

Commodores' Cup
August 9 & 16, 2015
Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club



AMENDED SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Part B of ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Appendix J – [Category 5 Special Regulations for inshore races](#) shall apply.
- 1.3 All boats in all classes shall carry a functioning VHF radio.
- 1.4 All boats shall comply with Federal and State safety requirements.
- 1.5 Boats sailing in a One Design class shall comply with the requirements of the Class Rules

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors on the day of the race will be placed on the official notice board located in the “Casino” in the clubhouse. Notices prior to the day of the race will be placed online at www.bhyc.net/commodorecup.html (click the “more information” link in the upper right).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 on the day it will take effect, **except that any change to the schedule of the races that makes the start of any race earlier or changes time of skippers’ meeting will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.**

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yacht club mast.
- 4.2 When flag **AP** is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Skippers’ meeting: 1145 each race day at BHYC.
- 5.2 **All boats will sail a pursuit format race with the first signal at 1330. Only one race will be held each day. The starting sequences will be published immediately following the Skippers’ meeting.**

6 STARTING ORDER, CLASS FLAGS and COURSE MARKS

- 6.1 **The starting order shall be announced at the skippers’ meeting. The first boat to start (the highest rated boat) will be given the standard starting sequence as shown below:**

	Minutes before Start	Sound Signal	Visual Signal	What you will see
Warning	5:00	One	Code Flag “B” Raised	
Preparatory	4:00	One	Code Flag “P” Raised	
One Minute	1:00	One Long	Code Flag “P” Lowered	
Start	0:00	One	Code Flag “B” Lowered	

- 6.2 **The remaining boats will start at the time shown on the scratch sheet for the announced course. The Race Committee will endeavor to advise competitors of their starting times 1 minute prior to the appropriate time and may give further count downs from 1 minute. Failure to do so or mistake in these warnings shall not be grounds for redress of any kind.**



7 COURSES

7.1 Courses may be one of the following:

7.1.1 **"S-Long"** – 9.46nm course leaving marks 'A' – 'J' – and 'M' to port with finish at the starting line in the vicinity of N6 off Spruce Point. This course is shown in **RED** on the chart on page 5.

7.1.2 **"S-Short"** – 4.53 nm course leaving mark 'L' to port, Squirrel Island to Port and mark 'J' to port returning to start-finish line. Shown in **GREEN** on chart on page 5.

7.1.3 **"S-Medium"** – 5.77 nm "figure 8" course which will encompass and circumnavigate the islands of Mouse and Burnt on the northern part of the course and Squirrel Island on the southern portion of the course, finishing at the Coast Guard buoy near the BHYC mooring area. Shown in **RED** on chart on page 6. The start of this course will be approx. 2/10 nm north of N6 off Spruce Point.

7.1.4 **"E-Long"** – 8.96 nm course. Starting in the vicinity of mark 'L' off Squirrel Island or mark 'Q' off Burnt Island. The course is 'S' – 'K' – 'L' – Squirrel Island (left to port) – 'J' – finish at 'N' (Coast Guard buoy near the BHYC mooring area). All marks to be left to port except that Mark 'M' (Tumbler flasher) must be observed (left to starboard). Shown in chart on page 6.

7.1.5 **"E-Short"** – 5.69 nm course. Starting in the vicinity of mark 'L' off Squirrel Island or mark 'Q' off Burnt Island. The course is 'S' – 'L' – 'K' – 'M' – finish at 'N'. All marks except 'K' to be left to STARBOARD, 'K' to be left to PORT. Shown on chart on page 7.

7.1.6 *The letter "R" following the course name indicates that the course is to be sailed in the opposite direction and the marks shall then be left to starboard.*

8 MARKS OF THE COURSE:

8.1 The marks to be used are shown on the laminated charts available for purchase at BHYC. A partial list is shown below.

