



HOUSATONIC BOAT CLUB

2023 Fun Race - Sailing Instructions

The goal of the Fun Race Series is to encourage participation and to provide a structured learning experience with typical racing rules used in regattas so participants can gain experience and confidence. The intent is for this to be a guide for learning experience for some, teaching experience for others, and fun for all. Post-race discussions and socializing are strongly encouraged.

1.0 ELIGIBILITY:

The HBC Fun Race is open to all boats.

2.0 RULES:

The Race Committee will manage the race in accordance with current 2021-2024 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing. PHRF- ECSA ratings will be used for Handicap classes. If a boat does not have a PHRF-ECSA rating, the Race Committee will assign one **for the purpose of this race**. The Two-Turns penalty shall apply.

3.0 SAFETY:

It is the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue the race. The organizers and race committee bear no responsibility for accidents, damage, or injuries from any cause during the race or related activities. The race committee will monitor VHF channel 68.

4.0 CLASSES:

Entries will be divided into classes at the discretion of the Race Committee. There will be spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes.

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

Signals made ashore may be displayed at the Housatonic Boat Club or on the Race Committee boat at the HBC main dock.

6.0 STARTING AREA:


In the vicinity 2 nm south and east of the Housatonic River Breakwater.

7.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES, REGISTRATION, AND CHECK IN:

Warning signal for the start is scheduled for 12:30 PM. No warning signal will be made after 1500. Start time for evening races will be 6:30 PM. **All boats planning to participate in each event need to fill out the Fun Race Entry Form attached to these instructions.** This is needed as a courtesy to the Race Committee and other participants so that volunteers do not show up for a race with no participants. A minimum of 2 responses per event is needed for the event to be held. A list of registered participants will be sent out after 1700 on the Friday before the event. **There is no registration fee for the fun races.**

8.0 START & FINISH LINE:

Start will be on a line between the orange flag on the committee boat and a starting mark. Finish will be the same as the start except if conditions warrant, the finish can be moved to a mark of the course. Race Committee will display code

flag "S"  and signal two blasts for shortened course.





A proper finish may be signaled by one blast of the horn.

For evening races see SPECIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR EVENING RACES.

9.0 START TIMES:

All classes will start using RRoS 2021-2024 Rule 26. The start sequence MAY or MAY NOT be a rolling start. Watch for your CLASS FLAG which will signal the Warning for your class. The Warning Signal for the first class start is scheduled for 12:30 PM (6:30 PM for evening races). Classes will start in ascending order (i.e. A, B, C, D, E). Class Flags will be the letter designation of your class (i.e Class A = "A" Flag, Class B = "B" Flag and so on). A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her warning may be scored DNS.

10.0 SAMPLE START SEQUENCE (Class A shown as example)


Flag	Up/Down	Time	Flag	Title	Action	Class
	↑	12:30	A Flag	Warning	A Flag up & Sound	Class A - Warning
	↑	12:31	"P"	Preparatory	"P" Flag up & Sound	Class A - Prep
	↓	12:34	"P"		"P" Flag Removed & Sound	Class A - 1 Minute to Start
	↓	12:35	A Flag	Start	A Flag Removed & Sound	Class A - Start Class A

The Race Committee may signal 5 short blasts on a horn just prior to the first class' Warning signal.

11.0 POSTPONEMENT:

Postponements will be signaled by the code flag "AP"  and two blasts of the horn. Code flag "AP" will be lowered with one blast of the horn, one minute before the warning signal for the next class.

12.0 RECALL:

Individual recalls will be signaled by code flag "X" . In addition, the race committee may attempt to notify the infringing boats over VHF channel 68. The obligation for return is on the boat involved. General Recalls will be signaled by code flag "1st Substitute" and two horns. The "1st Substitute" will be lowered with one horn, one minute before the warning signal for the class recalled.

13.0 WITHDRAWAL:

Boats withdrawing from the race must notify the race committee either in person or by radio on channel 68.

14.0 PROTESTS:

Protesting boats shall notify committee of their intent to protest at the finish and present written protest within 1/2 hour of the docking of the committee boat.

15.0 TIME LIMIT:

Any boat not finishing within five (5) hours after the start of its class will be scored DNF.

16.0 CODE FLAGS:

Answering Pennant - (red & white stripes) - Postponement	
N - (blue & white checked) - Abandonment	
X - (white, blue +) - Individual Recall	
1st Substitute - (yellow & blue) - General Recall	
S - (white, blue square center) - Shorten Course	
C - (Red, white, blue) - Change of Course	
L – Follow Me, or for this regatta, 2 nd Race to be run after 1 st race	
Y – PFD Required	

17.0 COURSES:

Course sailed will either be Windward\Leeward and\or rounding of government marks order posted on committee boat. Non - Spinnaker classes may sail a different course. Course examples and explanations are on the following pages in section 18.0

18.0 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

Government Marks

Govt Marks
Class ABC
MJ
Class D
MG
M-150 2.0nm

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Marks of the course and the sequence of rounding will be displayed by the letters on the committee boat. . All marks are left to the same side as start pin. The finish line (S) will not be listed in the mark rounding sequence.

