficial notice boards which are located in the courtyard of the NYYC Sailing Center at Harbour Court.
- 2.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.3 In addition to the signals made in SI 3.3, the Race Committee will confirm the starting area as described in SI 5.2 at 0900 over VHF Channel 72. The failure to make this announcement or for a boat to hear this announcement will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)
- 2.4 After the rendezvous locations and any other regatta announcements have been made, Race Committee signal vessels will monitor and communicate on VHF channel 69.
- 2.5 For the purposes of signals made ashore, the Coastal Race will be designated as the Blue Circle.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Flag signals will be flown from the western yardarm of the flagpole at Harbour Court.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 3.3 Signals designating the rendezvous location will be displayed at 0900 each race day from the western yardarm of the flagpole at Harbour Court.

4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, July 17	1600-1800	Registration at NYYC Sailing Center
Friday, July 18	0730-0830	Late Registration (NYYC Sailing Center)
	1000	First Warning Signal
Saturday, July 19	1100	First Warning Signal
	Following Racing	Prize Giving at Harbour Court

5 CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING AREA

- 5.1** Class Flags: Unless indicated on the scratch sheet, each boat shall display the numeric, alphabetic or class flag corresponding to her class designation, as shown on the scratch sheet, from her backstay approximately six feet above the deck from the warning signal for the first class on her circle until she is no longer racing. Boats without a permanent backstay shall conspicuously display these flags in an alternate position in the aft part of the boat.
- 5.2** The race area for the start of each coastal race is Area “M” located in the vicinity of R “12” west of Rose Island.
- 5.3** Once on station, the Race Committee may announce the lat/long positions of the signal vessel and starting mark over the VHF channel 69. Failure to make such an announcement, or the timing of any announcement, shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

7 CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

- 7.1** **Check-in on Water:** Prior to the warning signal for the first race, each boat shall check in with the Race Committee signal vessel in their rendezvous area by passing astern and announcing their sail number.
- 7.2** Boats retiring shall inform the Race Committee on VHF channel 69 or by calling the NYYC Sailing Office at (401) 845-9633 as soon as reasonably possible.

8 COURSES AND MARKS

- 8.1** The starting mark will be a green inflatable buoy.
- 8.2** The courses and marks are described in SI Addendum A.

9 THE START

- 9.1** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal vessel and either a staff displaying an orange flag on the port-end Race Committee vessel or the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 9.2** A boat starting later than five minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 9.3** The Race Committee will endeavor to hail boats observed to be OCS at the start over the stated VHF channel. Failure to hail, the timing or order of any such hails, will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

10 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a orange flag located onshore at Fort Adams at 41 28.800 N | 071 20.300 W and the course side of G “11” Q G BELL located off The Dumplings.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1** The Protest Committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI) for breaches of racing rules other than those of Part 2. This changes RRS 60.5(c).
- 11.2** A boat that has taken a penalty shall complete an online penalty acknowledgement form no later than the end of the protest time limit.

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1** The Time Limit for the first boat to sail the course and *finish* is seven hours.
- 12.2** The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. The Finishing Window is 120 minutes. Boats starting but failing to sail the course within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the finishing place of the last boat that sailed the course within the Finishing Window and was not penalized under RRS 30.3 or 30.4. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1** The intent to protest and the boat being protested shall be communicated to the Race committee at the first reasonable opportunity after the boat intending to protest finishes until acknowledged by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 60.2(a)(1).

- 13.2 Written protests or requests for redress shall be submitted through the online protest form as soon as possible, but not later than one hour after the protestor's finish or the Race Committee signals for no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 13.3 Protests will be heard as soon as possible. The protest committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Hearing notices will be posted on the online Official Notice Board.
- 13.4 Breaches of SI 7 and 17.4 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 13.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be submitted through the online form no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted.
- 13.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, if no races are held, an online request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within one hour after racing has been abandoned. This changes RRS 63.7.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- 14.3 Results will be calculated using 5-Band time-on-time.
- 14.4 The decision on wind ranges and course classification will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

15 PRIZES

Awards shall be provided to the top boats in each class. Additional trophies may be given at the discretion of the OA.

