



NEW YORK YACHT CLUB QUEEN'S CUP

August 3rd, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Queen's Cup will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Conditions for the Queen's Cup, as listed in Notice of Race Addendum 1 – Queen's Cup Conditions, shall apply.
- 1.3 The current ORC rules shall apply.
 - a) ORC Rule 200.1 is changed as follows:
 - i) The combined weight of all crew members, weighed in wearing at least shorts and a shirt, who are on board while racing shall not be greater than the maximum crew weight as defined in ORC 102.1 and 102.2.
 - ii) Children under age 16 do not count against the weight limit.
 - iii) Crews are not required to weigh-in; however, if a boat is later protested for exceeding her maximum crew weight, the person in charge shall make all crew available to be weighed in prior to any protest hearing.
- 1.4 All yachts shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the USSER. This changes NOR 1.4.
- 1.5 The Two-Minute Starting Window is described in SI 7.1 below.
- 1.6 Except in the case of emergency or by specific permission of the Race Committee, the helmsperson shall be a Group 1 competitor as defined in the [World Sailing Sailor Code](#).
- 1.7 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 COMMUNICATIONS: NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, VHF CHANNEL, SIGNALS ASHORE

- 2.1 Notices, including race documents, results and amendments, shall be posted on the online Official Notice Board on the event webpage: <https://nyyc.org/2026-queen-s-cup>.
- 2.2 There is no onshore flag pole. All signals 'made ashore' will be communicated via the regatta What'sApp group.
- 2.3 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on Sunday, August 3, except that any change to the schedule of racing will be posted by 1900 on Saturday, August 2. Flag "Lima" will be communicated via the What'sApp regatta group.
- 2.4 When "AP" is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than one hour" in Race Signal "AP". See SI 2.2.
- 2.5 The Race Committee will make an announcement at 0800 on VHF channel 72. The announcement will include the rendezvous location and any other relevant information. Following this announcement, Race Committee Signal Vessel will continue to monitor and communicate on VHF channel 72.

3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mon	August 3 rd	Warning Signal	1000

4 RACING AREA

Racing will take place in the waters east of Job Island, ME or west of Stonington, ME.

5 COURSES

5.1 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee will signal the course on a course board.

5.2 COURSE W, K or O:

W2 Start – 1 – Finish (downwind)

W3 Start – 1 – 3 – Finish (upwind)

W4 Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish (downwind)

W5 Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish (upwind)

W6 Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish (downwind)

K Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – Finish (downwind)

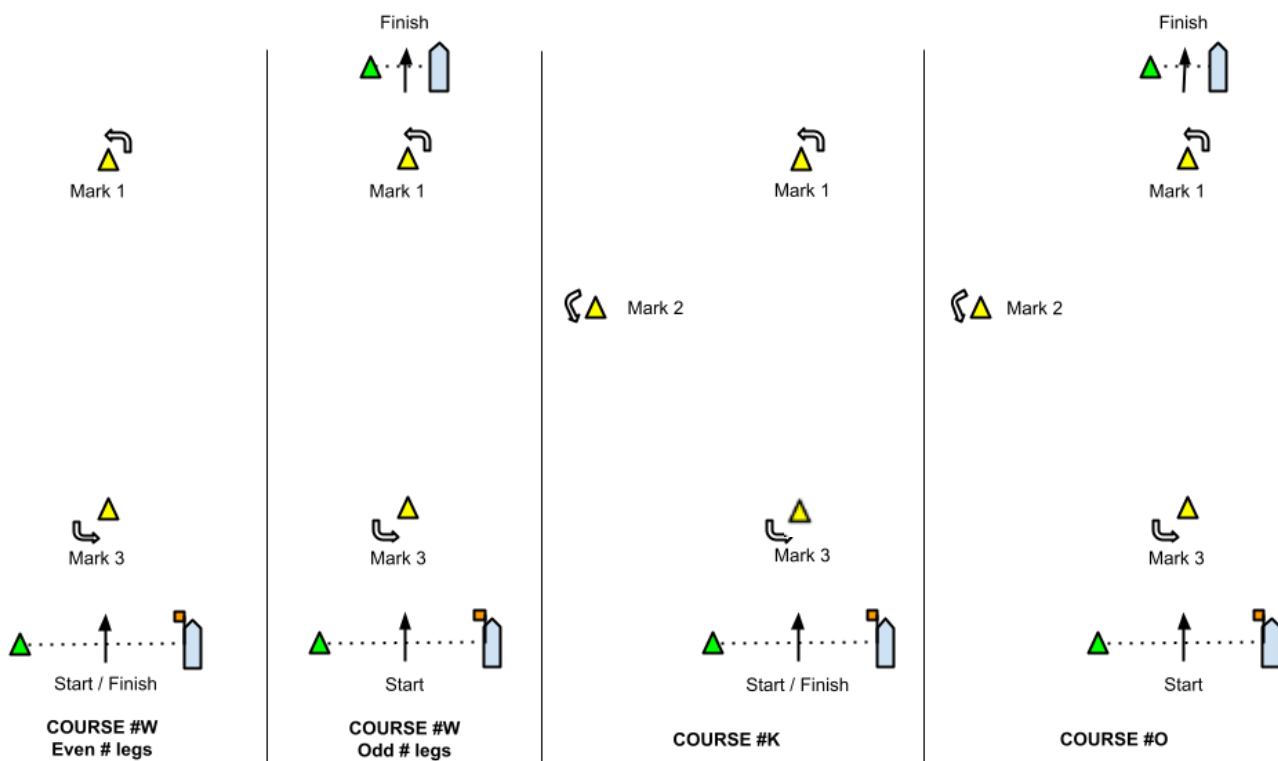
O Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish (upwind)