- **A:** Bell "1C" 0.40 nm S of the Cuckolds
- **G:** RW Bell MO(A) "HL" 0.88 nm NE by E of Ram Island Light
- **J:** N "6" in Fisherman Island Passage
- **K:** Portable mark near N "6" off Spruce Point, Boothbay Hbr or N "6" itself if no mark present
- **L:** R "4" FI R 2.5s NW of Squirrel Island
- **M:** R "8" FI R 4s NW of Tumbler Island
- **N:** USCG buoy off BHYC mooring field
- **S:** G "3" S of Cabbage Island in Linekin Bay
- **T:** Drop mark at the 52' spot NE of Newagen
- **U:** Drop mark at the 32' spot S of Squirrel
- **W:** Drop mark at 16' spot W of Fisherman Island at Wylie Rock
- **X:** Drop mark to be determined by Race Committee

8.2 Course Legs, Distance, Magnetic Bearing, and Reciprocal

Leg	Distance (NM)	Bearing(s)	Reciprocal(s)
K-T	2.13	211	031
K-A	3.07	215	035
K-L	0.78	219	039
K-M	0.68	350	170
K-N via R8	1.21	350/016	170/196
A-J	2.50	064	244
T-J	1.76	079	259
L-S via N2	1.85	072/054	252/234
S-K via N2	1.37	236/310	056/130
J-G	1.14	110	290



9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Boats shall not sail between mark "A" and the Cuckolds when mark "A" is not a designated mark of the course.
- 9.2 Boats shall not sail between mark "J" and Ocean Point when mark "J" is not a designated mark of the course.
- 9.3 Boats shall not sail between Fisherman's Island and The Hypocrites.
- 9.4 Boats shall not sail between Fisherman's Island and Ram Island.
- 9.5 Boats shall not sail between Tumbler Island and Spruce Point.

10 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

- 10.1 The starting and finishing line location(s) will be announced at the Skippers' meeting. The line shall be between the orange flag on the signal boat and a nearby drop mark. Signal boat may display code flag "L" and proceed to new location.
- 10.2 A limiting mark may be placed at the starting line, either streamed from or in close proximity to the signal boat. Boats striking this limiting mark or sailing between the mark and the signal boat will be considered in violation of RRS 31.
- 10.3 Boats not within five minutes of their scheduled start shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.4 The Race Committee will attempt to identify recalled boats by hail or broadcast over the designated VHF channel: Ch 72. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification will not be grounds for redress. The failure to hail, or the hail of some but not all, or untimely hail shall not be grounds for granting redress.
- 10.5 Any boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing, this changes rule A4.


11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for infringements of Part 2, Right of Way Rules. This modifies RRS 44.1.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 If no boats to finish the last race of the day by 1600 that race shall be abandoned. In all races, any boat not yet finished one hour (60 minutes) after the first boat in that class has finished shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13 PROTESTS

Protests shall be delivered to the race committee within 30 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable after racing each day in a location specified on the notice board. Code flag "B"  will be displayed on the signal mast during the time protests may be filed. It will be lowered with one sound when the time limit expires. Rules T2 and T5 shall apply.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 One race shall constitute a series. The Cruising Division is expected to have a single race per day, other divisions may have multiple races at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 14.2 Results will be calculated using the standard PHRF Time on Distance formula.
- 14.3 The low point scoring system, **RRS Rule A4.1**, shall be used for each individual race.
- 14.4 The series results will be tallied using the [CHIPS3 High Point](#) scoring system.
- 14.5 Ties will be broken in strict accordance with **RRS Rule A8**.
- 14.6 A boat's score shall include all races held without discards. This modifies **RRS Rule A2**.



15 PRIZES AND TROPHIES

15.1 In divisions with 7 or more entries, regatta prizes will be given to first, second, and third place boats in each division. First and second place prizes will be awarded to classes/divisions with 4 to 6 entries. First place trophy will be presented in classes with fewer than 4 boats.

15.2 BHYC Member boats shall also compete for the following trophies:

Commodore George W. Cochrane Cup	BHYC Overall Winner of the Cruising Division
James A.D. Geier Cup Memorial Cup	BHYC Overall Winner of the Racing Division
Commodore Harmanus Swan Memorial Trophy	BHYC Overall Winner of the BHOD Division
Commodore John D. Chapman Trophy	BHYC Overall Winner of the J/22 Division
Commodore Alfred W. Custer Memorial Trophy	BHYC Overall Winner of the J/80 Division

15.3 Boats with a valid rating certificate issued by PHRF-New England and which are registered as members of the Gulf of Maine Ocean Racing Association (GMORA) will be scored as part of the GMORA Boothbay Region and Overall series.

