



The Northeast Harbor Fleet IOD Class

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for the 2017 SAILING SEASON

Organized by the Northeast Harbor Fleet

1. **Rules-** All races to be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. The Northeast Harbor IOD Class By-Laws as currently adopted will be in effect for all Series.
2. **Schedule of Races-** Races to be held for an Independence Day Series, a July Series, an August Series, and a Labor Day Series as published on the Northeast Harbor Fleet Calendar at <http://www.nehfleet.org/pdf-calendars/>
3. **Starting Area-** Will be hailed verbally on VHF 65 from RC Signal Boat *Shearwater* starting at 1215 on each race day.
4. **Course to be Sailed-** Courses shall be displayed on a rack located on the Race Committee Signal Boat prior to the Warning signal, with the first mark to be rounded on top. Marks shall be rounded to port, unless the letter "S", indicating "Round this specific mark to Starboard" is placed beside the mark letter. Courses may include turns around islands and shoals as well as government marks and/or NEH Fleet marks. See Mark Descriptions for Racing.
<http://www.nehfleet.org/iods-1/>
5. **Offset Mark-** An inflatable portable mark will be in place for the **first rounding** of the first weather mark for classes. Boats shall pass the weather mark and then the offset mark that will be set laterally from the weather mark. For all subsequent roundings the offset mark is not a mark of the course. Offset marks will not be in place at a windward gate.
6. **Government Buoys-** All government buoys shall be honored **except** Fleet Marks E, I, P, R, Q unless they are a designated turning mark for that leg of the course. (Every Porsche Is Really Quick)
7. **Check in Before Starting-** All entries are required to check in orally with boat name and helmsperson's name before their first start of each day while passing astern of the Race Committee signal boat on starboard tack. If the helmsperson changes for a subsequent race, the Race Committee must be notified before the start of that race. Please assist the NEH IOD Class by requesting guest skippers to comply with this Sailing Instruction. Boats electing not to start a second or subsequent race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the race area.
8. **Warning Signal-** 1330 on each July and August Series race day. Labor Day Series warning signal is 1000. Independence Day Series has a warning signal at 1315 on Friday and Saturday and the slowest boat to start Sunday for the Reath Trophy (also part of the 4th series) is scheduled to be released at 1230.
9. **Starting and Finishing Lines-** Lines will be defined by the course side of the Race Committee Signal Boat mast with an orange flag and the course side of an adjacent mark. Races shall be started in accordance with Rule 26.
10. **Time Limits-**
 - 9.1 Each entry shall start within 5 minutes of the starting signal unless receiving approval from the Race Committee prior to the starting signal on VHF 65.
 - 9.2 Each entry shall finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish or they shall be scored DNF.
 - 9.3 The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be 2 hours from the starting signal.
11. **Scoring System-**
 - 11.1 All races completed will be scored in the series. If a series completes six or more races, the worst race score shall be discarded. If ten or more races are completed in a series, the two worst race scores shall be discarded.

- 11.2 A boat that retires after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the race. This changes RRS A4.2
- 11.3 A boat that started but did not finish and is not being protested shall be scored one point more than the number of boats which finish in the race. This modifies RRS A9.

12. Safety-

- 12.1 All entries shall monitor VHF 65 throughout the race.
- 12.2 All personnel under the age of 18 shall wear a Type III or Type V PFD while racing. All personnel who are sailing with two or fewer people on board shall wear a Type III or Type V PFD while racing.
- 12.3 Boats must have a means of retrieval for a person overboard.

13. Appendix T – ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION will be in effect.

SECTION A PENALTIES WHILE RACING

If Section A applies, rule T1 shall be included in the sailing instructions.

T1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

SECTION B POST-RACE PENALTIES

T2 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

T2.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

T2.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

SECTION C EXPEDITED HEARINGS

T3 INFORMING THE RACE COMMITTEE A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.

T4 CHANGES IN HEARING PROCEDURES This rule applies to all hearings except hearings under rule 69.

T4.1 If the protest committee is able to assemble the parties to a hearing before the protest or redress time limit, it may begin the hearing and may waive the requirements of rule 61.2 or 62.2.

T4.2 Rule 63.5 is changed to: 'At the beginning of the hearing, if there is no objection, the protest or request is valid and the hearing shall be continued. If an objection is made, the protest committee shall take any evidence . . . [no further change].'

T4.3 Insert a new sentence after the third sentence of rule 63.6: 'However, the committee may limit the number of witnesses and the time during which parties may present evidence and ask questions.'

T4.4 The first sentence of rule 65.2 is changed to: 'A party to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks the protest committee for it no later than thirty minutes after being informed of the decision or coming ashore following the last race of the day, whichever is later.'

T4.5 The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

T4.6 The third sentence of rule 66 is changed to: 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'