



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS WOMEN'S REGATTA

August 12, 2026

## ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)

Nantucket Race Week, L.L.C.

Regatta website [www.nantucketraceweek.org](http://www.nantucketraceweek.org)

## HOSTS

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 Regatta 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 T*, ARBITRATION may be available. If so, it will be noted on the Official Notice Board on the morning of each race day.
- 1.5. Appendix V1, PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT will apply.

#### 2. **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 2 hours prior to the affected event on the Official Notice Board or verbally by the signal vessel prior to the warning signal.
- 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/50738) ([https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary/50738](https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary/50738))
- 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 74. 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 at 1000 on the NYC patio on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.
- 5.2. The first warning signal will be at 1130.
- 5.3. Multiple races are planned.
- 5.4. Awards are scheduled at 1530 at NYC.

#### 6. **RACING AREAS**

All races will be sailed in Area 2 or Area 3 as depicted in Addendum A.

#### 7. **COURSES**

- 7.1. The courses to be sailed are shown in Addendum B, including the approximate angles between legs and the order in which marks are to be passed. The courses will be displayed on a white board.
- 7.2. After *starting* and before *finishing*, the starting and finishing lines are *obstructions*, and boats may not sail across either of them. Boats may not correct this error and will be scored with a 30% scoring penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 28 and A5.



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**8. MARKS**

- 8.1. Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be colored inflatables.
- 8.2. The starting and finishing marks will be a yellow inflatable and a Race Committee vessel.
- 8.3. The Herreshoff-12 ½ Mark 1a will be a red ball.

**9. THE START**

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A5.
- 9.3. 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).

**10. CHANGE IN THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

The course may be changed during racing without signaling at the previous mark. This changes RRS 33. The Race Committee will attempt to hail each boat.

**11. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

**12. TIME LIMIT**

- 12.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 45 minutes.
- 12.2. Boats still racing more than 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

**13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1. When PFDs are required the Turns penalties of RRS V1 are replaced by the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.
- 13.2. After starting and before finishing, the starting and finishing lines are obstructions, and boats are prohibited from sailing through them. Boats may not correct this error and will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 28 and A5.

