

Americas Cup Hall of Fame Challenge

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Americas Cup Hall of Fame
Host**

**Herreshoff Marine Museum
Organizing Authority**

**Newport, Rhode Island, USA
October 4-5, 2025**

1. RULES:

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2** The US Sailing Prescriptions to the rules do not apply, except the prescriptions to RRS 65.1, 70.3(b), 76.1, 88.2, the preamble to Part 5, and Appendix R.
- 1.3** The Equipment Rules of Sailing shall apply.
- 1.4** In the event that a crew member falls overboard and is no longer connected to the yacht, she shall:
 - a) retire from the race
 - b) notify the Race Committee on the fleet VHF channel that she has a man overboard
 - c) her score in this case shall be equal to the number of starters for that race without a hearing. The scoring abbreviation will be MOBThis changes RRS 63.1, A4, A5 and A10.
- 1.5** A boat touching the Race Committee signal boat or the buoys attached to the signal boat at any time will be scored DSQ for that race without a hearing unless the boat is exonerated per RRS 43. This changes RRS 60.5(b) and A5.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the online Official Notice Board located online at Herreshoff.org.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1** Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect. In the event of a postponement ashore, a change to the sailing instructions may be made no later than 20 minutes prior to the removal of the AP flag.
- 3.2** Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect
- 3.3** In compliance with RRS 90.2(c), changes to a Sailing Instruction may also be made on the water by displaying flag L from the RC signal vessel with one sound. The RC will announce the change on VHF channel 79A. If changes to the Sailing Instructions are made on-the-water, they will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible on the day they were made.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** All Signals made ashore will be announced on VHF channel 79A and confirmed via email to all entries.
- 4.2** When "AP" is announced, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal "AP".

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1** A maximum of four (4) races are scheduled . No more than two (2) races will be sailed on any one day.
- 5.2** The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 on Saturday and Sunday.
- 5.3** On Sunday, October 5, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Numeral Pennant One will be used as the Class Flag.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1** Races will be held on the waters of Narragansett Bay.
- 7.2** Rendezvous Area will be south of Halfway Rock, East Passage, Narragansett Bay.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1** Course T, TRIANGLE WINDWARD-LEEWARD will be sailed (See Appendix A).
- 8.2** The number of legs, and the approximate heading of and distance to the first mark will be displayed on a white board on the Race Committee Signal Boat no later than the warning signal.
- 8.3** Marks shall be rounded in order and always left to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1** Rounding marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.2** New marks, as provided for in SI 11.1 will be a orange tetrahedron.
- 9.3** The starting pin-end mark will be a yellow tetrahedron (which will also be the leeward mark)
- 9.4** The finish pin-end mark will be a yellow tetrahedron (which will also be the leeward mark for courses with odd number of legs and the weather mark for courses with even number of legs)

10. THE START

- 10.1** The start sequence will be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 10.4** The Race Committee will hail each premature starter over channel 79A. The number of times an announcement is made, the order in which a particular boat is hailed, or failure to hear an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1** Without a signal, the race committee may move a mark provided no boat has started a leg to the mark to be moved. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.2** When signaled in accordance with RRS 33, the Race Committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as possible.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1** The finish line for even number of leg courses shall be from the course side of the weather mark to a staff displaying a blue flag on a nearby Race Committee Boat.
- 12.2** The finish line for odd number of leg courses shall be from the course side of the leeward mark to a staff displaying a blue flag on a nearby Race Committee Boat.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1** The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply. The penalty will be (1) place.
- 13.2** RRS V2, Post Race Penalties, is in effect. The scoring penalty shall be two places or 30 percent of the score for DNF, whichever is greater, but no worse than the score for DNF. This changes RRS V2.

