

Sailing Instructions

Rules:

The Racing Rules of Sailing, including the US Sailing prescriptions, the Around Islesboro Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions) and these Sailing Instructions will govern this race.

Start

The start is off the Northport wharf between an anchored vessel and an orange drop mark. All classes shall start at the same time

Check-In Before Start Time:

Once on the water, please check-in with the race committee boat prior to 9:30am either by radio (Channel 68 or by hailing the boat). Participants deciding not to start after entering the racing area must advise the race committee as soon as reasonably possible on VHF Channel 68 or by calling 978-979-8405; OR 978-979-8404

Starting Sequence (*Monitor Ch 68*)

9:54 AM		Series of short horn blasts.
9:55 AM	5 Minutes:	One horn blast.
9:56 AM	4 Minutes:	One horn blast. ** ALL ENGINES OFF **
9:59 AM	1 Minute:	One long horn blast.
10:00 AM	Start:	One horn blast (official). Cannon shot.

No flags will be used.

Over Early

The "I" Flag rule (RRS 30.1) is in effect at all times. The Round an End Rule is that if a boat is over early during the minute before the start "she shall thereafter sail from the course side across an extension to the pre-start side before starting". You must round either the Committee Boat or the pin end and re-enter the starting line (no dipping). Also remember that while you are heading for an end to round that you will have NO RIGHTS (not even starboard!).

Individual Recalls

The Race Committee will give one horn blast and hail the individual boats. The RC will attempt to hail over early boats on Channel 68 or verbally if within earshot. Boats will be hailed by Yacht Name. The RC is not required to hail boats, this is the courtesy of the RC. The failure to hail, the hail of some but not all boats, or untimely hail of a boat or boat shall not be grounds for granting redress (changes RRS 62.1(a)).

Start Condition:

In the event that boats have not started and are not on the course side of the starting line or its extension 30 minutes after the official start of the race, a horn will be sounded indicating that the boats are not now required to cross the starting line. If they otherwise comply with rule 28.1 and finish, they shall be scored in their finishing position. (This changes rule 28.1.) Please monitor Channel 68 for additional instructions.

Course

Direction around Islesboro will be determined by the Race Committee and announced at the skippers meeting. Approximate course length is 28 NM.

Course Notes:

- Government or private marks are not part of the race course
- **Yachts need not sail though Bracketts Channel and may opt to sail longer course.**
- Stay alert and give way to commercial traffic when crossing inbound and outbound vessel separation zones. Sailing vessels have no rights in this situation.
- The Islesboro ferry is considered commercial traffic and must be given a wide berth; if you are passing by the ferry dock while the ferry is approaching or leaving take great care to neither hinder his progress or cause a course change, please maintain at least one hundred yards between your vessel and the ferry at all times.

Finish:

- **The finish is off the Northport wharf, between an anchored vessel and an orange drop mark. Approximate course length is 28 NM.**
- Take your own finish time as a backup. Use GPS clock if possible.
- After finishing the race **keep clear of the line** and of yachts that are still racing. Do not obstruct the line of sight for the dock crew.
- Finish deadline is 7 PM. It may be extended at the discretion of the race committee. If you elect to continue sailing you must take your own time.
- **IF AT ANY TIME YOU ELECT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE RACE PLEASE CONTACT THE RACE COMMITTEE ON CH 68 OR CALL 978-979-8405, OR 978-979-8404**

Penalties

The one or two turn penalties as defined in Rule 44.2 of the Racing Rules will be in effect. Yachts that have taken a penalty shall report to the Race Committee on VHF 68 that they have done so.

Protests and requests for Redress

Follow RRS60-RRS 62.2. A protesting yacht must hail “protest” and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity (RRS 61.1a). Also, boats intending to protest will, after finishing, notify the Race Committee at the finish line. The notification shall include the sail number or yacht name of the protested boat. After receiving this notification the Race Committee will announce over VHF 68 that a protest is pending and that a meeting will occur. The protesting yacht must fill out a protest form and deliver it to the Protest Committee no later than one hour after the last finish of the

day. The Protest hearing will begin 15 minutes after the form is submitted provided all parties are in attendance.

Safety Requirements and Equipment:

Each competing boat is required to carry at least the following equipment: prescribed Coast Guard safety equipment, a working VHF radio, visual signals for daytime use, and a suitable anchor and line for the class and sailing area.

Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate in the Around Islesboro Race entirely at their own risk (RRS 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 Around Islesboro Race.