

SETTING OF COURSES

The PRO will now have the ability to move the committee boat to a starting area of their choice based on wind conditions. This will allow the RC to set more favorable courses. Alternatively, RC may chose to use one of these preset courses.

DROP MARKS

RC may add a windward drop mark (inflatable tetrahedron) to a preset course by prefacing the course number with:

Windward mark

Windward mark to be to be left to **Port** : left to **Starboard**

Competitors shall round the drop mark in the specified direction before sailing to the preset course's first mark.

TWICE AROUND

- Courses can be made twice around if the committee hoists the "**T**" flag.
- Boats Shall not be required to pass between the committee boat and the pin to begin the second lap of the course.

Photo: a foggy Wed. night race 2019

Hingham Bay can be challenging because of the strong currents, high-speed ferries, shallow spots, and islands. To conquer Hingham Bay you need to know where all the marks are (get a good chart) and understand what the

tide is doing (get an Eldridge book). Learning to race better in Hingham Bay will improve your strategic and tactical decision making no matter what the venue.

The prevailing wind direction in the summer is from the West/Southwest in the 10 - 20 knot range. The southwest wind direction allows for a nice first beat up into the Fore River channel. The first decision competitors must make is whether to sail to the left of Sheep Island (along the Hingham Shore) or sail to the right of Sheep Island towards the Ouincy shore.

Probably the biggest factor in making this choice is the tide. On an incoming tide, the right side will usually be the better play while on an outgoing tide the left side along the Hingham shore can work, but this area is susceptible to lighter winds so be careful.

During an outgoing tide try to stay out of the deep water channel, remember that "tide runs deep", the current will be stronger in deeper water.

1 NC	ORTHWEST	2 NORTH	3 NORTHEAST	4 NORTHEAST
Α	B/C Shorten	A B/C Shorten	A B/C Shorten	A B/C Shorten
HB	НВ	HB HB	HB HB	HB HB
24 p	24 p	17 s 17 s	34 p 34 p	34 s 34 s
22 s	22 s	19 s 19 s	29 р 22 р	18p 18p
26 s	25 s	22 s 23 s	19p 19p ┥	19s 19s ┥
22 s	22 s ◀	17p 17p ◀	24 s 24 s	29 s 29 s
25 s	25 s ◀	22 s 23 s	34s 34s ◀	34 s 17 s
24 p	24 p	HB HB	HB HB	HB HB
HB	HB			
6.7	5.9	6.2 5.0	8.1 6.9	7.1 6.2
5 so	OUTHWEST	6 SOUTHWEST	7 SOUTH	8 SOUTHEAST
Α	B/C Shorten	A B/C Shorten	A B/C Shorten	A B/C Shorten
HB	НВ	HB HB	HB HB	HB HB
29 p	22 p	29 s 29 s	22 s 22 s	19 s 19 s
19 p	19 p	17 р 17 р	23 p 26 s	29 s 29 s
18 p	18 p	22 p 23 p	26 s 24 s	17 s 24 s
23 s	23 s ◀	19 р 19 р ◀	17 s	18 s
17 s	17 s ◀	34 p 34 p	22 p 22 p ◀	19s 19s ◀
HB	HB	HB HB	НВ НВ	HB HB
6.4	5.1	8.0 7.6	6.7 5.5	6.0 5.8
9 so	OUTHEAST	10 west	11 EAST	12 EAST
Α	B/C Shorten	A B/C Shorten	A B/C Shorten	A B/C Shorten
HB	НВ	HB HB	HB HB	HB HB
19 s	19 s	26 p 25 p	19p 19p	18 s 18 s
22 s	22 s	19p 19p	17p 17p ┥	35 р 35 р
23 p	25 s	25 p 25 p	26 р 25 р	17p 17p ┥
26 s		19 р 19 р ┥	19р 19р	25 р 23 р
17 s	17 s ◀	24 s 24 s	HB HB	HB HB
19 s	19 s ┥	HB HB		
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