

Sailing Instructions NCYC Thursday Night Series - 2024

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority for this series is North Cove Yacht Club.

2. RULES

2.1 The North Cove Yacht Club Thursday Night Series are PHRF races and shall be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS)*, the *Notice of Race* and these *Sailing Instructions*.

2.2 PHRF class rules shall apply to all boats sailing with PHRF handicaps. An up-to-date **ECSA or NCYC PHRF** handicap shall be required for a boat to qualify for the summer series, as approved by the RACE COMMITTEE. Special consideration will be made for boats sailing on a nightly basis, see 18.5.

3. SAIL NUMBERS

Conformance to Appendix G is not required, though sail numbers on the mainsail are strongly recommended. The name of the vessel will be used in a place of a sail number if appropriate. *This changes RRS 77.*

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the NCYC Discord page and may be transmitted on VHF Channel 01 and may be communicated via email. When applicable, changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the NCYC Discord page prior to a Thursday evening race by 1700 HRS.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

An evening's racing may be canceled at the discretion of the RACE COMMITTEE, should threatening weather appear imminent, or if there is no wind. Such cancellation will be transmitted on VHF channel 01 in lieu of three sound signals, as well as a posting of cancellation on the NCYC Discord page. No other signals will be employed ashore.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 First Warning Signal is at 17:55 HRS.

Starting sequence(s) will be in accordance with Rule 26 (5-minute start sequence), with the absence of signal flags.

6.2 Delayed Warning: At the discretion of the RACE COMMITTEE the first warning of the starting sequence may be delayed for any reason. Any postponement will be announced on VHF channel 01.

7. REGISTRATION, CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING ORDER

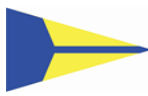
There will be one or more classes, depending on the number and ratings of registered boats.

If more than one class shall be racing, the numeral class flag for each class will be displayed at the warning of the starting sequence.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 For Windward-Leeward courses, a boat shall start and leave each mark of the same side as the starting pin, except for the finish pin. The course to be sailed will be designated by the RACE COMMITTEE and announced on VHF channel 01.

8.2 For around the Bouys courses, a boat shall start and leave each mark on the same side as the starting pin unless indicated by the RACE COMMITTEE that a mark should be rounded on the opposite side. For example, if the starting pin is to port then all marks of the course shall be left to port except those indicated by the RACE COMMITTEE.



9. MARKS

9.1 The Marks used to designate courses are as follows (the location of each mark is approximate):

Mark 'A' - Mooring ball indicating "NCYC Race Mark" off of Guardhouse Point. Coordinates N41 15.772 W072 22.039

Mark 'B' – Bell R2 off Cornfield Point Government

Mark 'C' - Red Green Buoy E, Long Sand Shoal East End

Mark 'D' - Bell 8 Saybrook Bar Lighted Bell

Mark 'W' – Large Orange Inflatable Buoy set by the RACE COMMITTEE (temporary buoy)

Mark 'X' – Large Orange Inflatable Buoy set by the RACE COMMITTEE (temporary buoy)

Mark 'Y' – Large Yellow Inflatable Buoy set by the RACE COMMITTEE (temporary buoy)

Pin – Small Buoy set as the pin end of the Starting/Finishing Line (temporary buoy) OR mooring ball in the vicinity of the Outer Light breakwater.

11. CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

11.1 All boats must check in with the RACE COMMITTEE Boat prior to the First Warning signal by hailing and being acknowledged at the starting line or on VHF Channel 01.

11.2 A boat that retires from a race or that has checked in and decides not to race prior to its start shall notify the RACE COMMITTEE as soon as possible by VHF Channel 01 or the best means available.

12. THE START

12.1 The starting line will be between the RACE COMMITTEE boat and a starting pin.

12.2 The starting area will be a square behind the starting line the sides of which are equal to the length of the starting line. Boats in classes not starting shall keep clear of the starting area.