16 WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit an online Waiver and Release of Liability Form. The fully executed Liability and Media Waiver form shall be submitted prior to racing. The link to the waiver can be found on the NYYC Coastal Races [website](#).
- 16.2 Media Waiver – Competitors and crew members on the competing boats grant, at no cost, the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc., New York Yacht Club, and any official sponsors of the regatta, the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media worldwide (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the NYYC Coastal Races and the participants in the NYYC Coastal Races.
- 16.3 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. All skippers and crew should familiarize themselves with RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and all its Committee members will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Restricted Channels: Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay and its approaches are considered restricted channels for commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver. Competitors must comply with the government right-of-way rules when in proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic.
- 17.2 Newport Security Zone: In the event there is racing in Narragansett Bay, competitors should be aware of heightened security around the Navy base in Newport just to the north of the Newport Jamestown Bridge. The area may be defined by a series of white buoys marking the Newport Security Zone along the coast of the Naval Facilities from Coasters Harbor to the breakwater at the north end of Coddington Cove and the line defined by the buoys shall rank as an obstruction. Yachts shall not enter this area. A Navy patrol boat monitors the area and vessels navigating in the Exclusionary Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval authorities.
- 17.3 Additional Restricted Areas: There may be additional restricted areas due to Navy activity, shipping or fishing operations that may be described in an amendment to the sailing instructions.
- 17.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 NOTES

For further information please contact:

Regatta Website: <https://nyc.org/2025-tiedemann>

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ADDENDUM A

A1 MARKS

A1.1 Special Mark “E”, if used, will be orange inflatable buoys.

A1.2 If used, Special NYYC Temporary Inflatable Race Marks 16, 17, O2, N2 and TB2, as designated on the current South Bay Race Chart, will be orange inflatable buoys.

A1.3 All buoys listed on the current [South Bay Race](#) chart may be used.

A1.4 All marks listed in SI Addendum 1.5 and 1.6 are additional marks that may be used.

A1.5 Special Mark “E”

a) The Race Committee may add a new first Special Mark “E” to any course described in SI Addendum A.

b) If Special Mark “E” is used the Race Committee will display on a board the letter “E” next to the letter “S” (round Special Mark “E” to STARBOARD) or next to the letter “P” (round Special Mark “E” to PORT).

c) The magnetic bearing and distance (in nautical miles to the nearest tenth) to Special Mark “E” will be posted on a board on the Race Committee signal vessel.

A1.6 GOVERNMENT MARKS AND ISLANDS

See charts 13205, 13218, 13223, 13226 and 13224 for more detail.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Approx. location</u>
1 Gould Island	41° 32.00' N; 071° 20.67' W (center of island)
3 Hope I (east of Quonset) including R “2” at the southwest end and G C “1” at the northeast end	
4 Conanicut Island	
5 RW “NB” Mo(A) WHIS	41° 23.00' N; 071° 23.36' W
7 R “2” Fl R 4s WHIS south of Point Judith	41° 18.46' N; 071° 28.35' W
PJ R “4” BELL west-southwest of Point Judith	41° 20.93' N; 071° 30.45' W
1BI G “1 BI” Fl G 4s BELL north of Block I	41° 15.49' N; 071° 34.55' W
M Block Island including:	
R “4” Fl R 6s WHIS off Southwest Pt	41° 08.73' N; 071° 37.35' W
Black Rock Pt. Buoy 2	41° 08.42' N; 071° 35.74' W
U Buzzards Light Tower Fl 2.5s 67ft 17M Horn	41° 23.82' N, 071° 02.08' W
PR Prudence Island including R “8” northwest of Patience Island and RG N at the northern end	
SP RG “SP” Fl (2+1) R 6s BELL	41° 36.92' N; 071° 17.59' W
G3 G “3” Fl G 4s (approx. 0.5 NM sw of Popasquash Neck)	41° 38.53' N; 071° 18.46' W
MH RGR “MH” Fl (2 +1) R 6s GONG in Mt. Hope Bay	41° 39.54' N; 071° 14.04' W
BH RGR N "Middle Ground Buoy" approx. 0.8 NM n of Hog I	41° 39.68' N; 071° 16.87' W
HI G “3” Fl G 4s BELL approx. 0.4 NM south southeast of Hog I	41° 37.79' N; 071° 16.29' W
DI Dutch Island	41° 30.19' N; 071° 24.04' W (center of island)
S1 Sakonnet River R “2A” BELL	41° 27.75' N; 071° 12.90' W