16 SAFETY

16.1 All yachts are requested to check-in with the Race Committee before the start of the race by sailing past the RC signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their sail number, and receiving confirmation from the Race Committee, or by calling on VHF channel 72.

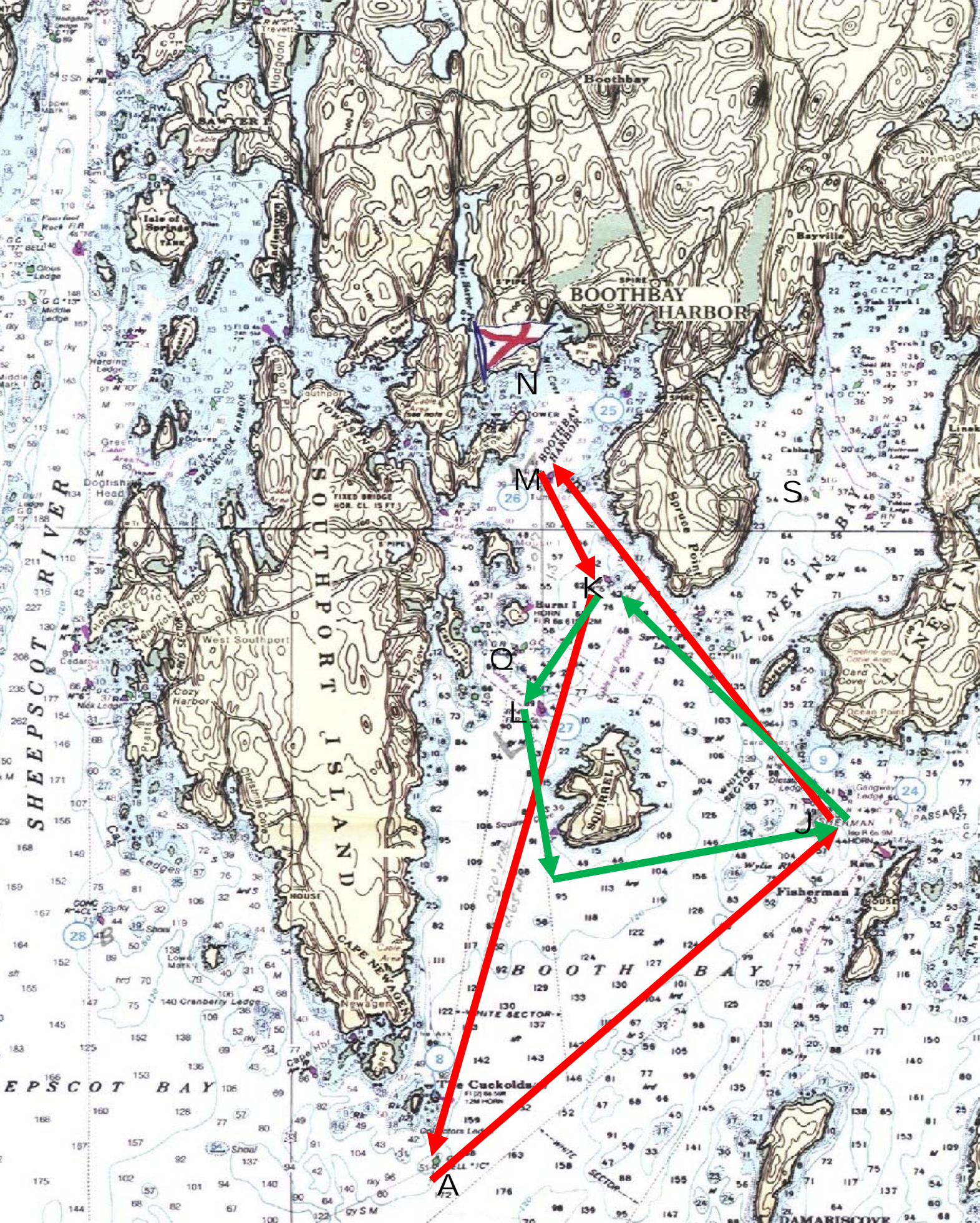
16.2 A yacht that retires must notify the RC as soon as possible.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

