

Supplemental Sailing Instructions

Woods Hole Yacht Club

General

- To encourage participation, a boat may race two race days in each series without incurring the racing fee.
- A minimum of three boats is required to count as a series race.
- The Course Sheet, these Supplemental Sailing Instructions, and the Procedures for Resolving Racing Rules Disputes make up the complete set of Sailing Instructions.

Start Times

The start times for each series are as follows. Start times posted on the WHYC calendar or bulletin board supersede this schedule.

- Summer Series (Wednesday/Ladies): 5:30 PM
- Fall Series (Viking/Valkyrie): 5:00 PM
- Spinnaker Races: TBD
- Special/Cup Races: See WHYC Calendar

Alternate Starting Lines

- **Vineyard Sound Start:** East of Nobska
- **Little Harbor Start:** Near Marks J and/or E
- **Buzzards Bay Start:** Off Stoney Beach
- **Woods Hole Passage Start:** At or near Mark R

Time Limits

Knockabout races have the following time limits. Time limits posted on the WHYC calendar or bulletin board supersede this schedule.

- Wednesday, Ladies, Viking, and Valkyrie Series: 1.5 hours
- Spinnaker Races: 2.5 hours
- Veeder Bowl: No Time Limit
- Special Races: 2.5 hours, unless posted on the WHYC bulletin board or an official notice

Spinnakers

Spinnaker use is permitted as follows:

- Wednesday, Ladies, Viking, and Valkyrie Series: Not Allowed
- Spinnaker Races: Allowed
- Veeder Bowl: Allowed
- All Other Special/Cup Races: Not Allowed, unless stated on a valid notice

The Race Committee may override any notices or Sailing Instructions by writing “Spinnakers Allowed” on the Committee Boat blackboard, or by flying Code Flag E to indicate “No Spinnakers.”

Sound Signals

- On all finishes except for club finishes, the race committee shall make one sound for each boat that crosses the finish line.
- As a courtesy to racers, the Race Committee may make sound signals multiple times for all Race Signals listed under Part 3 (Conduct of a Race) of the RRS. This courtesy does not apply to starting signals.
- As a courtesy to racers, the Race Committee may announce all signals under Part 3 of the RRS over VHF channel 69. This courtesy does not apply to starting signals.

Hails to the Race Committee

Prior to the start of the race, the Race Committee will accept hails from participants clarifying the racing instructions. This supplements Rule 89.2(c), in accordance with Rule 86.1 – *Changes to the Racing Rules*. However, in the case of conflict between verbal and written instructions, the written instructions take precedence.

Additional Courses for Spinnaker Races

In addition to the courses described on the course sheet, W and M (windward-leeward) courses may be used in Spinnaker Races, along with a number to indicate the number of laps boats must complete.

Individual Recalls

If any part of a boat is over the starting line at the starting signal, Code Flag X will be raised with one sound to indicate individual recall. As a *courtesy*, an effort will be made by the Committee Boat to hail the boat number(s) individually. When all boats that were on the course side have returned to the pre-start side of the line and restarted, Code Flag X will be lowered. Boats that fail to restart will be scored OCS.

Scoring

Scoring for all series will be made using a Low Point System in which a boat is scored using her finish position. The boat with the fewest points wins the series.

- If a boat does not finish (DNF) or is on the course side at the start (OCS), she shall be scored $n + 1$, where n is the number of boats on the start line.
- If a boat does not start (DNS), is disqualified (DSQ), or retires (RAF), she shall be scored $n + 2$, where n is the number of boats on the start line.
- If 6 or more race days in a series are completed, each boat may throw out her worst day's score.
- Ties are broken in favor of the boat with the greater number of firsts, seconds, and so forth unless they rank the same in which case the boat with the best finish in the last race will win.

Reefed Sail Provision

Sails built after 2006 should have a reef tack, clew, and 2 to 5 reef points.

- The reef tack shall be 24 inches above the main tack.
- The reef clew shall be 28 inches above the foot of the sail measured perpendicular to the foot.
- Reef points shall be evenly spaced along a line between the reef tack and reef clew.
- Already measured sails may be retrofitted to meet these standards.