A2 COURSES

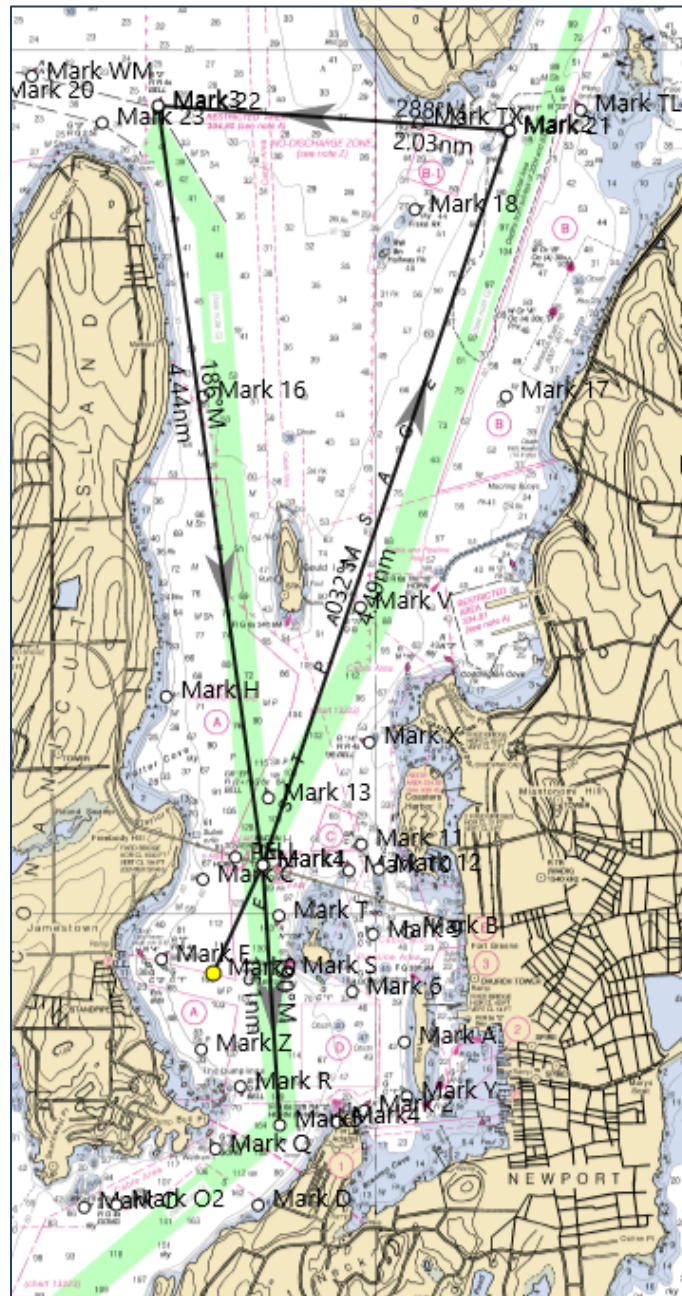
A2.1 All boats shall pass through the center span only for any course passing under the Jamestown Verrazano Bridge and/or the Newport Pell Bridge, in which case the center span bridge piers define a gate mark.

A2.2 Government marks shall have no required side except when designated as a rounding mark.

