

2025 HUDSON RIVER RACE – SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted at least 1 hour prior to the skippers meeting.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted to the event page and the RC Bulletin Board at the south end of the porch.
- 3.2. Each boat shall monitor VHF Channel 78 for Race Committee notifications.
- 3.3. A boat withdrawing from a race shall notify the Race Committee on Channel 78.
- 3.4. Abandonment shall be announced by VHF. This changes RRS 32, 33, and RACE SIGNALS: Abandonment.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Race Committee slip or Flagpole on the patio.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes Race Signals, AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday, October ~~3rd~~^{4th} 202~~65~~⁶⁶

Skippers meeting: 0900 hrs. on the patio.

Warning signal: 1030 hrs.

One race is scheduled.

6. CLASS FLAGS

There will be one start for two divisions: spinnaker and non-spinnaker. Each boat shall display from the backstay (approximately 6 feet above the deck level) a colored streamer indicating her division of entry.

Division	Class Flag	Streamer
1. Spinnaker	Code #1	Blue
2. Non-Spinnaker	Code #2	White

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be the part of the Hudson River between the Tappan Zee Bridge and Stony Point.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. Courses are shown on the final page of these Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2. The start and finish will be near the Nyack Boat Club, east of the NBC mooring field.
- 8.3. The course number will be displayed on the stern of the RC boat and the RC will announce the course by VHF 78 within 5 minutes before the warning signal.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The starting and finishing marks will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. Marks of the course will be Government Marks and shall be left to port.

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. The NBC mooring area is designated as an obstruction. The mooring area is defined as the area within straight lines joining all outermost mooring buoys, No boat shall sail within these obstructions while racing.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Before the first warning signal, each boat must hail the Race Committee with her Sail Number and Division, or she may call the Race Committee on VHF Channel 78 with the same information and receive verbal confirmation.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between the hoist displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a nearby mark.

- 11.3. There will be a single start for divisions 1 & 2.
- 11.4. The event will utilize a “pursuit” or reverse handicap start. Starting times will be staggered according to assigned PHRF handicaps (Distance Ratings). A list of starting times (ADDENDUM 1) will be made available no later than 0830 on the date of this race.
- 11.5. In the event of a postponement or delay, the RC vessel will announce by VHF radio the number of whole minutes that the start has been delayed. To correct their start time after a postponement or delay, racers should add the indicated number of whole minutes to their scheduled start times.
- 11.6. For the purpose of establishing a boat's Preparatory Signal time, it shall be four minutes prior to her start time. Boats not racing (see RRS Definition of racing) shall keep clear of the racing area! All competitors are reminded to review RRS 21.1 and 60.5(c).
- 11.7. When at a boat's assigned starting time any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line, the race committee shall promptly hail the boat on VHF Channel 78. When the hull of the hailed boat returns completely to the pre-start side of the starting line, the race committee shall hail the yacht that she is clear. The X flag will not be displayed. This changes RRS 29.1.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The Finish line will be between the hoist displaying the orange flag on the signal boat and the finish mark. In the absence of the signal boat, the finish will be between two orange tetrahedrons. This changes RRS Race Signals Blue flag.
- 12.2. Each boat shall contact the Race Committee on VHF Channel 78 when approaching the finish.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. Appendix T Arbitration will be in effect.
- 13.2. The scoring penalty, rule 44.3, will apply for a violation of a rule of Part 2. The penalty will be the number of places as described in rule 44.3(c).
- 13.3. Rule 44.1 will apply for a violation of rule 31.
- 13.4. For a violation of rule 31, or if a yellow flag is not displayed as required in rule 44.3(a), a boat may instead accept a scoring penalty as described in Rule T1 (see Appendix T of the RRS.)

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. There will be a 6 hour limit for the first boat in each division to sail the course, measured from the starting signal of the first starter in each division.
- 14.2. There will be a 2 hour finishing window, the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course.
- 14.3. Boats failing to sail the course within the Finishing Window will be scored Time Limit Exceeded (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1. Hearing Request forms are available in the rack next to the RC locker and by using the US Sailing Racing Rules App and emailing to Protest@nyackboatclub.org.
- 15.2. Protest hearing(s) (if needed) will be held in the NBC Boardroom the day of the race or via Zoom at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 15.3. Protest filing limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee Boat docks or the last competitor finishes, whichever is later. This changes RRS 60.3

16. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, 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 the race.

Courses

	Spinnaker Division	
Course	Mark(s)	Calculated Distance*
1	26	16.6
2	24	14.3
3	22	12.0
4	18	8.8
5	16, 26	17.8
6	16, 24	15.6
7	16, 22	13.3

	Non-spinnaker Division	
Course	Mark(s)	Calculated Distance*
1	22	12.0
2	18	8.8
3	16	7.0
4	14	5.9
5	16, 22	13.3
6	16, 18	10
7	16	7.0

*Nautical Miles