The decision to mandate reefs will be made no later than one half hour before the start of the race and will be in effect for the entire duration of the race. Mandatory reefs shall be indicated by Code Flag R. The Race Committee may also indicate mandatory reefs on the blackboard as a courtesy.

Failure to reef when mandated will result in automatic disqualification without a hearing.

In races without mandatory reefs, boats may voluntarily reef or unreef at their discretion.

Veeder Bowl

Course

Naushon left to port OR starboard

Start/Finish

The start and finish lines shall be the standard harbor start and club finish, respectively.

Time Limit

There is no time limit.

Spinnakers

Spinnakers are allowed.

Respecting Marks

Can 9: Boats may not pass between Can 9 and Grassy Island.

Devil's Foot: Boats must pass to the south and east of Devil's Foot while transiting through Woods Hole Passage.

Other respecting marks on the course sheet may be ignored at the boat's discretion and risk.

John and Prince's Folly

Course

A colored drop mark at the head of Hadley Harbor, rounded to port. The race is timed so there is a foul tide in Woods Hole Passage both directions.

Start/Finish

The start and finish lines shall be the standard harbor start and club finish, respectively. Boats must cross the finish line going from southeast to northwest.

Time Limit

The time limit is 1.5 hours.

Spinnakers

Spinnakers are not allowed.

Respecting Marks

Devil's Foot and the Gut: Boats must pass to the east, south, and/or west of Devil's Foot Island. Boats may not pass between Devil's Foot and Ram Island. The Race Committee may close transit through the Gut (west of Devil's Foot) at its discretion, which will be noted on the Committee Boat blackboard.

Bull Island: Boats may pass on either side of Bull Island.

Other respecting marks on the course sheet may be ignored at the boat's discretion and risk.

Procedures for Resolving Racing Rules Disputes

Woods Hole Yacht Club

In 2009, WHYC adopted two new practices to promote understanding and respect for the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1. An Exoneration Penalty which is available after racing for many infringements
2. Arbitration to more quickly resolve disputes.

Exoneration Penalty

A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 (Rules 10-22), may, after finishing and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty. The Exoneration Penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under Rule 30.3, or a penalty under Appendix P. The Exoneration Penalty is not available for a breach of Rule 2, a breach of class rules, or gross misconduct under Rule 69.

The Exoneration Penalty is a 20% scoring penalty as stated in Rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places if it does not result in a score worse than DNF. If a boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

Boats may accept an Exoneration Penalty any time before the start of a protest hearing. When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted,

- Neither the boat nor a Protest Committee may revoke or remove the penalty, even if it is later determined that the boat did not break a rule.
- The boat will not be penalized further at the protest hearing if the Protest Committee decides that the penalty she has already accepted is appropriate to the facts it finds.
- The protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing Rule 63.1.

WHYC Arbitration

When a protest is lodged, a boat may at the same time request WHYC Arbitration, or the Protest Committee or Race Committee may offer it. Arbitration is an option only if both boats agree and it appears to the Race Committee that a) the facts are clear, b) the issue is not complex, and that c) witnesses are not essential.

Redress is not available through WHYC Arbitration and requires a full hearing before a Protest Committee.

An Arbitrator will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that Rule 64.1 does not apply. There is no objection in principle to the Arbitrator being a member of the Protest Committee, but a Protest Committee may decide not to have the Arbitrator as a member.

If an arbitration hearing goes to a full protest hearing, Rule 66 does not apply to the arbitration decision.

Arbitration Procedure

1. A boat will lodge a protest form in the normal way, and within the normal time limit.
2. WHYC Arbitration is provided for in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, and its use may be initiated by any party (the protest form provides for a protestor to ask for this) or by a member of the Protest Committee or Race Committee. The Protest Committee appoints an arbitrator, who will first establish that there was no injury or serious damage, that the issue is not complex, and that witnesses should not be needed. If the Arbitrator is satisfied, and if all parties agree, an arbitration hearing will be called, to take place as soon as possible in a quiet place, but with observers permitted to attend.
3. If the Arbitrator judges the issue too complex, or if a party does not agree to arbitration, the issue will be heard as a normal protest.
4. The Arbitrator follows the same procedure as for a protest hearing starting with establishing whether the protest is valid. If it is, the parties then briefly state their case. They may question each other, and the Arbitrator will question them.
5. The Arbitrator may decide at any time during the hearing that the issue would in fact better be heard by a full Protest Committee and may suspend the arbitration.