****All course diagrams are approximate visual representations only and should not be used for navigation. ****

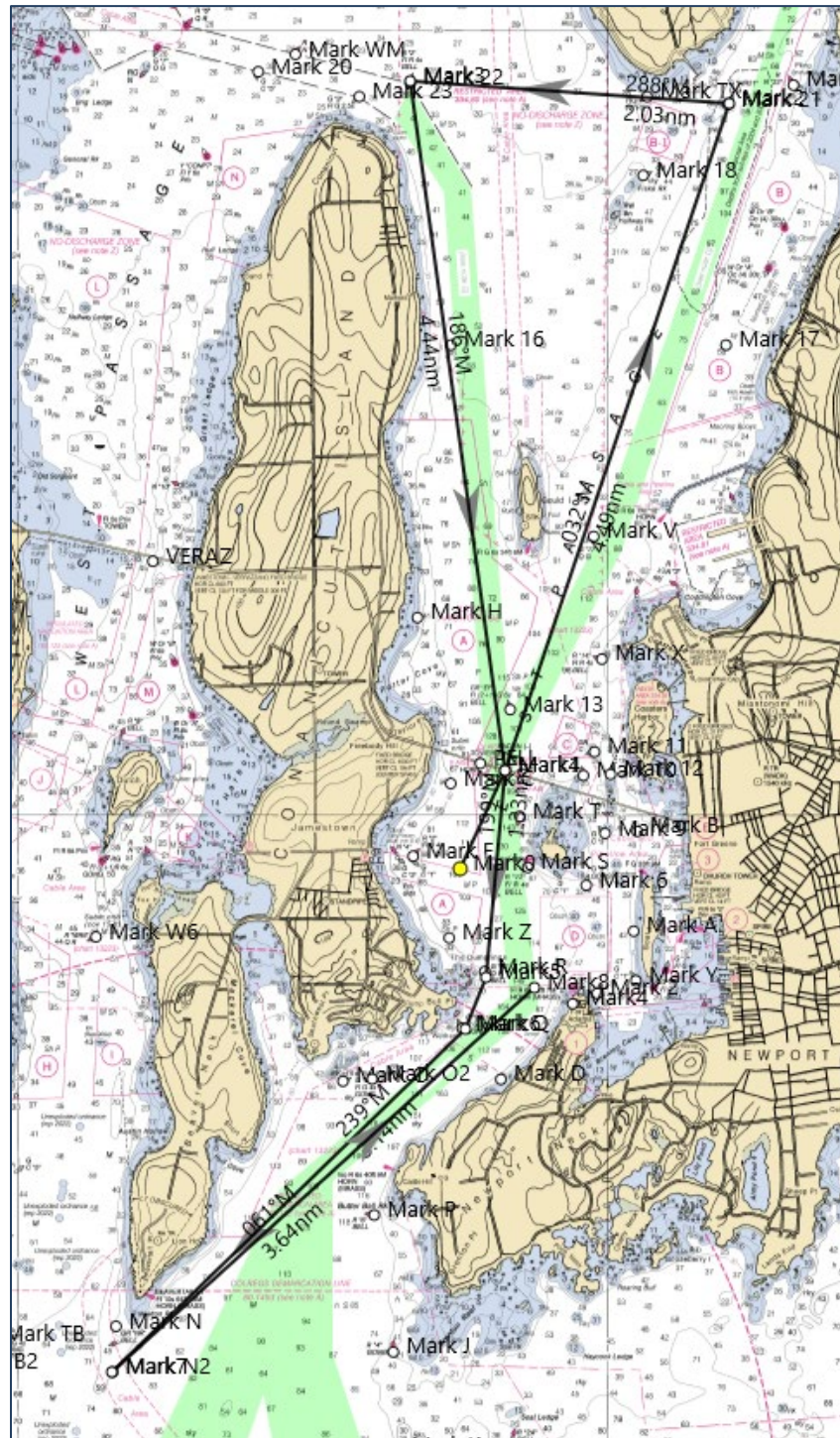
A2.3 Course 1 – Approximate distance 13nm