Course Board Example

S ----- Start\Finish Line pin

B ----- R10 Bell (Inner Bridgeport Channel)

D ----- N12 (Pond Point)

E ----- R16 Bell (Charles Island)

F ----- R18 (Point No Point)

G ----- N20 (Point No Point)

H ----- G1 (Housatonic River Mid Channel)

J ----- C1 (Middle Ground East Side)

K ----- C3 (Middle Ground North side)

T ----- R2 Gong (Outer Bridgeport Channel)

W ---- N2 (Welches Point)

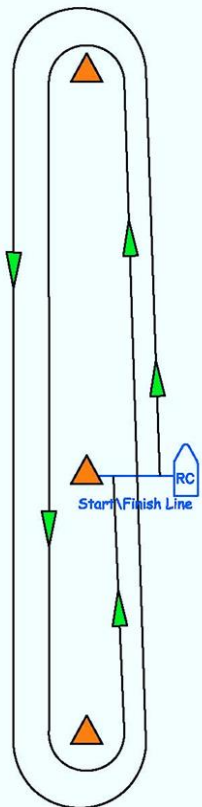
M ---- Movable Orange Mark. Direction & approximate distance from starting line will be posted on committee boat.

Windward\Leeward Courses

The position of Mark #1, Mark #2 and/or the start finish line can be changed after the race has started. This change will be signaled by a race committee boat stationed at the mark previous to the changed mark and displaying code flag "C". The race committee boat will periodically make an audible signal and will display the new bearing and distance to the next mark. The new mark may have a black band on it. All marks will be ORANGE OR YELLOW TETRAHEDRON SHAPES.

18.0 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: (continued)

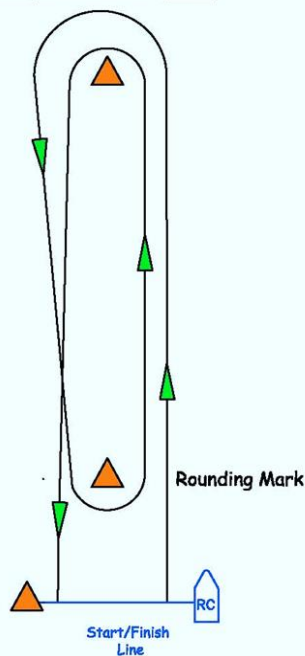
Course # 1
(Example shows two LAPS)



Course Board Example

Course #1		
ABC	D	Class Designation
3	2	Number of complete <u>LAPS</u>
190		Bearing to Mark #1 (magnetic)
#1-1.5		Distance from Start\Finish to Mark #1
#2-1.0		Distance from Mark #2 to Start\Finish

Course # 2
(Example shows four LEGS)



Course Board Example

Course #2		
ABC	D	Class Designation
6	4	Number of complete <u>LEGS</u>
190		Bearing to Mark #1 (magnetic)
#1-2.0		Distance from Start\Finish to Mark #1

SPECIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR EVENING RACES

The Moonlight Race and Chowder Race will start in the normal HBC starting area.

The normal HBC course marks and sailing instructions will be used with the following exceptions;

Exception 1; (Modifies 18.0)

The finish line may be a line from the HBC Flagpole (on the deck) projected out perpendicular from the HBC deck to the east. If the Flagpole is used as the finish line, it will be designated with a “P”(for pole) as the last mark noted on the course board on the committee boat.

Exception 2; (Modifies 8.0)

If the finish line is at the HBC Flagpole, the course may be shortened to any location along the Housatonic River Channel. The race committee boat will position itself along the west side of the channel and signal the “S” flag (shortened course flag, white with blue square center). The finish line will be a perpendicular line from the S Flag boat to the east side of the channel. This is to allow the race to finish in the event of a dying river breeze.

In the river, boats must honor “Aids to Navigation” from RED N “12” north (including RED N “12”).

**HOUSATONIC BOAT CLUB
2023 Fun Race
Entry Form**

Owners Name:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:		
Boat Name:		
Boat Make:		
PHRF Rating:	Hull Color:	Sail Number:
(Check One) Spinnaker:		Non Spinnaker :

Race instructions will be posted on <http://housatonicboatclub.com>

Please return entries by 1700 on the Friday prior to the event.

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