



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS THE HARBOR RACE

August 12, 2026

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Nantucket Race Week, L.L.C.

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The Nantucket Yacht Club (NYC), Great Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC), Nantucket Community Sailing (NCS), the Nantucket Race Week Committee (NRW) and the Nantucket IOD Fleet Association (NIODFA).

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1. **RULES**

- 1.1. The Race will be governed by the *rules* as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) 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”.
- 1.4. *Appendix V1*, PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT will apply.
- 1.5. *Appendix T*, ARBITRATION may be available.
- 1.6. The notation “[DP]” in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. (See RRS 64.)

2. **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be announced at the Competitors’ Meeting which will be held in the NYC Ballroom at 1000 where at least one crew from each boat shall attend.
- 2.2. The race committee may make changes on the water to the Sailing Instructions by hail to each boat before the warning signal in accordance with RRS 90.2(c).

3. **COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1. Except as noted in NOR 3.2 below, the Official Notice Board is online [HERE](https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary/50737) (https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary/50737)
- 3.2. For protest time limits, scoring inquiries, requests for redress, arbitration availability or Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee, the Official Notice Board shall be the physical notice board located at the Nantucket Yacht Club.
- 3.3. On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 73. Frequency congestion may require the designation of an alternate channel, which information will be communicated to all competitors.

4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the NYC.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is changed to ‘a time to be determined by the Race Committee’ in Race Signal AP.

5. **SCHEDULE**

- 5.1. The competitors meeting will be on Wednesday, August 13 at 1000 in the NYC Ballroom.
- 5.2. The time of the warning signal of the Alerion sequence will be determined by the location of the starting area and announced at the competitors meeting. For guidance, if the starting area is located:
 - 5.1.1. In the vicinity of First Point, the warning signal will be at 1130,
 - 5.1.2. In the vicinity of Third Point, the warning signal will be at 1200, or
 - 5.1.3. In the area of the Head of the Harbor, the warning signal will be at 1230.
- 5.3. The warning signal for the Indian class will follow the Alerion’s warning signal by approximately ten minutes. The warning signal for the Marshall 15 class will follow the Indian class starting signal, and the warning signal for the Herreshoff 12 ½ class will follow the Marshall 15 starting signal.

6. **CLASS FLAG**

The class flags as illustrated in SI6 of the [NYC 2026 One Design Sailing Instructions](#) shall be used to indicate which class will be next in the starting sequence.

7. WIND POLICY

- 7.1. For the Alerion Class, the wind limits will be set by the Alerion Advisory Committee on the day of the race and communicated at the Competitors Meeting.
- 7.2. For all other classes, the wind limits set forth in the Nantucket Yacht Club 2026 [Racing Program Policies & Protocols](#) shall apply.
- 7.3. When Code Flag "Y"  is displayed from the Signal Vessel:
 - 5.3.1. RRS 40.1 shall apply requiring all competitors to wear personal flotation devices, and
 - 5.3.2. The Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3(c) will replace the turns penalties of RRS V1.

8. ALERION REEFING:

- 8.1. When the Alerion Advisory Committee determines in its view that the wind will exceed 16 knots on a regular basis during the Race, all participating Alerion boats shall insert a reef before they enter the starting area
- 8.2. For clarity, this determination relates not only to an average wind strength in effect at the competitors meeting, but also to a forecast wind strength for a sustained period of time during the Race
- 8.3. If a reef is inserted per SI 8.1, it will be maintained for the duration of the Race.

9. RACING AREAS

The Race will be sailing in Nantucket Harbor, including the area at the approach to the Harbor.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The course to be sailed will be distributed at the competitors meeting.
- 10.2. Sample courses for a southwest and northeast wind direction for the Alerion and Indian classes are shown in Addendum B.

11. MARKS

11.1. The marks are described in the following table and in Addendum A.

Mark	Description
A	Red nun "2A" between First and Second Points
C	Green Can "13", off Brant Point
D	Red nun "2" near the entrance to Polpis Harbor Channel
E	Red nun "2" off First Point
F	Red nun "6" off Third Point
K	Red channel buoy "4"
M	Red nun "4" off Second Point
O	Orange inflatable drop mark
P	Red nun "8" off Pocomo
U	Yellow inflatable inside West Polpis harbor
X	Red & White "NB" Bell Buoy outside harbor entrance
Y	Yellow inflatable inside East Polpis harbor
9	Green Buoy at the entrance to the channel to the Head of the Harbor off of Pocomo Point
10A	Red nun at the end of the channel to the Head of the Harbor
TT	A tetrahedron off Wauwinet (Topppers Tet)
CT	A tetrahedron at the entrance to Coskata Pond, NE end of Head of the Harbor (Coscata Tet)

12. OBSTRUCTIONS:

- 12.1. The area delineated by the boundaries of the Oyster Farms in the Head of the Harbor is designated a *Continuing Obstruction*, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. Boats are prohibited from crossing the boundaries and the area of the Oyster Farms, and RRS19 will apply with respect to them. Unless compelled to by another boat in violation of RRS19, boats crossing the boundary will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5(a).
- 12.2. The "Cut" in the East Jetties is closed to Alerions.

13. THE START

- 13.1. The location of the starting area will be announced at the competitors meeting.
- 13.2. The Race Committee signal vessel will display an orange line flag approximately five minutes before the warning signal for the first start.
- 13.3. Starting Sequence: Alerions will be the first class to start, followed in order by the Indians, the Marshall 15s, and the Herreshoff 12½s.
- 13.4. Five short sound signals will be made approximately ten seconds before the warning signal.
- 13.5. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 13.6. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A5.
- 13.7. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line the race committee will attempt to hail, over VHF, the sail numbers of those boats after the starting signal. The failure to hail her number, failure to hear such a hail, and the order and timing of such hails, will not be considered an improper action or omission by the race committee under RRS 61.4(b)(1).