Start – 21p – 22p - Finish



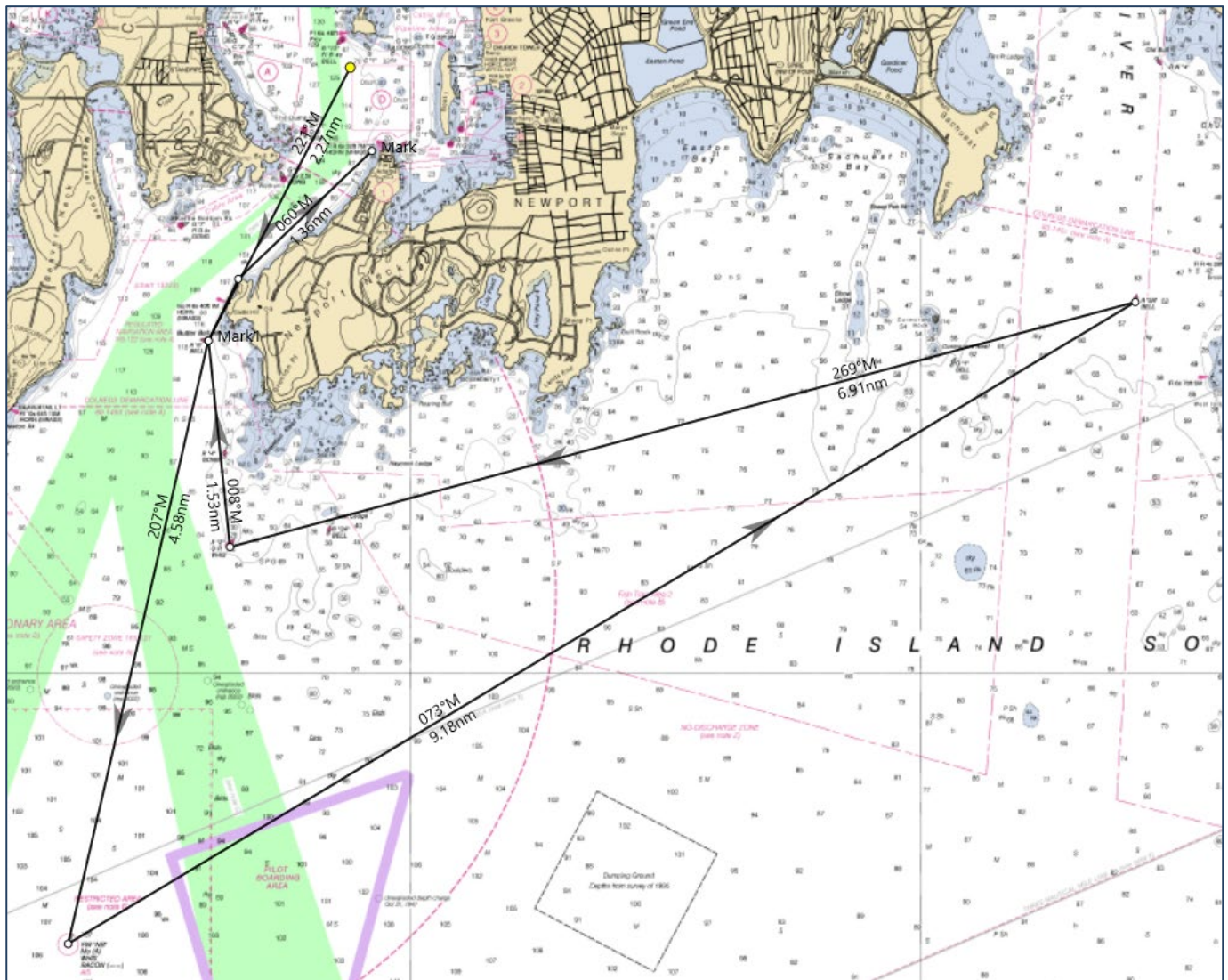
A2.4 Course 2 – Approximate distance 20nm