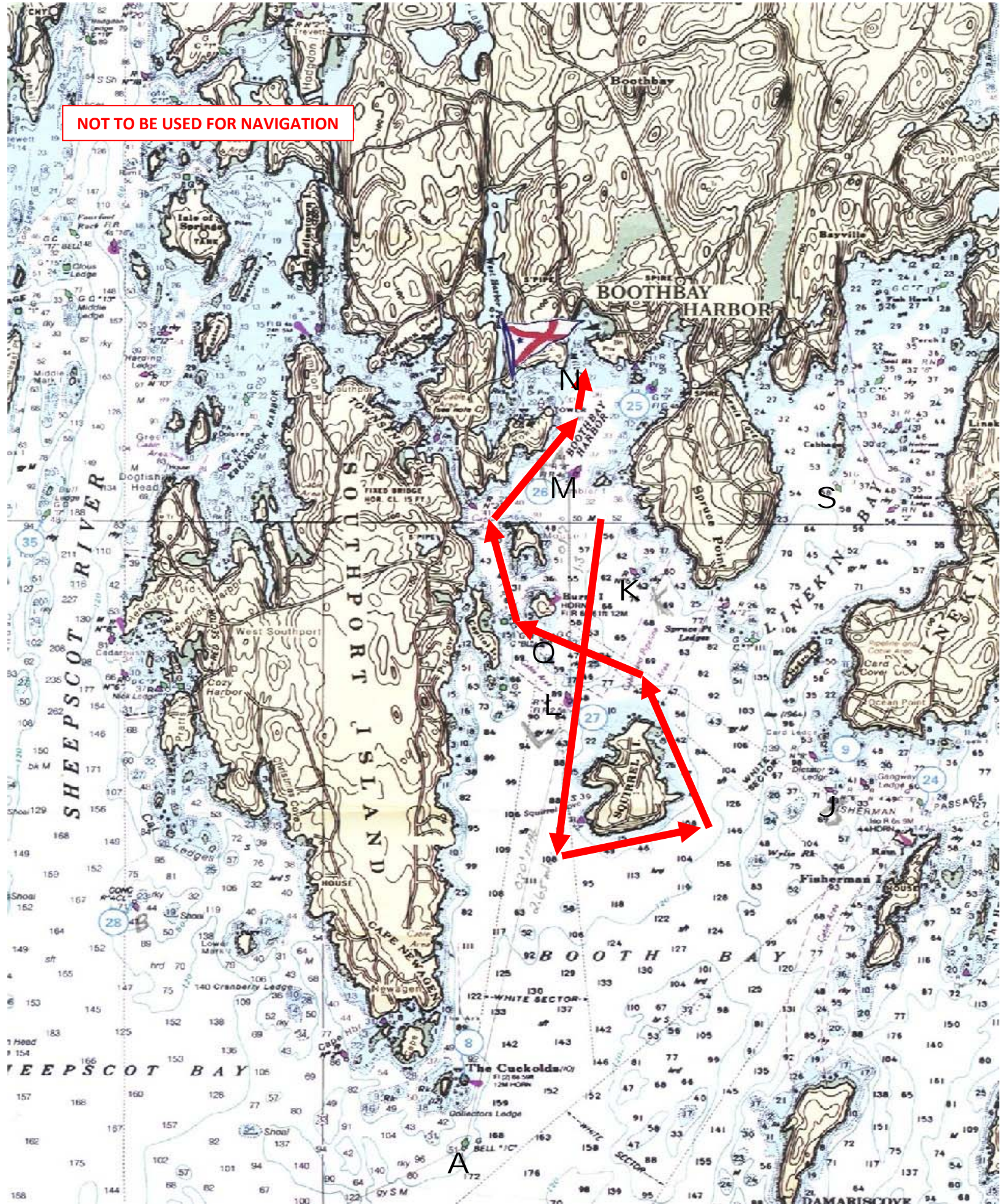
Competitors participate in the regatta entire at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18 INSURANCE