6. The Arbitrator establishes and summarizes the facts and states the rules that apply and the conclusions. A boat determined to have broken a rule is asked to accept an Exoneration Penalty or retire if she caused injury/damage or gained a significant advantage.
7. After a protestee accepts an Exoneration Penalty or decides to retire, the protestor is invited and allowed to withdraw the protest.
8. No party is obliged to accept an Exoneration Penalty or retire, and no party is obliged to accept that another party did not break a rule. In either case, the party is entitled to have the matter heard as a normal protest. So, if a boat does not agree to accept a penalty or retire, the other party has the option of a full hearing.
9. The Arbitrator completes the protest form and returns it to the race office. If a full protest hearing is to follow, no new protest form from the party is needed, and the Protest Committee will attach a fresh second page to the protest form for its own hearing.
10. If for any reason WHYC Arbitration does not or cannot resolve the issue to the parties' satisfaction, and it then proceeds to a protest hearing, any party may accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the protest hearing starts.

Note to Scorers: When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted, the designation XPA (Exoneration Penalty Accepted) is recommended. If she retires, she is to be scored RAF.

	WHYC Arbitration	Protest Hearing
Initiation	Protest Form	Protest Form
Validity of Protest Notification	Required	Required
Time Limit to Ask for a Hearing	Normal protest time limit, arbitration request to be made on protest form	Normal protest time limit, hearing will be scheduled within week of protest
If One Boat Does Not Agree to Participate	Must be heard as a normal protest	Protest will proceed normally without parties who decline to attend
Penalty	Arbitrator may invite (not require) boat to accept the Exoneration Penalty or to retire depending on infringement	Normal disqualification or applicable penalty
If Injury/Damage Occurred or a Boat Gained Significant Advantage	Exoneration Penalty not available, boat should retire	Disqualification for not retiring
Further options	Any party may seek a full hearing of the Protest Committee	The decision may be appealed

Woods Hole Yacht Club Racing Marks



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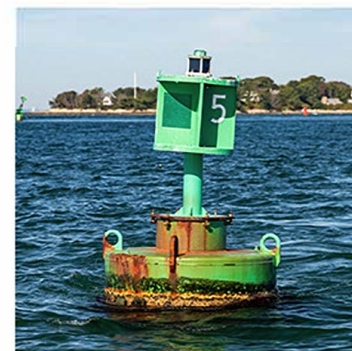
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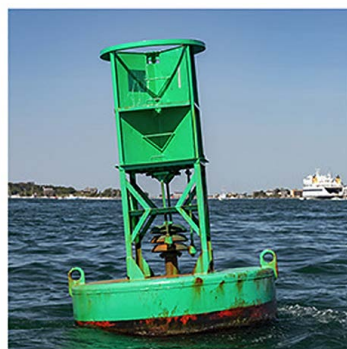
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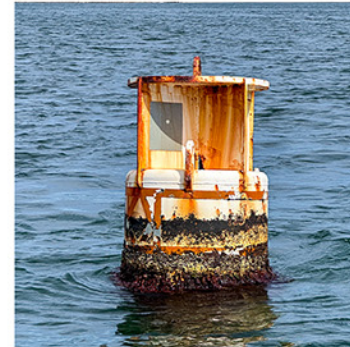
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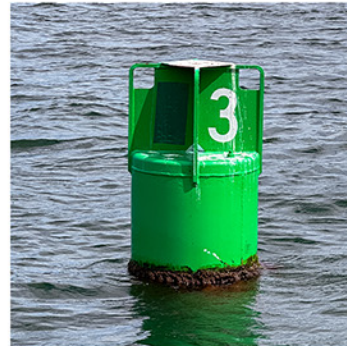
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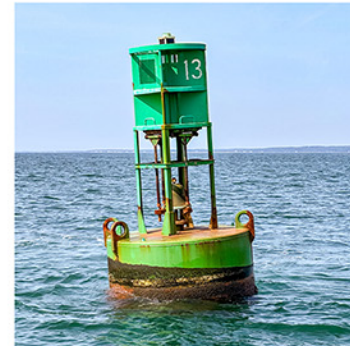
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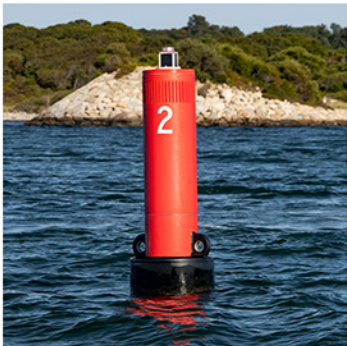
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Drop Marks