**14. PROTESTS AND REDRESS**

- 14.1. If a boat intends to protest another boat or request redress, it shall notify the Race Committee by VHF radio of that intention after finishing.
  - 14.2. Protest forms are available from the Protest Desk.
  - 14.3. Protests shall be delivered within 60 minutes after the Race Committee finish vessel docks. The time will be posted as stated in SI 3.2.
  - 14.4. Hearings will be held as soon as possible.
  - 14.5. The Protest Desk will be located at the Nantucket Yacht Club.
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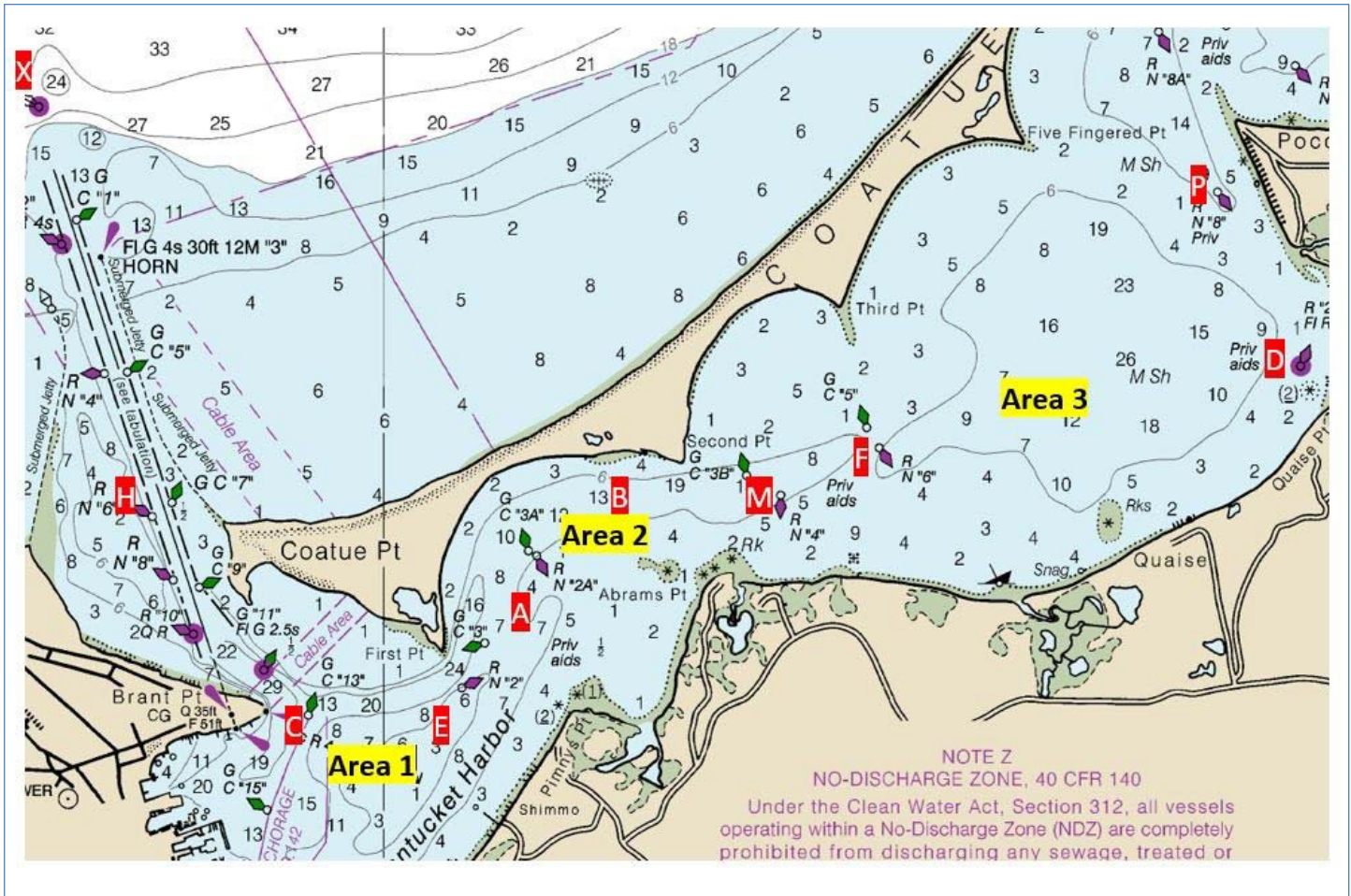
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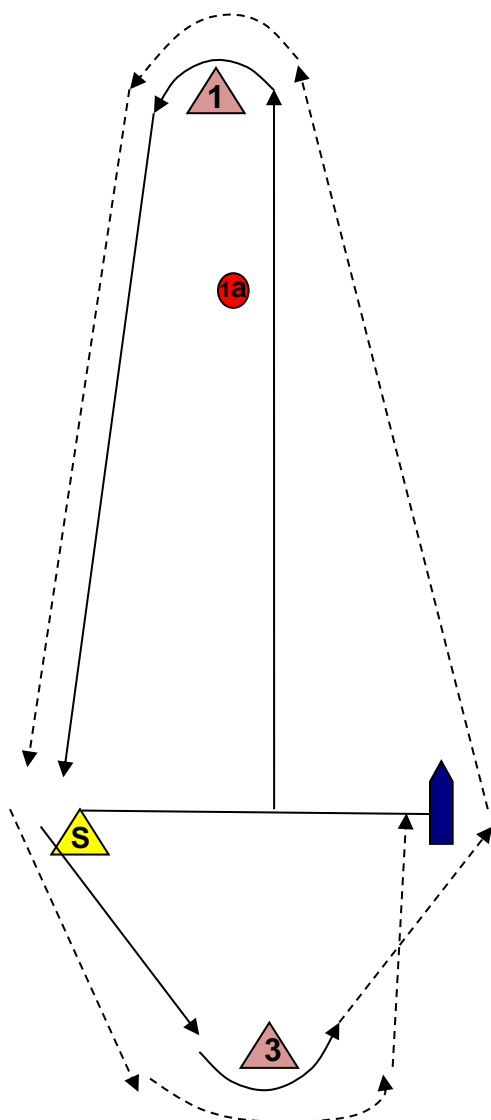
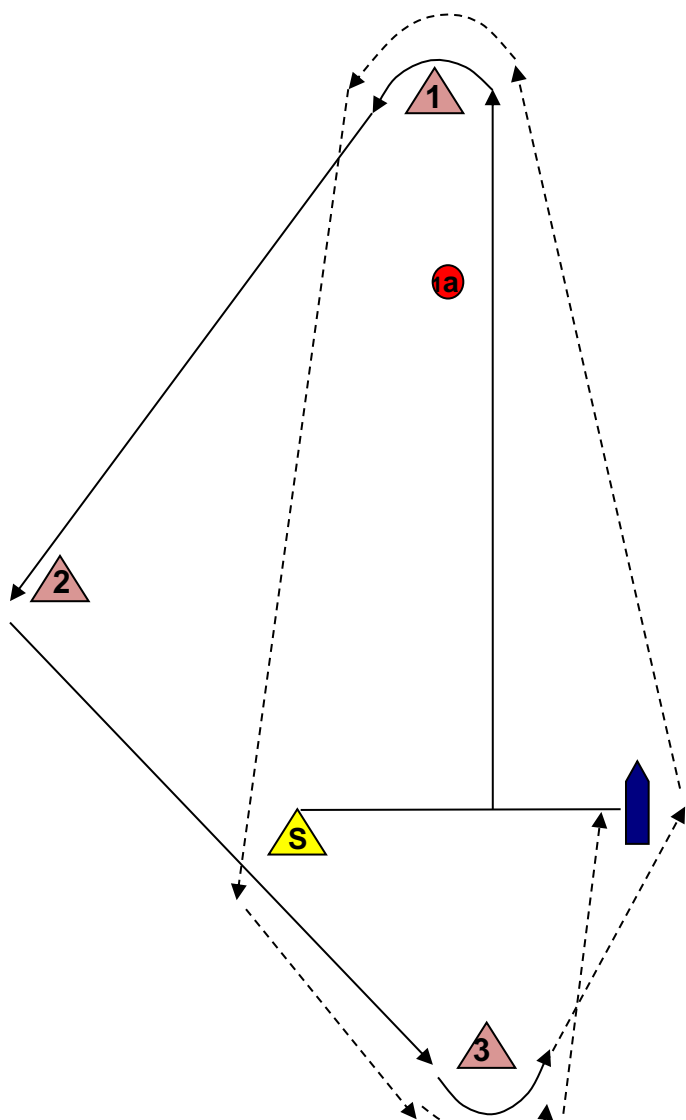
**15. SAFETY**

- 15.1. 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 and hailing their sail number and receiving confirmation from the Race Committee.
- 15.2. A boat that retires from the racing area shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## ADDENDUM A: RACING AREAS



## Addendum B – Courses

| WL2                                                                                                                                               | TWL                                                                                                                                                                   |
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|                                                                 |                                                                                    |
| <b>Rhodes-19:</b> Start, 1 (port), 3 (port), 1 (port), 3 (port), finish<br><b>H 12 ½:</b> Start, 1a (port), 3 (port), 1a (port), 3 (port), finish | <b>Rhodes-19:</b> Start, 1 (port), 2 (port), 3 (port), 1 (port), 3 (port), finish<br><b>H 12 ½:</b> Start, 1a (port), 2 (port), 3 (port), 1a (port), 3 (port), finish |
| <b>COURSE WL1</b><br><b>Rhodes-19:</b> Start, 1 (port), 3 (port), finish<br><b>H 12 ½:</b> Start, 1a (port), 3 (port), finish                     | <b>NOTE FOR ALL COURSES:</b><br>The Start/finish line is CLOSED except when starting or finishing per SI 11.2.                                                        |