

2021 HOUSATONIC BOAT CLUB SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Handicap Division I & II

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1.0 ENTRY:

1.1 - Registration sheets will be posted on the bulletin board before each race. You may also enter by hailing the committee boat at the starting area before the first warning. It is the responsibility of the skipper of each handicap boat wishing to race to present the race committee with the current handicap rating in the division they wish to sail.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Sailing Notice Board located at HBC.

3.0 START AREA:

Starting area is approximately within a 2 mile radius, swinging from northeast to southeast of the Housatonic River Breakwater. Race Committee may broadcast their position (lat\lon) on VHF 68.

4.0 START TIMES:

For HBC Series, Class Flags are as follows; **Red - Div I** **Blue - Div II**

Division I - Spinnaker Class

Time	Flag	Title	Action	Class
12:30	Red	Warning	Red Flag up & Sound	Div I - Spinnaker -Warning
12:31	"P"	Preparatory	"P" Flag up & Sound	Div I - Spinnaker - Prep
12:34	"P"		"P" Flag Removed & Sound	Div I - Spinnaker - 1 Minute to Start
12:35	Red	Start	Red Flag Removed & Sound	Div I - Spinnaker - Start

Division II - Non Spinnaker Class

Time	Flag	Title	Action	Class
12:35	Blue	Warning	Blue Flag up & Sound	Div II - Non Spinnaker -Warning
12:36	"P"	Preparatory	"P" Flag up & Sound	Div II - Non Spinnaker - Prep
12:39	"P"		"P" Flag Removed & Sound	Div II - Non Spinnaker - 1 Minute to Start
12:40	Blue	Start	Blue Flag Removed & Sound	Div II - Non Spinnaker - Start

4.0 START TIMES: (continued)

For evening races, the warning will be at 7:00 PM. For ECSA events, refer to the respective NOR for start times. Motors must not be used for propulsion after the preparatory signal. Stay clear of the starting area until your warning signal. The Race Committee may make general announcements on VHF channel 68.

5.0 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. These forms will be available on the web, and Official Sailing Notice Board. The race committee may monitor VHF channel 68.

6.0 START AND FINISH:

The start will be on a line between the orange flag on the committee boat and a starting mark "Z". In the event of a twice around course, "Z" becomes a mark of the course, **except when finishing**. The finish line may be moved to any mark of the course, if conditions warrant. A proper finish may be signaled by one blast of the horn.

For evening races see SPECIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR EVENING RACES.

7.0 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.

8.0 COURSE:

Marks of the course and sequence of rounding will be displayed on the committee boat. Number displayed with letters indicates times around the course. MARKS ARE TO BE LEFT TO THE SAME SIDE AS THE STARTING MARK "Z". Separate courses may be set for each division.

9.0 RECALL:

Recalls will be signaled by horn and hail. 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.

10.0 WITHDRAWAL:

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

11.0 RULES:

The races will be governed by the 2017 -2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRoS), the prescriptions of the USSA and the HBC Sailing Instructions. RRoS 44.2 2 Turns" Penalty" will apply.

12.0 PROTESTS

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.

13.0 TIME LIMIT:

Time limit is four hours for each Handicap division. One boat finishing within time limit denotes a valid race for that division.

14.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as described in the HBC Yearbook, or on the HBC website. Note that changes to schedule may be posted on the race board at the HBC or on the website. **No makeup days are scheduled.**

15.0 SCORING & TROPHIES

There will be no awards for non-ECSA club races run by HBC. For ECSA events, refer to the respective NOR.

ECSA sponsored events will be run under the NOR of the sponsoring club. ECSA sponsored races are identified as such on the Housatonic Boat Club 2020 Racing Schedule.

For the NON ECSA events , we will make an effort to get a RC on line (Volunteers are appreciated).

If that is not possible, an Honor Start will be used. Please record start and finish times and submit by email to the RC chair person. rkubis@netzero.net. TOT scoring as in the past will be used.

These NON ECSA races, times, and finishes will be posted. These races will be sailed as fun races, using US Sailing Racing Rules. There will be no scoring for end of season awards, intent on making this a more casual event to entice more people to come out.

