



2019-2020 NHYC H2O Winter Series SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

OA: Newport Harbor Yacht Club



1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Breaches of instructions which are annotated [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). If the jury concludes that a boat has broken one of these rules, or rule 55, it may impose a penalty other than disqualification. In these cases, the discretionary penalty, if less than disqualification, will be represented by the scoring abbreviation "DPI". The penalty imposed by the jury in such case constitutes the "other penalty" in the first sentence of rule 64.1.
- 1.3. Rule 44.1 and 44.2 are changed for all H2O Fleets so that only one tack and one gybe are required.
- 1.4. US Sailing prescription RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the boatyard at Newport Harbor Yacht Club (NHYC) as well as on the online notice board which is accessible at www.nhyc.org.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later than thirty (30) minutes before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be made by 2000h on the day before it is to take place.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast located at the top of the launch ramp.
- 4.2. When flown ashore, Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two horns (one horn when lowered) means, "Racing is postponed. The warning signal will be made no less than 15 after the lowering of 'AP'." This changes RRS Race Signals, AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Regatta Date	Scheduled first warning signal	Regatta Date	Scheduled first warning signal
November 3, 2019	1300	January 5, 2020	1300
December 8, 2019	1300	February 2, 2020	1200

6. RACING AREA

Racing will take place in the harbor north of NHYC.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. The diagrams in Addendum A - Course Descriptions show the possible courses to be sailed.
- 7.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee (RC) signal boat will display the course to be sailed.
- 7.3. All marks are to be left to port unless otherwise indicated.
- 7.4. The letter "G" displayed with any course description will denote that a gate will replace Mark 3.
- 7.5. When there is a leeward gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. The marks will be as follows:

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1, 2, 3	GREEN inflatable cube
O	ORANGE inflatable ball
Start, Finish	ORANGE inflatable cube

- 8.2. The starting/finishing line marks are not marks of the course except when starting or finishing.

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

[NP] Moored boats and their mooring balls and lines shall not be touched in any way.

10. THE START/FINISH

- 10.1. All races will be started using RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix U.
- 10.2. The start and finish line will be between the course side of an orange flag on a staff on an R/C boat and the course side of a nearby start or finish mark.
- 10.3. Five (5) H20 class boats in the starting area will constitute a class division entitled to a separate start. Divisions may be combined in the event there are not sufficient boats to meet this requirement. Upon elimination of a division, the starting times of succeeding divisions will advance accordingly. Competitors must be alert for the display of their class/division indicator at the warning signal for each race.
- 10.4. The race committee intends for the order of start to be: H20A, H20B, H20C

11. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the position of the next mark, the RC will move the original mark to a new position. The change will be signaled before the first boat has begun the leg. At the time of the signal, the new mark need not be in position. Any subsequent mark to be rounded after the new mark may be relocated to maintain original course configuration without a signal.

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish will be one (1) hour.
- 12.2. A boat that fails to finish within ten (10) minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired ("TLE") without a hearing. In such case, the R/C may terminate the race and score the boat points equal to the number of boats finishing plus two (2). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A11.
- 12.3. If a boat in last place is delaying the next start, the race committee may order the race terminated and score that boat points equal to last place.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1. Protest must be submitted in writing, on forms available at the Protest Desk, located in the Race Office of NYHC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 13.2. Protests must be delivered within thirty (30) minutes of the RC signal boat docking time. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the RC and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to request for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 13.3. The protest committee will hear protests as soon as possible and in the order it determines. The hearing schedule will be posted on the notice board and at the protest desk no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the close of protest time. This posting will constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2.
- 13.4. It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.
- 13.5. If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than sixty (60) minutes after the protest time limit. This changes the second sentence of RRS 62.2.

14. SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A. RRS A9 will apply.

When 'X' number of races have been completed	A boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding 'X' number of scores
4 or fewer	0
5 - 7	1
8 - 10	2
11 or more	3

15. TROPHIES

15.1. Overall trophies will be awarded at NYHC on February 2, 2020 after racing.

15.2. The Ted Munroe Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winners of the Harbor 20 A, B, and C classes.

16. DISCLAIMER

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in these races participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Ratings Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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