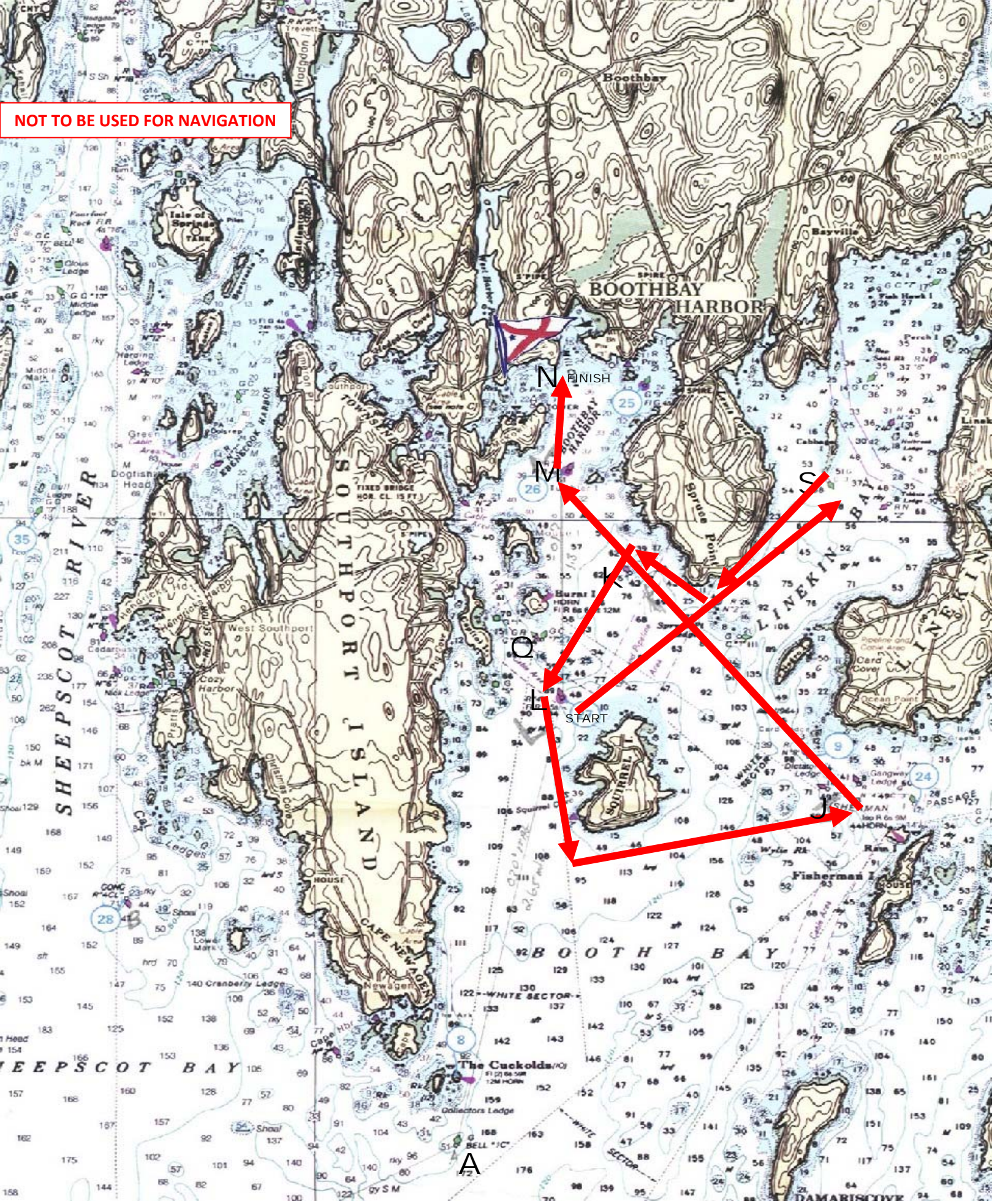
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.



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