

Racing Instructions for Club Races

Webster Sailing Association

A yacht must race a minimum of 50% of the point score races sailed to be eligible to receive an award for point score racing.

Racing Rules: All races sailed under **The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021 – 2024.**

Course to be sailed: Denoted by a Red or Green letter displayed on the committee boat. A number 2 or 3 before the course letter indicates repeat course 2 or 3 times.

Starting Rules: Racing Rules of Sailing go into effect for all classes at the preparatory signal.

Starting and Finishing Lines: All lines will be between the mast on the committee boat displaying the orange flag and a special mark.

Starting Time: Starting time for the first class is 2:00 PM for most races. (See Racing Schedule)

WSA Start Sequence:

- 5 minutes: **Class** flag up– (Mixed class races) Red with white “H”, 1 sound signal.
- 4 minutes: **Preparatory** flag up - Blue with a white square, 1 long sound signal. **The Racing Rules are now in effect.**
- 3 minutes: 3 short sounds.
- 2 minutes: 2 short sounds.
- 1 minute: Preparatory flag lowered, 1 long sound.
- Start: Class flag lowered, 1 sound

Special Signals:

3. Premature Starters will be hailed when possible. Failure to hear the recall is no excuse for not re-starting. Start signals will resume 1 minute after the General Recall Pennant or Postponement Pennant is lowered.

1. Postponement: Red and white pennant, two audible signals.

2. Cancellation: Blue and white checkered flag, three audible signals (no cancellations before 2:00PM)

3. General Recall: Yellow and blue pennant, two signals.

4. Shorten Course: White flag with a blue center square, two audible signals

A course may be shortened to keep the race within the time limit. Courses will usually be shortened using a mark of the course as a finish mark.

5. Red and Yellow striped flag: Life Jackets must be worn.

Time Limit: Kenyon Series Races =1 hour. The first boat must cross the finish line within the time limit.

Trophy Races = 1 hour 30 minutes.

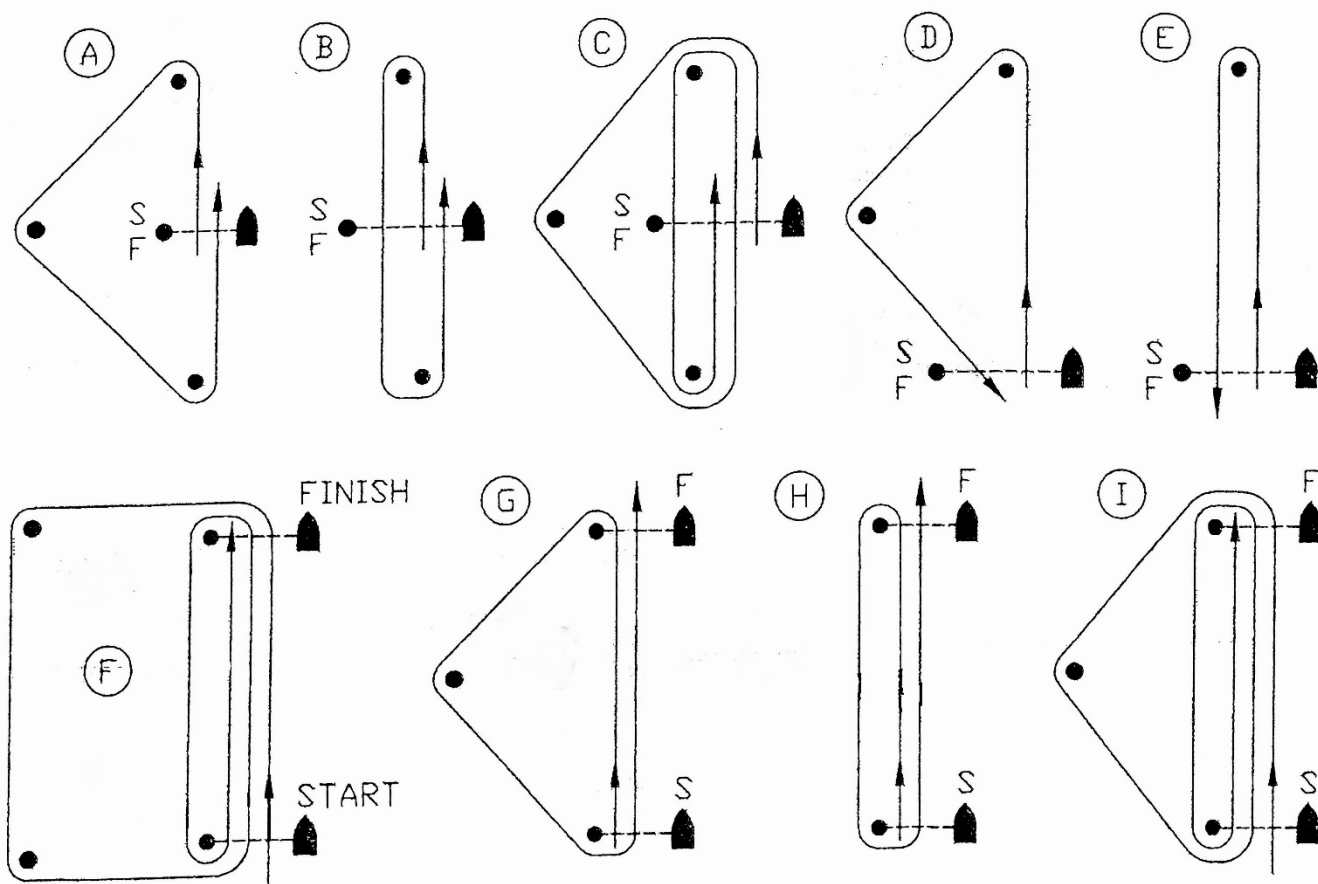
Protest: The race committee will hear Protest immediately following the day's racing. Protests will be in accordance with Rule 60 through 71.4. Note: You must inform the other boat **by hailing the word "Protest!"** at the first reasonable opportunity after the infraction. The RC must be notified by the protesting yacht when finishing.

Safety equipment: A life jacket or suitable buoyancy device must be carried for each person on board a boat. Lifejackets must be worn when signaled by a **red and yellow striped flag** from the committee boat. Noncompliance will result in an automatic disqualification for that race.

Scoring system: From the **RRC 2021-2024**: 1st = 1 point, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 3 points, etc. A boat that comes to the start area but did not start, did not finish, did not sail the course, retired, or was disqualified, shall be scored one point more than the number of boats that came to the start area. Boats that did not come to the start area shall be scored one point more than the number of boats entered in the series. For series ties, see RRS rules A8.1 and A8.2

NOTE: Mixed fleet racing finish positions determined using the 2017 N.A. Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap System. Unlisted boats will be assigned a preliminary number determined by the RC.

RED COURSES



Green courses are opposite with all marks to be kept to starboard.