



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

HOBIE 16 | MELGES 15 | LASER (ILCA) REGATTA

AUGUST 9, 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)

Nantucket Race Week, L.L.C.

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

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0830 on the day they will take effect, or within 15 minutes after the termination of any competitors meeting.
- 2.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water by notification from the Race Committee by radio, as provided for in SI 3.2, below.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Except as noted in NOR 3.2 below, the Official Notice Board is online at [HERE](https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary/50739) (https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary/50739).
- 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 will communicate with competitors by loud hailer. Competitors are encouraged to remain withing hailing distance of the Signal Boat prior to the first race and between races.

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 ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. There will be no competitors meeting.
- 5.2. To alert boats that the day’s races will begin soon, the orange starting flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.3. The first warning signal on Sunday, August 9 at 1230.

6. RACING AREAS

- 6.1. Races will be sailed in Nantucket Harbor or Nantucket Sound, either in Area 2 or Area 4, as shown in [Addendum A](#). The racing area will be communicated verbally to the competitors by 1300 on the race day.
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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.
- 7.2. Notwithstanding SI7.1 and SI8.1, for the Hobie 16 Class, the Race Committee may designate a 'geographic course' for that class's last race of the day, and the marks in such course may be government marks or other locations made known to the competitors. The course will be communicated by loud hailer.
- 7.3. Before the warning signal, the Race Committee will hail to the next class starting which course that class is to sail.

8. **START / FINISH LINE**

After starting and before finishing, the starting and finishing lines are *obstructions* as defined in the RRS, 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.

9. **MARKS**

- 9.1. Marks will be red balls.
- 9.2. Notwithstanding SI 7.1, for the Hobie 16 Class, the Race Committee may designate a 'geographic course' for that class's last race of the day. The course will be communicated by loud hailer.
- 9.3. The starting marks for all courses and the finishing marks for courses will be red balls.

10. **THE START**

- 10.1. Repeated short sound signals will be made approximately ten seconds before the warning signal. Before that action, the Race Committee will verbally hail all boats to inform them which Class will be in the upcoming starting sequence.
- 10.2. Races will use the Audible-Signal Racing System of Appendix U (3-minute dinghy starts).
- 10.3. 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.
- 10.4. Boats may not start more than 3 minutes after their starting signal.
- 10.5. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line the Race Committee will attempt to hail 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).

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

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled by a hail to each boat from a Race Committee vessel at the start of the leg. This changes RRS 33.

12. **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.



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13. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to *Sail the Course* will be 30 minutes.

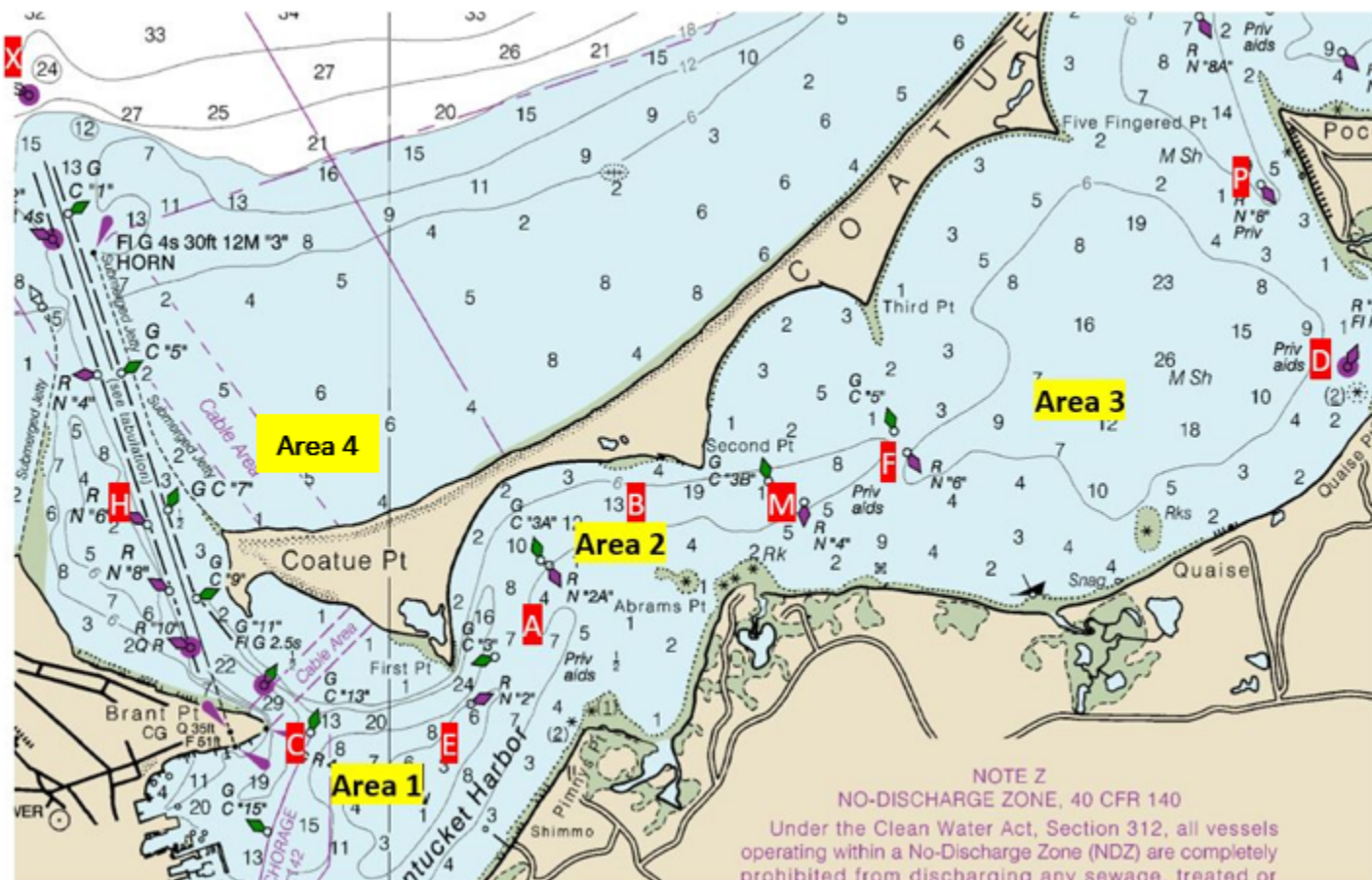
14. PROTESTS AND REDRESS

- 14.1. Hearing request forms will be available at the Protest Desk outside the NYC Sail Room.
- 14.2. Protests or requests for redress shall be delivered to the Protest Desk within 60 minutes after the Race Committee finish vessel personnel come ashore. The time will be posted as set forth in SI 3.2.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS60.2(a)(2).
- 14.5. If Arbitration is available pursuant to SI 1.5, arbitration meetings will be held prior to a protest hearing for incidents involving rules of Part 2 or RRS 31.
- 14.6. Hearings will be held as soon as possible.

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 or other identification (eg, name of helmsman) 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

NOTE: Per SI8, the start/finish line is “protected”. Boats may not cross the start/finish line while racing.