(These Instructions will only apply for the 2021 season, and may be modified if conditions dictate.)

16.0 CODE FLAGS:



Answering Pennant - (red & white stripes) – Postponement



Red – Division I Start Sequence Flag



Blue – Division II Start Sequence Flag



1st Repeater - (blue, yellow center triangle) - General Recall



N - (blue & white checked) – Abandonment



P - Preparatory (blue, white square center)



S - (white, blue square center) - Shorten Course



X - (white, blue “+”) – Individual Recal

17.0 MARKS OF THE COURSE

Z ----- Starting pin approximately within a 2 mile radius, swinging from northeast to southeast of the Housatonic River Breakwater. Race Committee may broadcast their position (lat\lon) on VHF 68.

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)

M ----- Movable Mark (Direction and approximate distance may be posted on Committee Boat)

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

W ----- N2 (Welches Point)

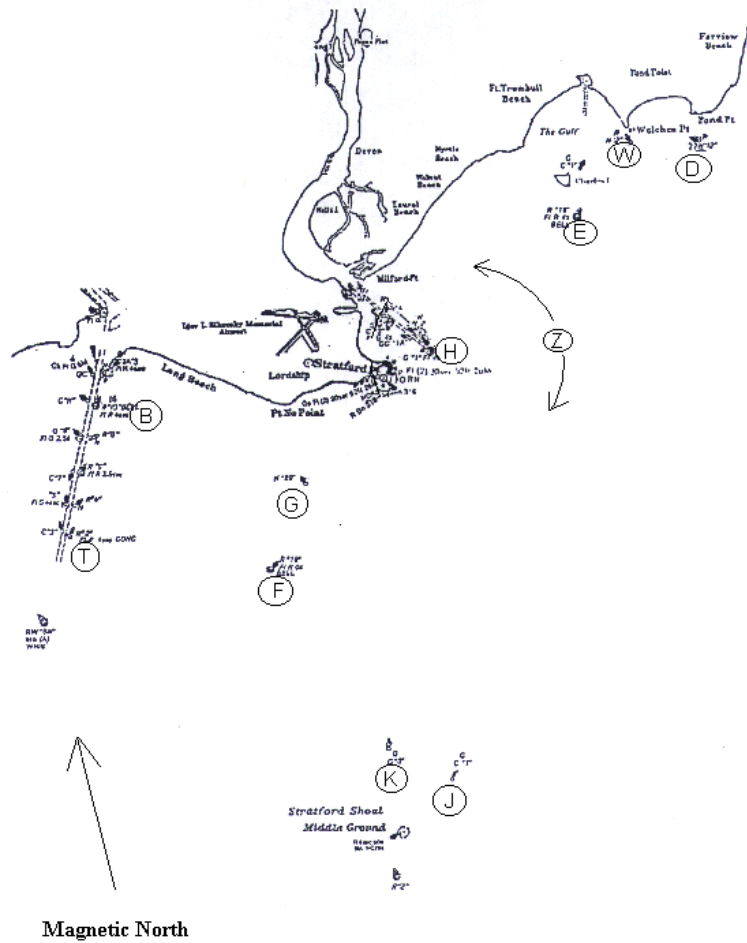
18.0 RACE COURSE DISTANCES

(In nautical miles)

Marks

B - F	2.9	H - K	4.8
B - G	2.8	H - J	5.2
B - T	1.7	H - W	3.6
D - F	7.5	G - J	4.0
D - G	6.5	G - K	3.3
D - H	4.2	G - W	5.9
D - J	8.4	G - T	3.0
D - K	8.4	F - G	1.1
D - W	.9	F - J	3.4
E - F	5.7	F - K	2.7
E - G	4.7	F - W	6.9
E - H	2.4	F - T	2.4
E - K	6.9	T - K	4.6
E - J	7.0	W - J	8.2
E - W	1.2	W - K	8.1

19.0 RACE AREA DIAGRAM



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 17.0)

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 6.0)

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”).