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STARTING SIGNALS

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. The CCK Class Flag is yellow; the MD Class Flag is red. Code Flag I flown as the Preparatory Flag means the one-minute rule (Rule 30.1) is in effect.

Signal	Flag	Sound	Minutes Before Starting Signal
Warning	 or 	1 Sound	5
Preparatory	 or 	1 Sound	4
One-Minute		1 Long Sound	1
Starting		1 Sound	0
General Recall		2 Sounds 1 Sound	All return for new start New Warning signal in 1 min.
Individual Recall		1 Sound	On the Course Side boats return and restart

OTHER SIGNALS International Code Flags displayed from the Committee Boat or at the Yacht Club:

	Code Flag "B"	No Sound	Ashore: Race will start in Buzzards Bay
	Code Flag "O"	No Sound	Ashore: Little Harbor or Vineyard Sound Start
	Code Flag "L"	1 Sound	Ashore: A notice to competitors has been posted Afloat: Come within hail or follow this boat
	Code Flag "E"	1 Sound	No spinnakers are to be flown during the race
	Code Flag "Y"	1 Sound	Wearing a personal flotation device is mandatory
	Code Flag "AP" At Drop	2 Sounds 1 Sound	Races not started are postponed New Warning signal in 1 minute
	Code Flag "N"	3 Sounds	Races started are abandoned, return to starting area
	Code Flag "N" over "A"	3 Sounds	Races postponed; no more racing today
	Code Flag "M"	Repeated Sounds	The object displaying this signal replaces a missing mark.
	Code Flag "C"	Repeated Sounds	Position of next mark has been changed
	Code Flag "S"	2 Sounds	Shorten Course

PROTESTS

Protests must be filed with the Race Committee Chairman or Steward in writing on forms available from the Club Steward or a Race Committee member. They must be filed with the Steward not later than two hours after the last boat in your class finishes. Arbitration may be available (see YC bulletin board for details.)

Protest Flags: In accordance with Rule 86.1 (b) Rule 61.1 (a) is changed. The over 6 meter length requirement does not apply. Protestors must conspicuously display a red flag and shall hail "Protest" at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident. The red flag must clearly be a flag. Code Flag "B" is acceptable.

GENERAL

All races will be governed by the 2013-2016 ISAF rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and by the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the prescriptions of the Woods Hole Yacht Club, and the rules of class racing, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions or by posted instructions. The Match Racing Rules (RRS Appendix C) do not apply unless specifically stated in a valid Notice.

Any boat interfering with ferries or other vessels over 65 feet in length, having the right of way under government rules within Woods Hole Great Harbor or its channels, will be subject to disqualification from the day's racing. The Race Committee may impose longer penalties depending on the nature of the infraction. For purposes of Rules 18 and 19, any such vessel is deemed an obstruction.

All boats must pass offshore of swimming rafts and fish weirs.

The Time Limit for each racing class will be posted on the yacht club bulletin board.

The Race Committee reserves the right to modify these instructions as required to deal with any extraordinary circumstances that may arise during the course of racing.

SCORING See Club bulletin board for details on the scoring system in use.

NOTICES Information regarding the start time, time limits and other issues pertaining to specific WHYC fleets will be posted on the Club bulletin board. Notices displayed on the yacht club bulletin board two hours before a race supersede information on any course sheet or WHYC calendar.

COURSES AND MARKS OF THE COURSE

Letters designating Turning Marks of the course will be displayed on the Race Committee boat. Small letters "p" and "s" indicate on which side each mark must be passed.

When a "Nobska Finish" is indicated, boats shall finish between Red Nun "18" (Mark Q) and the tall set of stairs to the west of it on the Nobska shore.

Boats shall **Start** across a line between the mast on the Race Committee boat and a designated mark. Boats shall **Finish** across a line designated by the Race Committee except when a Shortened Course flag is displayed from the Race Committee boat.

The **Shortened Course** signal, when displayed at or near the designated finish line means finish now at the designated line. When displayed elsewhere, it means finish between the nearby mark and the Race Committee boat.

An orange or green ball designated as π (pi) will be used as a *Portable Mark* if no suitable course sheet marks are available. A compass bearing to the Portable Mark may be posted on the Committee Boat.

Any *Special Marks* will be designated on the Committee Boat and marked by the symbol θ (theta) or for harbor races by the symbols **W**, **L** and **R** for Windward, Leeward and Reaching marks.

RESPECTING MARKS The following government marks must be passed on the channel side on all Woods Hole Great Harbor and Vineyard Sound courses:

Green Can "9" and Red Nun "2" off Grassy Island

Red Nun "6" off Juniper Point

Red Nun "18," except when used as a mark of the course, and Red Nun "20," both off Nobska Point
When the course is through Woods Hole passage, boats may pass on the westerly side of Grassy Island and Green Can "9", but not between them and must pass on the southerly side of Devil's Foot Island.

When racing to or from Vineyard Sound all yachts must pass to the east of Red Ledge.

When course includes Vineyard Sound *and* Woods Hole passage, Broadway can #1 (off Mink Pt.) must be passed on the channel side.

Except when used as a mark of the course, all boats must pass offshore of a range between Marks "A," "A¹," and "B." The range is a continuous obstruction as well as a mark. If a boat sails inside the range she may exonerate herself by doing a single penalty turn (Rule 31.2) offshore of the range.

For courses to marks A, B, H, I, P, O, and N, boats must pass through a **gate** formed by mark D and the "Private" sign on Nonamesset I. This may also be used as a finish for races involving these marks.