

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Rhodes 19 Weekend Regattas (part of Fleet Championship series)

The Fleet 46 Championship is the string of combined races with boats competing from both Hingham and Hull Yacht Clubs. There are seven (7) qualifiers that make up this Championship; four (4) of which are combined Thursday race days and three (3) of which are combined Weekend Regattas. You need to compete in three (3) of the Thursdays and two (2) of the Weekends to qualify for the Fleet 46 Championship. Five (5) scores will be used to determine the final standings. A boats best three (3) of the four (4) Thursday scores, and best two (2) of the three (3) Weekend scores, are the five (5) scores used.

1 RULES

1.1 The Fleet 46 Championship Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS). RSS prescriptions to rules 60.3 and 63.2 will not apply.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 CLASS FLAG

4.1 The class flag will be the Rhodes 19 class flag.

5 RACING AREA

5.1 The racing area will be located in Hull Bay bordered to the North and East by the Hull Peninsula, Bumpkin Island to the South, and Peddocks Island to the West.

6 THE COURSES

6.1 The course patterns will be as per Addendum A.

7 MARKS

7.1 All marks will be colored inflatable marks

7.2 Offset Mark: If needed, an offset mark will be used in conjunction with the windward mark. The offset mark will be placed at a right angle to the weather leg. Boats shall pass the windward mark to port and then pass the offset mark to port. The offset mark must be honored at each rounding of mark 1.

7.3 Leeward Gates: When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the last mark, and round either gate mark.

8 CHECKING IN

8.1 Before the warning signal of her first race each day, each boat shall sail past the Race Committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee repeating the boat's sail number.

8.2 A boat failing to do so may receive a 20% scoring penalty for the first race in which it completes on that day, as described in Rule 44.3(c). This changes A4, A5.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
5	Class flag	One	Warning signal
4	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

9.2 The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class..

9.3 For the first and subsequent race(s) of the day, or after a postponement, a short series of signals will be sounded before the warning signal is made.

9.4 Wind limits – wind limits for starting races are at the discretion of the Race Committee or the Skipper.

9.5 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable mark at the port end of the starting line.

9.6 The code flag R will be flown to indicate additional races will be held.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1 Any mark to be rounded, after rounding the new mark, may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finish line will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat and an inflatable finishing mark at the port end of the line.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 Protested boat may exonerate itself by completing one circle (360) for penalties outside of the 3 boat length circle at both the windward and leeward mark, and two complete circles (720) for penalties occurring within the 3 boat length circle of the windward and leeward mark, at the earliest opportunity or

12.2 Rules T1 thru T4 (RRS Appendix T: ARBITRATION) apply.

Step one, T1 POST-RACE PENALTIES, the penalty will be 20% . Step two, T2 – T4 ARBITRATION, the penalty will be 40%.

Step Three, Protest Hearing, the penalty will be disqualification.

13 DURATION and TIME LIMITS

13.1 Only the first 3 races of the regatta will count towards the Fleet 46 Fleet Championship.

13.2 The race time limits will be 120 minutes. All vessels that have not completed the course will be scored number of starts plus one.

13.3 Racing will begin at 1330 hours and no race can begin after 1500 hours. The start and end time may be adjusted via notification to the Fleet by 2000 hours on the day before racing.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. Changes RRS 61.1(a)(2).

14.2 All boats intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing the race.

14.3 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the race committee boat has docked or moored.

14.4 Protest forms are available online, racers should download them in advance or write out the required information on a blank piece of paper.

14.5 Protest hearings will be conducted at the Club that has provided Race Committee duties.

14.6 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.

15 SCORING

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply. A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in a penalty.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 All boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of monitoring channel 68.

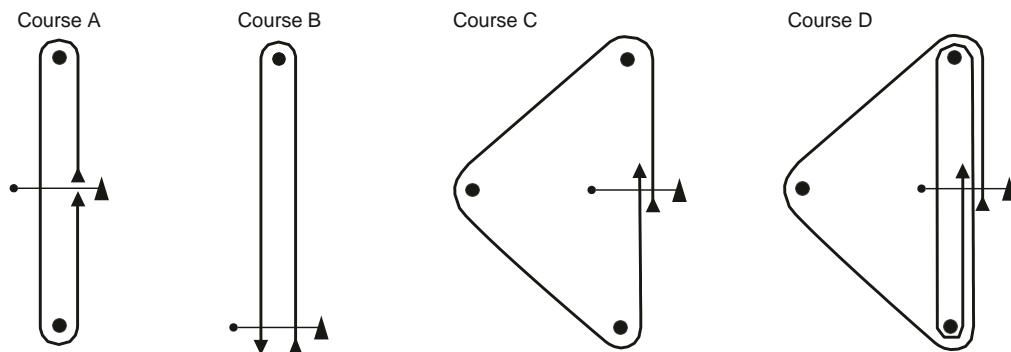
17.2 The race committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course change, etc. shall be on VHF 68 or PA speaker and are a courtesy only. Failure of the race committee to make broadcast or failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under Rule 62.1.

17.3 Recalls. The race committee will attempt to hail boats that are identified as on the course side (OCS) on VHF channel 68. Failure to hail any boat or untimely hail of a boat shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

17.4 While racing a boat shall neither make nor receive electronic communications (VHF or cell phone) not available to all boats other than for emergency purposes as described in the Sailing Instructions.

ADDENDUM A

COURSE DIAGRAMS



Twice around

When a number 2 is displayed with a course letter, this indicates the course shall be sailed twice around.