14. THE FINISH

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.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 4 hours and 30 minutes.
- 15.2. Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will record their place and position and that shall be their place for the race. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REDRESS

- 16.1. If a boat intends to protest another boat or request redress, it is requested that the boat notify the race committee by VHF radio of that intention after finishing.
- 16.2. Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Desk within 60 minutes after the race committee finish vessel docks. The time will be posted as stated in SI 3.2. Hearings will be held as soon as possible.
- 16.3. The Protest Desk will be located at the Nantucket Yacht Club.

17. SAFETY

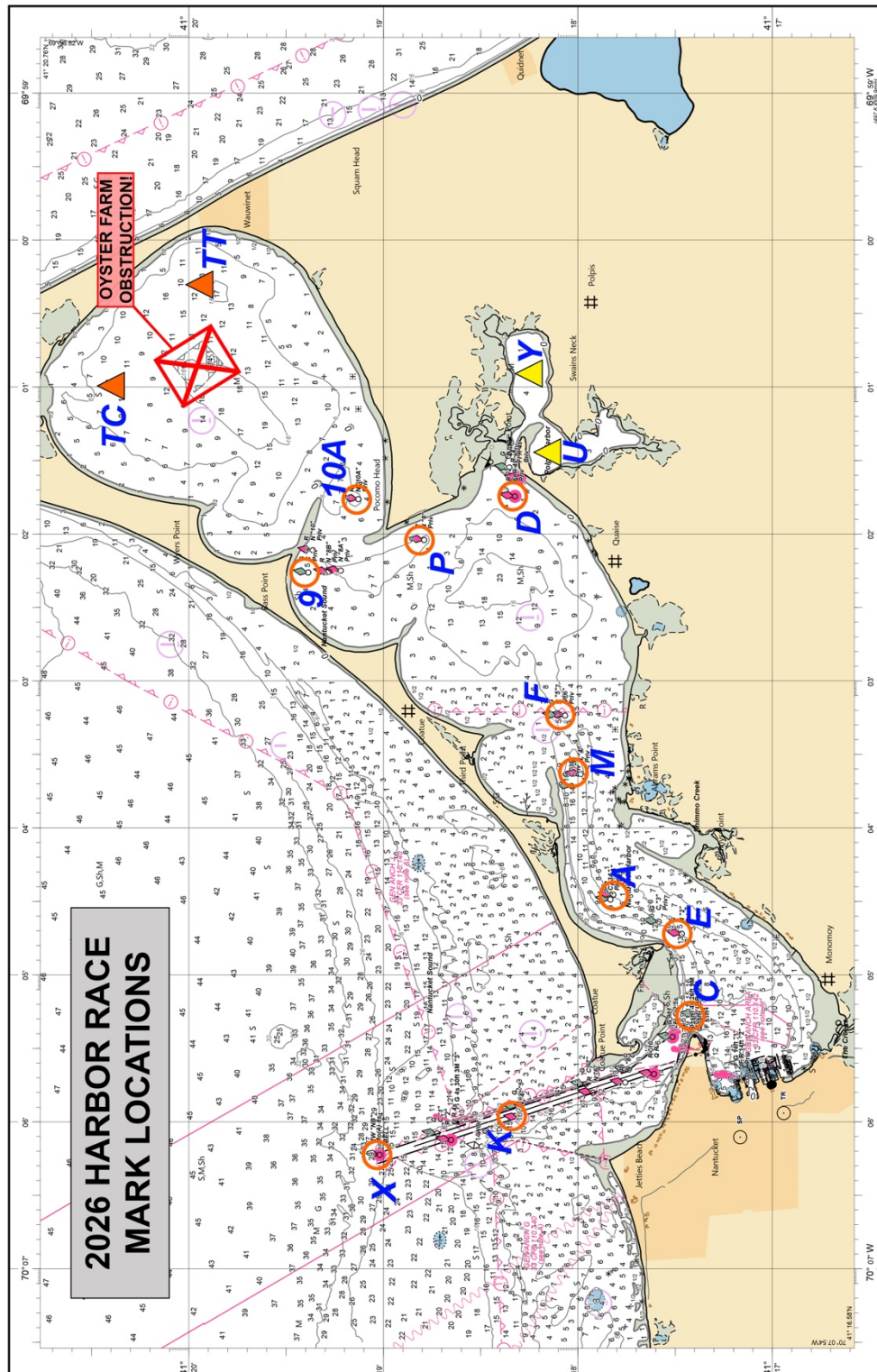
- 17.1. All boats shall check-in with the race committee before the start of the first race by sailing past the signal vessel on starboard tack, or over VHF, and hailing their sail number and receiving confirmation from the race committee.



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17.2. A boat that retires from the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

Addendum A - Racing Area and Mark Locations



Addendum B – Alerion & Indian Sample Courses

South West Wind Direction

Mark	Rounding	Notes
Start		Near “E” to “M”
C	Starboard	
K	Port	
C	Port	
9	Starboard	Sandbars off 2nd point and Five Finger Point
10A	Port	
II	Port	
CT	Port	
10A	Starboard	
9	Port	
Finish		Near “E”

North East Wind Direction

Mark	Rounding	Notes
Start		Near “E”
B	Port	
C	Starboard	
K	Port	
C	Port	
9	Starboard	Sandbars off 2nd point and Five Finger Point
10A	Port	
CT	Starboard	
II	Starboard	
10A	Starboard	
9	Port	
Finish		Near “E”



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