

New England Team Race Championships

New London, CT
April 25, 2021



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024), the Procedural Rules and Class Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition, and the NEISA Rules and Regulations, except as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. All Races will be umpired
- 1.3. RRS D4.2(b) will only be applied in the event that Round 1 cannot be completed prior to 1800 on Sunday. For Round 2 and Round 3, RRS D4.2(b) is deleted.
- 1.4. Teams are limited to having 10 sailors at the event.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices will be posted to the notice board on techscore.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced orally and posted before the first race in which they are to take effect.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday	1030	Report Time
	1800	No Starting Signal After

5. FORMAT

- 5.1. The format for the regatta is as follows:
 - 5.1.1. Round 1 - Round Robin of all Teams
 - 5.1.2. Round 2 - Round Robin of all Teams
- 5.2. Any changes to this format will be in accordance with PR 25(g), except as changed by these SI.
 - 5.2.1. PR 25(g) is changed to: When conditions make the announced format unmanageable, the NEISA Rep, Regatta Chairman, and Chief Umpire may alter the format to ensure an equitable determination of the winner.
- 5.3. In the event SI 5.1.2 cannot be completed, races completed between teams sailing in SI 5.1.2 shall count as races sailed in a subsequent new round.

6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT

- 6.1. Z420s will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way.
- 6.2. The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.
- 6.3. The penalty for infringing instruction 6.1 or 6.2 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.
- 6.4. Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Race Committee Boat on the water.

7. ROTATION

7.1. Boats will be assigned for each skipper and crew(s). There may be a boat rotation.

8. MARKS

8.1. Rounding marks will be colored buoys.

8.2. The start line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the Race Committee Start Boat and buoy at the port end (start mark).

8.3. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the finish boat and buoy at the port end.

9. COURSE

9.1. The course will be a Digital N.

10. STARTING SYSTEM

10.1. Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b)(i).

10.2. The Race Committee may opt to use a rolling starting system; that is a system where the warning signal for a subsequent race is the starting signal for the previous race.

11. PROTESTS

11.1. Written protest, including requests for redress and breakdowns, shall be filed within 15 min of:

11.1.1. The last race of the round in which the incident occurred, OR

11.1.2. A postponement on shore as determined by the Race Committee, OR

11.1.3. Competitors coming ashore from last race of the day.

11.2. Video, and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be presented by the competitors as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6

11.3. The third sentence of RRS 66 is changed to read "A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening of a hearing held during a round robin no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the round robin."

11.4. The posting of the 'Protest Hearing Schedule' of a Request for Redress is considered to meet the US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2. Requests may be made orally to the Protest Committee when the hearing is called.

11.5. Completed protest forms shall be photographed and sent via email or text to the PRO within the time limit.

11.6. In the event of a protest, all hearings will be conducted virtually with competitors at the venue.

12. BREAKDOWNS

12.1. When a boat suffers a breakdown in the racing area, she may request a score change by hailing an umpire or the race committee to that effect at the first reasonable opportunity after the breakdown, until the hail is acknowledged. If possible, she shall continue racing. This changes RRS D5.2 and PR 25.

13. SCORING

13.1. RRS D3 and D4 shall be used, as modified by PR 25 and these Sailing Instructions.

13.2. Breakdowns will be scored in accordance with RRS D.5 as changed by PR 20.

14. SAFETY

14.1. Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should so signify by waving arms overhead. A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

14.2. Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.

14.3. At the discretion of the Regatta Chairman, a race may be abandoned at any point if there is submarine traffic approaching in the Thames River. When a race is abandoned, competitors shall sail toward Jacobs Rock floats and the rotation area. Failure to comply with SI 12.3 will result in disqualification from the regatta. This changes RRS 32.1.

15. COACHING

15.1. Coach boats will be provided for all coaches.

15.2. Coach boats will be required to be anchored during racing. Location of anchored coach boats will be at the discretion of the PRO.

15.3. Coaching will be performed after races and during breaks.

15.4. In the event of an emergency, coaches will be asked to assist competitors on their team.