- 13.3** RRS Appendix V2 (c) is deleted and replaced with “Boats that have accepted a scoring penalty in a race shall report that fact to the Race Committee immediately after finishing the race on VHF Channel 79A”.
- 14. TIME LIMITS**
- 14.1** The time limit for the first boat in division to complete the course in a race is 2 hours.
- 14.2** The Finishing Window is 30 minutes and is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course. Boats starting but failing to sail the course within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limited Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the finishing place of the last boat that sailed the course within the Finishing Window and was not penalized under RRS 30.3 or 30.4. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A 5.2 and A10.
- 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 15.1** A boat shall report to and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee by radio on VHF 79A of its intention to protest and the identity of the yacht being protested immediately after the finish of the race in which the incident in question occurred.
- 15.2** Protest forms will be available from the Protest Desk located on the Race Committee Signal Boat on the Ida Lewis Yacht Club Tee Dock and hearings will be held on the Race Committee Signal Boat.
- 15.3** The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks after the last race of the day. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.4** Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held on the Race Committee Signal Boat located on the Ida Lewis Yacht Club Tee Dock. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest room. Failure of a boat to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Protest Committee as grounds for proceeding under rule 63.1(b).
- 15.5** A list of boats that accepted a scoring penalty will be posted on the online Official Notice Board.
- 15.6** A protest involving contact may be heard by the Protest Committee even though the requirements of RRS 60.2(a)(1)) and 60.3(b) have not been fulfilled. This changes RRS 63.4(a)(1).
- 15.7** Breaches of SI 17 and 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1.
- 15.8** On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 61.2(a).
- 16. SCORING**
- 16.1** Yachts shall be scored in accordance with RRS A4.
- 16.2** A team’s series score shall be the total of all race scores.
- 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 17.1** Check In – prior to the first warning of each day all yachts shall check in with the Race Committee by hailing them on VHF 79A and reporting their number and name until acknowledged.
- 17.2** A yacht that retires shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3** In the event that life saving equipment is lost overboard, it should be retrieved. If recovery is impossible, loss of any equipment that floats shall be reported immediately to the Race Committee and to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard station on VHF Channel 16.
- 18. SUPPORT BOATS**
- Support boats shall stay outside of a 100 yard radius of any boat that is racing.
- 19. PRIZES**
- As stated in the Notice of Race.

20. NOTES

- 20.1** Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have right of way over a vessel under power which may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.
- 20.2** In the event there is racing in Narragansett Bay, competitors should be aware of heightened security around the Navy base in Newport just north of the Pell Bridge. The area along the coast of the Naval Facilities from Coasters Harbor to the breakwater at the north end of Coddington Cove marked by a series of white buoys shall rank as an obstruction. Yachts shall not enter this area.
- 20.3** **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, the Americas Cup Hall of Fame, the Herreshoff Marine Museum, Ida Lewis Yacht Club and any sponsors 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. Attention is also drawn to ISAF Offshore Special Regulation 1.02, Responsibility of the Person in Charge, as well as the "Waiver and Release of Liability".
- 20.4** **MEDIA RELEASE:** Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, to the Americas Cup Hall of Fame, the Herreshoff Marine Museum, sponsors and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material and representations of the boats in any media World-wide (including but not limited to television, video, print and electronic media), for the purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information

21. OTHER INFORMATION

Race Official

Principal Race Officer:

Peter Gerard

Organizing Authority

Americas Cup Hall of Fame and the Herreshoff Marine Museum

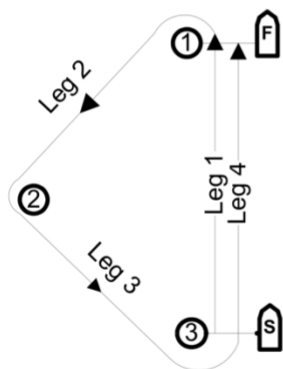
Executive Director:

Bill Lynn

APPENDIX A
COURSE DIAGRAMS



COURSE 1:
Triangle + Windward
4 legs total



COURSE 2:
Triangle + Windward + Leeward
5 legs total
(Gold Cup)