12.3 The starting sequence is as follows:

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the sound signals. The absence of visual signals should be ignored.

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal (if used by RACE COMMITTEE)</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
5	Class flag	One horn	Warning signal
4	P flag	One horn	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One horn	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One horn	Starting signal

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

13. RECALLS

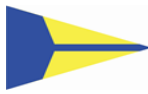
As a courtesy only, the RACE COMMITTEE may announce the names and/or sail numbers of boats over early by hailing or on VHF Channel 01 and may inform them when they are 'clear' of the line in returning to restart.

14. CHANGING AND SHORTENING COURSE

Any changes or shortening of the course will be announced by the RACE COMMITTEE on VHF channel 01.

15. THE FINISH

The finish line shall be crossed in Accordance with the definition of finishing in the Racing Rules of Sailing.



16. TIME LIMIT

If no boat has crossed the finish line by one half hour prior to sunset, the RACE COMMITTEE can end the race. If one boat crosses the finish, the Race Committee can stay on station until 15 minutes after sunset. These time restrictions are necessary to allow the Race Committee to find the marks before dark and return to the club at a reasonable hour. Any yacht which has not finished before the Race Committee leaves its station will be scored TLE, unless the RACE COMMITTEE deems a different appropriate score.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Any protesting yacht must signal its intent to protest by hoisting Code Flag "B" (a red flag), and must hail the committee at the first opportunity after finishing or withdrawing. A written protest must be filed with the committee as soon as possible, not to exceed thirty minutes, after the arrival of the RACE COMMITTEE Boat at the NCYC dock. Protest forms may be obtained from the RACE COMMITTEE (or use the format in the Rule Book).

18. SCORING

18.1 There must be two or more registered yachts in the Starting Area to start a race.

18.2 Tie Breaking: The procedure described in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix A, A8.1 through A8.2 shall be used.

18.3 Overall season results will be based on the Low Point System (RRS Appendix A4) using each boat's total.

18.4 There will be one throw out for every four races sailed in the series. Throw outs will not be applied to daily scores.

18.5 Boats who are not registered for the series may register to sail per diem and will be included in daily scores, but not counted in series scores.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

19.1 The primary VHF Channel shall be Channel 01. Radio traffic may require using a secondary VHF channel. The RACE COMMITTEE shall confirm the secondary VHF channel with each competing vessel, prior to its use.

19.2 While racing, a boat shall not conduct private, two-way radio communications, such as the use of mobile telephones. Exceptions: Emergency situations; race withdrawal notifications to RACE COMMITTEE

19.3 The RACE COMMITTEE may choose to notify a yacht or yachts via VHF of race abandonment, shortened race, and other general information. It will not respond to radio communications which may result in an unfair advantage of a participating yacht (however, see CANCELLATIONS).

20. PRIZES

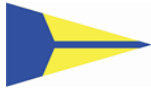
Formal trophies for the Overall results will be awarded at the NCYC Annual Meeting.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series 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, or prior to, during, or after either or both series.

22. CANCELLATIONS

In the event of inclement weather or for any other reason, the RACE COMMITTEE may cancel any race at its sole discretion. For purposes of these instructions "Cancellation" is defined as the RACE COMMITTEE's decision not to proceed to the starting area. Once the RACE COMMITTEE is present at the starting area, the rules governing "Abandonment" shall apply. When in doubt about the possibility of cancellation, participants may contact the RACE COMMITTEE on VHF Channel 01 or the NCYC Steward on VHF Channel 78A. Every effort will be made to inform the club Steward in the event of a decision by RACE COMMITTEE to cancel. Those not leaving from the NCYC and who are unable to contact the Club steward can call Rob Hathaway, Race Officer, on his cell phone at 860-575-2579. This provision SHALL NOT relieve any skipper of his or her responsibility to decide whether or not to race.



Attachment A

Not to be used for Navigation!

Racing Area for NCYC Thursday Night Series

