



Sailing Instructions EGYC Annual Regatta Saturday July 10, 2021

1.0 RULES

The East Greenwich Yacht Club Annual Race will be governed by the 2021-2024 The Racing Rules of Sailing, The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, these sailing instructions, the Notice of Race and any amendments. This is a “club” event with other Yacht Club or Sailing Association members invited to participate. All yachts, in addition to all federally required equipment, shall have a VHF radio aboard and shall keep radio energized on the Race Committee working channel VHF channel 69 from her warning signal until her “finish”. Additionally, the Race Committee **shall** continuously monitor VHF Ch. 13, “Ship to Ship”. The Narragansett Bay race area, with its East and West passages and approaches to Providence and Fall River, are considered a “restricted channel” for commercial traffic and vessels in the navigation channel, restricted in their ability to maneuver. Sailors must comply with the International COLREGS when in such proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic. Yachts who obstruct the safe passage of commercial traffic are subject to protest under The Racing Rules of Sailing. A violation under this instruction shall be considered a violation of rule 2. The Race Committee or Protest Committee, upon the report of information or observation of an incident **shall** protest a yacht. This is in addition to the requirements of rule 60.2 (a) and the preamble to Part 2.

2.0 NOTICES

2.1 Fleet Radio Channel - The East Greenwich Yacht Club Annual Regatta official FLEET CHANNEL is VHF channel 69.

2.2 Notices to competitors will be sent via email.

3.0 AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 the day of the race, and sent out via email. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce posted amendments via VHF channel 69 at 1130 hours. All yachts shall monitor channel 69 during the race day.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals ashore shall be made aboard the designated Race Committee Boat, docked at East Greenwich Yacht Club.

4.2 Code Flag LIMA will signify posting of a notice or amendment.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

In accordance with date and times listed in the Notice of Race.

6.0 RACING AREA

Yachts will rendezvous in the area 1.7 NM 190 degrees from R8.

7.0 COURSES

7.1 The Race Committee will announce over the radio whether the Long, Medium or the Short course will be used.

7.2 The Race committee will post on a whiteboard on the Race Committee Boat the course to be used by each class.

7.3 The starting time for each yacht will be based on the yacht's rating and the length of the course. The appendixes 1 – 3 will be used for each yacht's starting time. The appendixes will be posted 24 hours before the start of race.

7.4 Spinnaker Class

7.4(a) Spinnaker Class - Long Course: (Appendix 1) 16.63 NM

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, X - SPECIAL Mark Orange Inflatable (approx. .25 nm north of FL 5 Priv Tower Plum Beach Lighthouse) to Port, GC "5" NORTHWEST of Conanicut Island to Starboard, R'2' North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G'1' Despair Island to Port, R'8' Patience Island to Port, to finish.

7.4 (b) Spinnaker Class - Short Course: (Appendix 3) 10.07 NM

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, R'2' North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G'1' Despair Island to Port, to finish.

7.5 Non-Spinnaker

7.5(a) Non-Spinnaker - Long Course: (Appendix 1) 14.41 NM

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, SPECIAL Mark Yellow Inflatable at Halfway Ledge (approx. .5 nm East of Fox Island) to Port, G "5" NORTHWEST of Conanicut Island to Starboard, R'2' FI R 4s Bell North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G'1' Despair Island to Port, R'8' Patience Island to Port, to finish.

7.5 (b) Non-Spinnaker - Short Course: (Appendix 3) 10.07 NM

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, R'2' FI R 4s Bell North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G'1' Despair Island to Port, to finish.

7.6 Family Class

7.6 (a) Family Class - Long Course: (Appendix 1) 11.58 NM

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, R'2' FI R 4s Bell North East of Conanicut Pt. to Port, G'1' Despair Island to Port, R'8' Patience Island to Port, to finish.

7.6 (b) Family Class - Short Course: (Appendix 3) 8.18 NM

From the start to G'7' Quonset Pt to Port, to finish

8.0 The Start

8.1 The starting line shall be between the orange flag on the Committee Boat and the nearby inflatable mark.

8.2 The race shall be started using successive start signals, in accordance with starting times listed in the Appendixes. HORN at one minute intervals per assigned time. **THIS CHANGES RRS 26**

General warning signal 1200 hrs. – Blue flag and gun

General prep signal 1205 hrs. – 'P' flag and gun

First Start 1210 hrs. - Red flag and horn

8.3 - The RC is allowed to postpone that start by a period of either 15, 30, 45 or 60 minutes. If the race is postponed, the time of postponement in minutes is added to each yacht's starting time.

8.4 - 5 minutes before each yacht's starting time will be considered that yacht's Preparatory signal. She shall not use her engine after her Preparatory signal. Yachts shall keep clear of the starting area until 5 minutes before their respective starting signal.

8.5 TIME OF SIGNALS: General warning signal and each successive signal will be based on GPS time.

8.6 The Race Committee will attempt to notify yachts of their starting time. While all efforts will be made to inform all competitors of the starting order, failure of a yacht to hear the announcement will not be grounds for protest.

8.7 The starting times will be posted on <https://egycregatta.com/> at 7:30 p.m. GPS time.

8.7 Competitors are to sailby at check in with the committee boat on the starboard side. please DO NOT check in via the radio. Checking in by radio will be grounds for disqualification.

9.0 RECALLS

Individual recalls will be in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

10.0 THE FINISH

10.1 The finish line for all courses shall be between the orange flag on the Committee Boat and the location in the area Yachts will rendezvous in the area .75NM SE of Round Rock. G"1" FI G 2.5s after Round Rock. Yachts must finish between the mark and the boat in the direction from the last turning mark.

11.0 TIME LIMIT

11.1 The first boat to finish must do so by 1700, (or plus added time due to postponement). The Committee Boat will leave station at 1830 or (or plus added time due to postponement). Any yachts finishing after the RC leaves station, must record their own time.

11.2 Any yacht retiring the race prior to 1830 hrs. must notify the EGYC Race Committee on VHF channel 69.

12.0 PROTESTS

12.1 In addition to the requirements of rule 61.0, protesting yachts must notify the Race Committee of their intention to protest immediately after finishing the race.

12.2 Protests shall be written and submitted to the Race Committee Chairman at the East Greenwich Yacht Club within one hour of the Race Committee signal boat docking.

12.3 Notice of protests will be posted on the egycregatta.com web site.

12.4 Protests will be heard within 48 hours after the Race Committee signal boat docks, at the East Greenwich Yacht Club, and or via zoom meeting.

13.0 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the EGYC annual awards dinner November 13th, 2021.

14.0 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

Yachts discharging trash overboard shall be disqualified from the race.

15.0 DISCLAIMER of

LIABILITY & INDEMNIFICATION

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. By participating in the event you accept all risk and responsibility for yourself, your crew and your vessel. 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. This waiver of liability includes all risks associated with the COVID-19 virus and the decision to race with this inherent health risk lies solely with the skipper of the vessel. Your participation in the event is your consent to these conditions, and to hold the East Greenwich Yacht Club harmless and to indemnify the club, its officers, race committee personnel and its members from any and all liability. All skippers are required to carry liability and personal injury insurance on their vessel.