

AHYC Racing 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

For the MS. RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect or be communicated via radio call from the Race Committee via channel 69.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the event page on Yachtscoring at

https://www.yachtscoring.com/select_event?keyword=Atlantic+Highlands

- 3.2** The race office is located at Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club clubhouse.

- 3.3** On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 69.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1** Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the AHYC Race Committee boat.

- 5.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

(a) Ms Race

Event	Date of Race	First Warning Signal Times
Ms Race	August 15	2:00pm

6.3

To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, a pre-warning signal may be made about one minute prior to the first warning signal. The pre-warning will not be made if the start has been postponed.

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CLASS FLAGS

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The class flags are:

Class	Flag
MS RACE	

7.2

If any class flag is not available, the Race Committee may change any class flag by making an announcement on VHF 69 prior to the first race of the day

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RACING AREA

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The racing area is the Sandy Hook Bay and the surrounding waters.

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COURSES

9.1

The diagrams, in SI Addendum A show the courses, including the approximate magnetic heading for each leg, the order in which

marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

- 9.2** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed for each class. The order of the starts follows the pursuit start format.

10 MARKS

- 10.1** Marks are racing buoys and government buoys.

- 10.2** The marks used and the approximate location are listed below in SI addendum A.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1** The following is designated as an obstruction:
(a) The security zone around Earle Naval Pier.
(b) Any anchored spectator boats. (e.g. SEASTREAK FERRY)

12 THE START

- 12.1** Offshore Championship races will be started using a pursuit format. Each boat will be assigned a start time by the Race Committee prior to the first warning signal. This changes RRS 26.
- 12.3** For the MS RACE, the starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 12.4** Boats whose pursuit start time is not within 1 minute of their start time shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other racers.
- 12.5** If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1** For the Ms Race, the finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the SF pin.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1** Appendix V for alternative penalties applies (see US Sailing prescriptions).

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1** The Time Limit for the Ms RACE will be 3 hours.
- 16.2** Boats still racing when the time limit expires will be scored number of finishers+1. If there are no finishers within the time limit, the race shall be abandoned. This changes RRS 35.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the docking of the race committee boat.
- 17.2** Hearings can be submitted to the AHYC Protest Chair or to a member of the Race Committee either at the Clubhouse or via email. Hearings can be submitted in any form that complies with RRS 60.3 (protest) or RRS 61.2 (redress). Hearing request forms are available from US Sailing at https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/US_Sailing_Hearing_Request_Form_20210301_Fillable.pdf
- 17.3** Notices will be posted on the club house notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The notice will include the date, time, and location of the hearing.
- 17.4** Video or photographic images taken from any boat during the MS RACE will not be admissible as evidence in a protest.
- 17.5** RRS 61.2(b)(2) and 66.2(b)(1,2) do not apply.

18 SCORING FOR THE RACE

- 18.1** Races will be scored in the order in which they finish in each class.

18.2 Boats that have not paid their entry fee shall not be scored.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

20.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20.2 For Boats that are rated without lifelines, RRS 40 (Personal Floatation Devices) shall be in effect from the boats warning signal until the boat has finished.

21 RISK STATEMENT

21.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

22 INSURANCE

22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

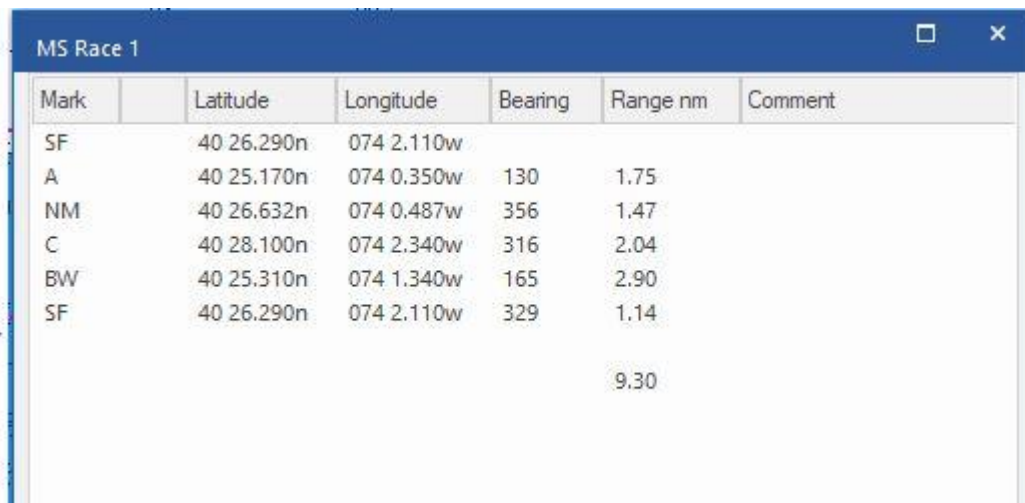
SI Addendum A

Racing Courses and Marks

- A1.** The on the water Race Committee will choose courses in their sole discretion based on current conditions including, but not limited to, wind speed, weather, and daylight.
- A2.** Courses for the MS RACE will be selected and posted by the Race Committee and on the RACE Committee boat:

Course 1

Notes: All marks left to port



Mark	Latitude	Longitude	Bearing	Range nm	Comment
SF	40 26.290n	074 2.110w			
A	40 25.170n	074 0.350w	130	1.75	
NM	40 26.632n	074 0.487w	356	1.47	
C	40 28.100n	074 2.340w	316	2.04	
BW	40 25.310n	074 1.340w	165	2.90	
SF	40 26.290n	074 2.110w	329	1.14	
				9.30	

Course 2

MS Race 2						
Mark		Latitude	Longitude	Bearing	Range nm	Comment
SF		40 26.290n	074 2.110w			
BW		40 25.310n	074 1.340w	149	1.14	
C		40 28.100n	074 2.340w	345	2.90	
NM		40 26.632n	074 0.487w	136	2.04	
A		40 25.170n	074 0.350w	176	1.47	
SF		40 26.290n	074 2.110w	310	1.75	
					9.30	

Note:

BW port

C starboard

NM starboard

A starboard

Course 3

MS Race 3						
Mark		Latitude	Longitude	Bearing	Range nm	Comment
SF		40 26.290n	074 2.110w			
BW		40 25.310n	074 1.340w	149	1.14	
NM		40 26.632n	074 0.487w	026	1.48	
JA		40 26.780n	074 2.250w	276	1.35	
BW		40 25.310n	074 1.340w	155	1.63	
SF		40 26.290n	074 2.110w	329	1.14	
					6.74	

Note: All marks left to port
BW port
NM port
JA port
BW port

Course 4

MS Race 4						
Mark		Latitude	Longitude	Bearing	Range nm	Comment
SF		40 26.290n	074 2.110w			
BW		40 25.310n	074 1.340w	149	1.14	
JA		40 26.780n	074 2.250w	335	1.63	
NM		40 26.632n	074 0.487w	096	1.35	
BW		40 25.310n	074 1.340w	206	1.48	
SF		40 26.290n	074 2.110w	329	1.14	
					6.74	

Note:
BW to port
JA to starboard
NM to starboard
BW to starboard

SI Addendum B

Racing Fleets

- B. 1 The Race Committee can signify courses by Fleet.
The Fleets are Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker.
- B.2 The fleet Spinnaker will be designated as A1 on the course board.
The fleet for Non-spinnaker will be designated as B on the course board.

B.3 Courses will be displayed on the course board on the race committee boat prior to the first warning signal.

B. 4 Your pursuit start is based on the distance of the course depicted for your fleet.
Please see your pursuit times based on course distance.