5.3 **COURSE W, K or O:** The leeward mark 3 will be set approximately 0.1 NM to windward of the starting line.

5.4 **COURSE W, K or O:** The course designation, distance and bearing to the windward mark will be displayed on a board.

5.5 **COURSE W, K or O:** Marks shall be rounded in order and left to port.

5.6 **COURSE W, K or O:** Course diagrams:



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

6 MARKS

6.1 **COURSE W, K or O:** Mark 1, mark 2 and mark 3 (if used) marks will be yellow tetrahedron buoys.

6.2 **ALL COURSES:** The starting mark and finishing mark will be a green buoy.

7 THE START

- 7.1** Races will be started using rule 26. A two-minutes starting window will apply following the starting signal. The actual starting time of any yacht starting within this two-minute starting window will be recorded and used to calculate her elapsed time. Any yacht starting after the expiration of the two-minute starting window will be scored as having started exactly two minutes after the starting signal. This changes rules 26 and A3.
- 7.2** 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 starting mark.

8 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

The Race Committee will endeavor to hail boats observed to be OCS at the start over VHF channel 72 and/or by voice. 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).

9 RETIRING FROM A RACE

Boats retiring from a race are requested to notify the Race Committee on VHF channel 72. If unable to reach the Race Committee by VHF radio, a boat shall contact the Sailing Office at 401-845-9633.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will (a) move the original mark to its new location, (b) lay a new mark of the same color, or (c) move the finishing line. When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as possible.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- a) For course “W”, with an odd number of legs, and course “O”, the finish line will be located approximately 0.1 NM to windward of the windward mark.
 - b) For course “W”, with an even number of legs, and course “K”, the finish line will be located approximately 0.1 NM to leeward of the leeward mark.
 - c) For course “1”, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel and the nearby finishing mark. Note that the intended finishing line will be set at the starting location of the Race Committee signal vessel.
- 11.2** If there is fog at the finish, the Finish Line Committee vessel may ring a bell rapidly, for approximately five seconds, at intervals.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1** The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 will apply. The penalty will be two places. A boat’s final score will not be worse than the score equal to DNF.
- 12.2** A yacht that has taken a Scoring Penalty shall complete an [online penalty acknowledgement form](#) available on the Queen’s Cup website.
- 12.3** The protest committee may impose suitable penalties less than disqualification (DPI) for breaches of the USSER or non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 60.5(c).

13 TIME LIMIT

In accordance with the Queen’s Cup Deed of Gift, there is no time limit.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1** 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).
- 14.2** Protests or requests for redress shall be submitted through the online Hearing Request form as soon as possible, but not later than one hour after the Race Committee signal vessel has docked. The time limit for filing a protest will be posted on the online Official Notice Board.

15 SCORING

15.1 One race is scheduled.

15.2 For Courses K and O, races will be scored under ORC PCS scoring. For Course W, races will be scored using 5-Band Time-on-Time.

15.3 Any decisions on wind range selection or 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).

16 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as stated in the Notice of Race.

RACE COMMITTEE

Forrest Williams, Principal Race Officer

Dawn Forsberg

Caroline Grant

Peggy Hersam

Ellyn Osmond

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