Large Drop Mark

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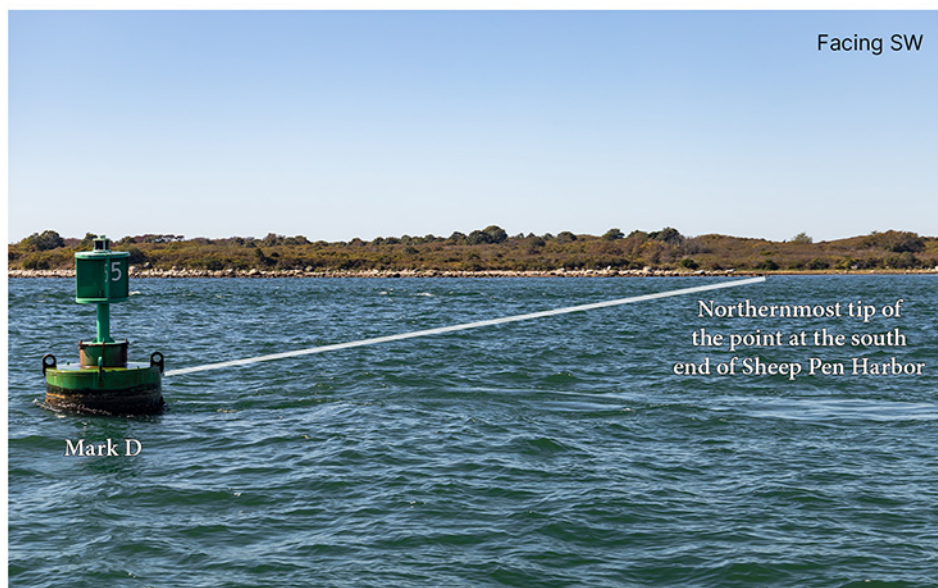
Woods Hole Yacht Club Alternate Finish Lines



Little Harbor Finish



Nobska Finish



Nonamesset Finish



Woods Hole Passage Finish

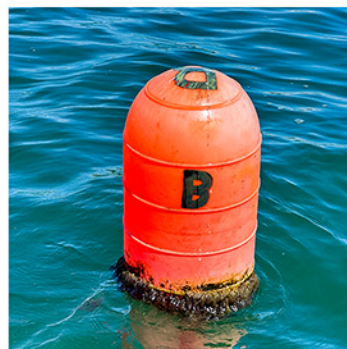
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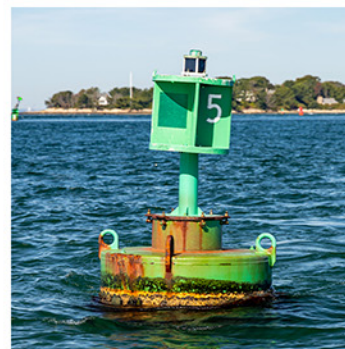
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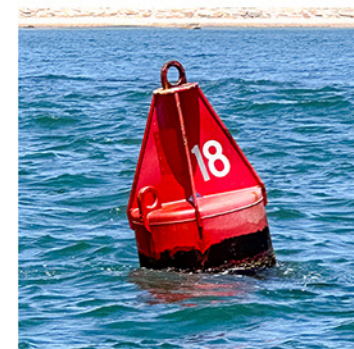
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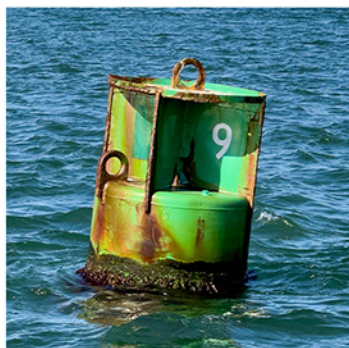
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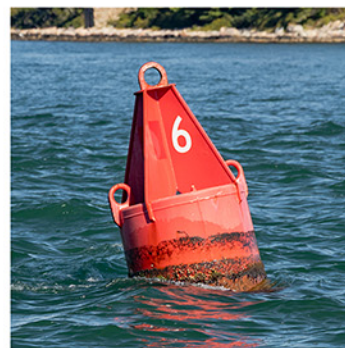
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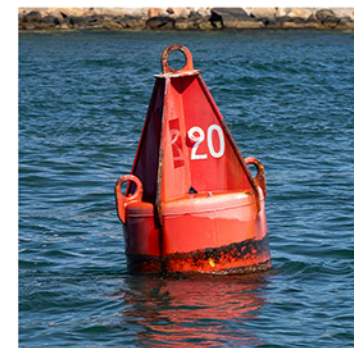
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Can 1 Broadway



