



Mason's Island Yacht Club

41° 19'33" N x 71° 57'52" W

MASON'S ISLAND YACHT CLUB REGATTA

Saturday August 29, 2026

Sailing Instructions – PHRF, ORC and Multihull Classes

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Appendix V (ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES) is in effect.
- 1.3 Rule 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 National letters and sail numbers shall be of a contrasting color to the body of the sail.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on Yacht Scoring.

3. Communications

- 3.1 The Race Committee ("RC") on Alpha Circle shall communicate on VHF radio channel 1001 (01A). Only the RC may request redress for misunderstandings, errors or omissions that may result from such communications. **This changes RRS 60.1.**
- 3.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice, data or video transmissions which are not available to all boats in the fleet.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on Yacht Scoring before 0900 on Saturday, August 29, 2026.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Racing will take place on Saturday, August 29th. In the event of cancellation or abandonment, there is no re-sail date.
- 5.2 One race is scheduled for all classes.
- 5.3 The first Warning signal is scheduled at 1055.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1 Class Flags will be the International Code Flag Numeral Pennants corresponding to the number designating each class on the Scratch Sheet.

7. Starting Area

- 7.1 The Starting Area will be in the area east of Ram Island and south of Gates Island.
- 7.2 The RC may reposition the Starting Area(s) to accommodate wind conditions. Monitor VHF for any changes.

8. Racing Area and Courses

- 8.1. The racing area is in Fishers Island Sound between New London and Latimer Reef.
- 8.2. The course to be sailed shall be designated by a series of marks posted on the top row of the course board on the RC Signal Boat in order of rounding. The letters P (port) or S (starboard) will indicate which side to round the preceding mark(s).
- 8.3. Refer to Appendix A for the list of marks.

9. Restrictions

- 9.1. Competitors shall pass South of Nuns #22, #24 and 26 located near Groton Long Point.
- 9.2. Competitors shall not pass between Flat Hammock and South Dumpling Island.

10. The Start

- 10.1. The starting line will be between the staff with the orange flag on the RC Signal Boat "*Eddie Maxwell*" and a nearby inflatable mark.
- 10.2. The start order will be announced by RC. Numerical class designation on the Scratch Sheet does not infer your order of start. Please be attentive to the Code Flag Numeral Pennants displayed on the Committee Boat.
- 10.3. The RC will announce individual OCS boats on VHF Ch. 1001 (01A) and/or loud hail. Failure on the part of any OCS boat to hear or understand these attempts shall not be considered grounds for a request for redress. **This changes RRS 62.1(a).**

11. The Finish

- 11.1. The Finish Area will be in the area east of Ram Island and south of Gates Island
- 11.2. The finish line will be between the staff with the orange flag on the RC Signal Boat "*Eddie Maxwell*" and a nearby buoy.
- 11.2. A boat that retires shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

12. Time Limit

- 12.1. The time limit for each class is 1600 regardless of starting times.
- 12.2. Boats that do not finish within the time limit shall be scored TLE and receive points equal to the number of finishers in her class plus 1. **This changes RRS 35 and Appendices A4, A5, and A10.**

13. Scoring

- 13.1. One completed race will constitute a series. There are no exclusions.
- 13.2. Corrected times for PHRF classes will be calculated using PHRF Time on Time (ToT) calculations.
- 13.3. Corrected times for the ORC Class will be calculated using single number A/P ratings, unless conditions dictate alternative ORC scoring criteria. The decisions on wind range and course classification will be at the sole discretion of the RC and shall not be grounds for a request for redress. **This changes RRS 60.1(b) and RRS 62.1(a).**

14. Protests

- 14.1. Boats filing a protest, a request for redress, or a scoring inquiry shall inform the RC Signal Boat at their earliest opportunity after finishing.

- 14.2 Protests shall be filed with the Protest Committee at the MIYC clubhouse or electronically via email to wgcanning@gmail.com no later than one (1) hour after the Signal Boat docks. The docking time will be posted to the Notice Board at YachtScoring.
- 14.3 Hearings will be scheduled at the earliest opportunity following the completion of racing. Hearings may be held virtually online at the discretion of the MIYC Protest Committee.

15. Prizes

- 15.1 There will be prizes for each class awarded at the Shore Party, at Mason's Island Yacht Club at 1700.

16. Disclaimer of Liability

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race.

The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

MIYC REGATTA MARKS

Appendix A

Letter	Mark Name	ID	Lat/Lon*
B	Black Ledge	N "2BL"	41'18.02" 72'03.92"
E	Silver Eel Pond Whistle	SE	41'15.55" 72'02.22"
I	Intrepid Rock	"DIR"	41'17.94" 72.00.24"
M	Mystic River West	C "1"	41'17.40" 71'59.42"
N	No. Hill Bell	R "2"	41'16.79" 72'01.38"
R	Ram Island Bell	R "20"	41'18.20" 71'58.39"
V	Vixen Ledge	N "28VL"	41'18.35" 72'02.92"
F	Seaflower Reef		41'17.76" 72'1.98"
G	Eel Grass Ground	N "16"	41'18.51" 71'56.69"
D/M	Drop Mark	Inflatable	R & B from RC
S/F	Start/Finish	Inflatable	Yellow near RC

* All positions approximate