Start – 21p – 22p – Rs – Qs – N2p – Finish



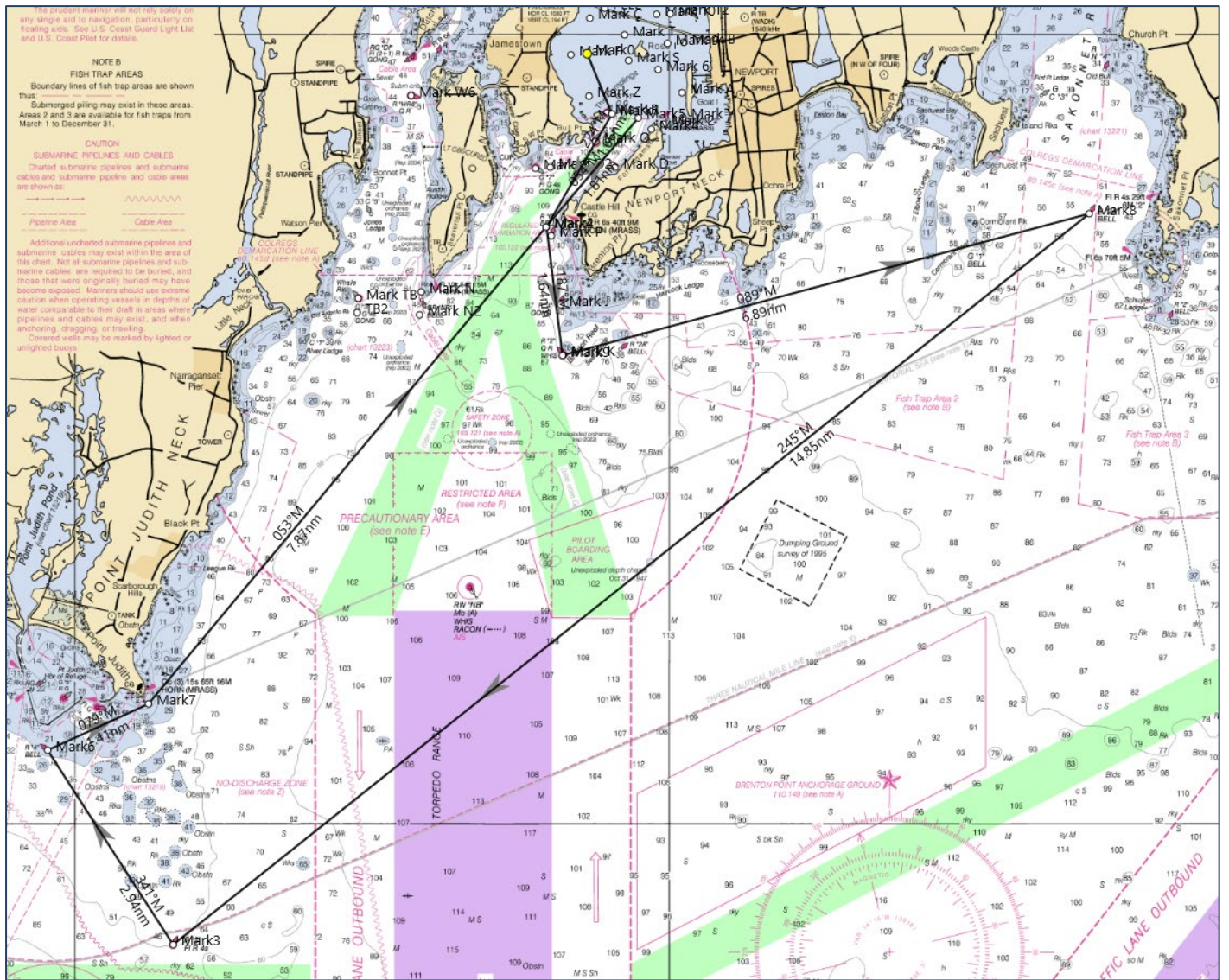
A2.5 Course 3 - Approximate distance: 26nm

Start – Rs – Qs – Pp – 5p – S1p – Ks – Ps – Finish



A2.11 Course 9 - Approximate distance: 49nm

Start – Rs – Qs – PJp – 7p – S1p – Ks – Ps – Finish



A2.12 Course 10 - Approximate distance: 50nm

Start – 1p – Rs – Qs – N2s – W6p - 7p – S1p – Ks – Ps – Finish