Nun 6 Juniper



Nun 20 Nobska



Red Ledge



Devil's Foot

Mark	Latitude	Longitude	Description
A	41.50847	-70.67765	WHYC Buoy off east end of Nonamesset
A'	41.50780	-70.67918	WHYC Buoy off east end of Nonamesset
B	41.50748	-70.68015	WHYC Buoy off east end of Nonamesset
C	41.51515	-70.66368	Flashing Red "4" off Little Harbor
D	41.51567	-70.67205	Flashing Green "5" off Sheep Pen Harbor
E	41.51548	-70.65878	WHYC Buoy off Nobska Beach
F	41.51188	-70.66113	Quick Flashing Green "1" at Coffin Rock
G	41.50867	-70.67050	Green Gong "1" at the entrance to the Ferry Channel
H	41.50580	-70.68597	WHYC Buoy at west end of Nonamesset, below the house
HB	41.52472	-70.67947	Drop Mark in Great Harbor
I	41.50052	-70.70488	WHYC Buoy at west end of Lackey's Bay
J	41.51682	-70.66507	Flashing Red "6" at entrance to Little Harbor
K	41.53620	-70.63642	Drop Mark off Oyster Pond
L	41.52042	-70.62865	Red and Green Nun "FW" approx 1.1 mi E of Nobska Light
M	41.50038	-70.64528	Red Bell "26" approx 0.75 mi SE of Nobska Light
N	41.50052	-70.67765	Drop Mark approx 0.55 mi S of Mark A and 1.4 mi E of Mark I
O	41.52400	-70.69405	Green Can "11" at west end of Woods Hole Passage
P	41.50252	-70.69273	WHYC Buoy in Lackeys Bay, approx halfway between Marks H and I
Q	41.51692	-70.65065	Red Nun "18" off Nobska
R	41.51765	-70.68918	White Can "Rock" at Hadley Rock
S	41.50950	-70.66830	Flashing Red Bell "2" at the entrance to the Ferry Channel
T	41.52947	-70.67657	Quissett YC buoy off Stoney Beach
U	41.51292	-70.65860	Flashing Red "2" 0.2 mi SW of Nobska, opposite Coffin Rock buoy
V	41.51482	-70.69790	Green Can "3" at entrance to Hadley Harbor
W	41.52807	-70.69765	Green Bell "13" at west entrance to Woods Hole Passage
X	41.51316	-70.69363	Drop Mark approx 0.4 miles east of entrance to Hadley Harbor
Y	41.54220	-70.66562	Flashing Red "2" at entrance to Quissett Harbor
Z	41.53000	-70.72387	Flashing Red Gong "8" at Weepecket Rock
Δ	41.53354	-70.68233	Quissett YC buoy off northernmost part of Penzance Point

Note: Coordinates for marks HB, K, N, T, X, and Δ are approximate.