



2018 Etchells Atlantic Coast Championship
 May 19-20, 2018
 American Yacht Club
 Rye, NY



Organizing Authority: American Yacht Club and Etchells Fleet 1

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This alters RRS 63.7.
- 1.3. The US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Rule V1 shall apply.
- 1.4. The Race Committee shall use VHF radio for safety purposes and communications with competitors. All other communications via VHF by competitors is strictly prohibited from the time of the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day. The use of mobile telephones and other electronic communication devices is similarly prohibited.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at American Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at American Yacht Club's flag pole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3. When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes RRS Part 4 Preamble.

5. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1. The race committee will monitor and communicate its intentions via VHF 78a.
- 5.2. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

6. REGISTRATION

Registration formalities as detailed in the Notice of Race are required to be completed by 1900 hours on Friday May 18.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1. Racing is scheduled as follows:

Saturday May 19	1055	First Warning Signal
	Immediately following racing	Post-Race Gathering AYC
Sunday May 20	1025	First Warning Signal
	1430	No Warning Signal after 1430
	Immediately following racing	Prize Giving AYC

7.2. More than one race may be sailed on any race day.

7.3. Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means “No more racing today”.

8. RACING AREA

Racing Area will be in Western Long Island Sound in the vicinity of American Yacht Club. Regatta headquarters will be at American Yacht Club.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course, the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark and the number of legs to be sailed on the course board.

9.2. SAMPLE COURSE BOARD (showing a course of 210 degrees, 1.0 nm to the windward mark and course 4 for the race:

Bearing	Range	Division	Course
2	1		4
1			
0			

9.3. Course will be designated as follows with all marks rounded to port:

3 - windward, leeward, finish to windward

4 - windward, leeward, windward, finish to leeward

5 - windward, leeward, windward, leeward, finish to windward

10. MARKS

10.1. Windward and Leeward marks will be inflated yellow tetrahedrons.

10.2. Offset marks will be red balls.

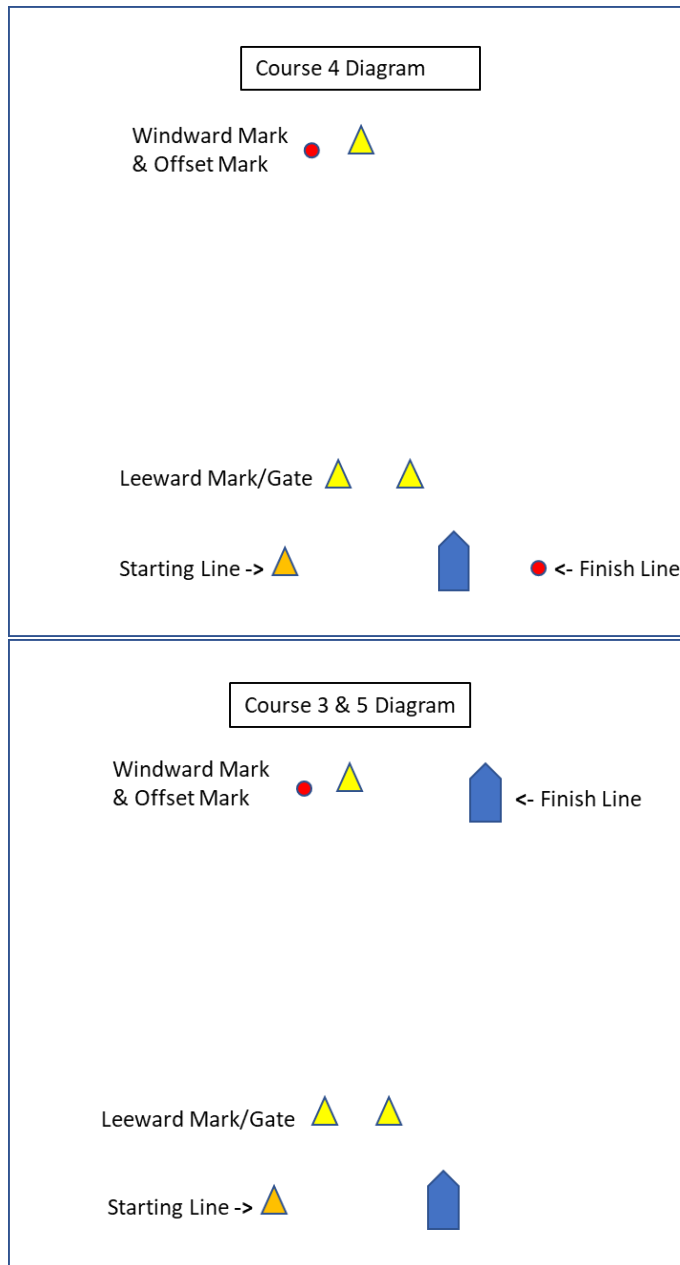
10.3. The windward mark and the accompanying offset mark shall be left to port.

10.4. When a leeward “gate” is employed, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

10.5. A single leeward mark shall be left to port.

10.6. New marks changing the Next Leg of the Course, will be the alternative color, which in the case of the first such change shall be orange (or, if necessary, a buoy with a black band).

11. Course Diagrams



12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and an orange inflatable buoy at the port end.
- 12.3. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A.4 and A.5.
- 12.4. The Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS and BFD boats by sail number by radio on VHF Channel 78.A. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. For Course 4 (leeward finish), the finish line will be between a red ball inflatable and an orange flag on a committee vessel.
- 13.2. For Course 3 and 5 (windward finish) the finish line will be between the windward mark and an orange flag on the race committee vessel.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. The time limit for the first boat in a class to sail the course and finish will be 2-1/2 hours. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This modifies RRS 35. Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. The total of her score for TLE shall not exceed the total number of boats in that class. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2, and A5.
- 15.2. If no boat has passed the first windward mark one hour after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the American Yacht Club front desk. Protests shall be delivered there within 1-1/2 hours of the race committee signal vessel docking at American Yacht Club. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.2. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2. Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4. When six (6) have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions which may include RRS 43 and Class Rules C.2.2 and C.3.2.
- 19.2. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee or the Jury to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1. Support boats shall register with the organizing authority during registration.

- 20.2. All registered coach and support boats will carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.
- 20.3. Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall not communicate with competitors and shall stay outside areas where boats are starting, finishing, and racing, from the time of the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day.

21. BERTHING & HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 21.1. All boats shall be kept at American Yacht Club or Larchmont Yacht Club.
- 21.2. All boats shall be afloat before 0930 on May 19 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee. The penalty may be DSQ for any subsequent races.

22. PLASTIC POOLS

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.

23. PRIZES

- 23.1. Awards shall be given to the top 3 boats in the regatta. Additional trophies may be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 23.2. Awards will also be presented to the top 3 boats in the Corinthian Division.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 24.2. By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by American Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk; that American Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents and sponsors will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against American Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents and/or sponsors, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other American Yacht Club vessels, or patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.

25.FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGATTA OFFICIALS

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