



2022 Harbor 20 East-West Challenge

Sailing Instructions

May 26-29, 2022

Newport Beach, California

Organizing Authority is Harbor 20 Fleet 1

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.3 Rule 61.1(a) is changed not to require a protest flag: “The protesting boat shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area, she shall loudly hail ‘Protest’ ~~and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall display the flag until she is no longer racing.~~”
- 1.4 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.1 is deleted.
- 1.5 The penalty, if any, for breaking a class rule shall be at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.2.
- 1.6 Breaches of instructions which are annotated [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). If the jury concludes that a boat has broken one of these rules, or rule 47, it may impose a penalty other than disqualification. In these cases, the discretionary penalty, if less than disqualification, will be represented by the scoring abbreviation “DPI”. The penalty imposed by the jury in such case constitutes the “other penalty” in the first sentence of rule 64.2.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted online on the East-West Regatta website at <https://www.harbor20.org/2022-east-west-regatta/>. The RC will also post copies of official regatta notices on the notice board near the race administration office at NYHC.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the official online notice board no later than thirty (30) minutes before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be made by 2000h on the day before it is to take place.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast of the R/C boat.
- 4.2 When flown ashore, Code flag “AP”, Answering Pennant, with two horns (one horn when lowered) means, “Racing is postponed. The time of the warning signal will be posted before the lowering of ‘AP’.” This changes RRS Race Signals, AP.

5. BOATS PROVIDED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 5.1 Harbor 20 boats will be provided by Fleet 1 for competing teams.
- 5.2 Competitors will use the boats provided and may not make any modifications (including adjustment of standing rigging) without prior approval of the race committee, except that telltales may be added to boats and batten tension may be adjusted. [NP]
- 5.3 All equipment supplied on a boat shall be carried aboard while racing. [NP]
- 5.4 Boats will be assigned by random draw at the competitor meeting. Skippers and crews will rotate boats. The draw and rotation procedures will be provided at the competitor meeting.
- 5.5 While reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 5.6 Competitors are responsible for inspecting their assigned boats before each race for possible breakdowns and missing equipment. Discrepancies must be reported to the RC immediately. [NP]
- 5.7 Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment, however slight, to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity. [NP]

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Friday, May 27

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| 12:00pm – 2:00pm | Registration and check-in on NHYC patio next to boatyard. |
| 1:00pm – 1:30pm | Practice Race Competitor Briefing (optional). |
| 2:00pm – 5:00pm | Practice races. |
| 5:30pm – 9:00pm | Hors d’oeuvres and dinner at NHYC. |

Saturday, May 28

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| 10:30am – 11:00am | Late check-in, mandatory competitor meeting and boat draw on NHYC patio next to boatyard. |
| 12:00pm | Warning signal for race #1.
Lunch break and boat rotation.
Warning signal for race #3 (time announced at end of race #2). |
| 6:00pm – 9:00pm | Hors d’oeuvres and dinner at Lido Isle YC. |

Sunday, May 29

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| 10:30am – 11:00am | Mandatory competitor meeting on NHYC patio next to boatyard. |
| 12:00pm | Warning signal for race #5.
Lunch break and boat rotation. |

Warning signal for race #7 (time announced at end of race #6).
4:00pm – 6:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres and awards at NHYC.

7. RACING AREA

Racing will take place in the harbor north of NHYC.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The Newport Harbor Yacht Club Bay Course Chart shows the possible courses to be sailed.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee (RC) signal boat will display the course to be sailed.
- 8.3 All marks are to be left to port unless otherwise indicated.
- 8.4 The letter “G” displayed with any course description will denote that a gate will replace Mark L.
- 8.5 When there is a leeward gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The starting/finishing line marks are not marks of the course except when starting or finishing.
- 9.2 The marks will be as follows:

MARK	DESCRIPTION
W, L (LGs, LGp)	GREEN inflatable cube
O	ORANGE inflatable ball
Start, Finish	ORANGE inflatable cube

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Any regatta participant that makes contact with a moored boat is required to do the following:

- 10.1 Immediately take a one-turn penalty;
- 10.2 Notify the Race Committee immediately after the race;
- 10.3 Complete a Contact Notification Form in the NHYC Race Office;
- 10.4 Take full financial responsibility for repair of the damage.

11. THE START/FINISH

- 11.1 All races will be started using RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix U.
- 11.2 The start line will be between the course side of an orange flag on a staff on an RC boat and the course side of a nearby start mark.
- 11.3 The finish line shall be between the course side of a blue flag on a staff on an RC boat and the course side of a nearby finish mark. The finish line may be either at the starting line, or adjacent to the weather mark.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the position of the next mark, the RC will move the original mark to a new position. The change will be signaled before the first boat has begun the leg. At the time of the signal, the new mark need not be in position. Any subsequent mark to be rounded after the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration without a signal. This changes RRS 33.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish will be one (1) hour.

13.2 A boat that fails to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (“TLE”) without a hearing. In such a case, the RC may terminate the race and score the boat points equal to the number of boats finishing plus two (2). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A11.

14. PROTESTS

14.1 Protests must be submitted in writing, on forms available at the Protest Desk, located in the Race Office at NYHC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.2. Protests must be delivered within thirty (30) minutes of the RC signal boat docking time. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the RC and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

14.3. The protest committee will hear protests as soon as possible and in the order it determines. The hearing schedule will be posted on the notice board and at the protest desk no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the close of protest time. This posting will constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2.

14.4. It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.

14.5. If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than sixty (60) minutes after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of RRS 62.2.

14.6. On the last day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- a) within the protest time limit, if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; otherwise,
- b) within the protest time limit, or thirty (30) minutes after the decision is announced, whichever is later.

This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.2.

14.7. Since a protest flag is not required per SI 1.3, a boat protesting concerning an incident in the racing area shall inform the RC at the finish line of what boat(s) she is protesting.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 Eight races will be attempted over the period of two days. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will be used, except that when fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 For purposes of the East-West Challenge Trophy, the series scores of all boats from each Coast will be totaled to determine the Coast's score. The Coast with the lowest combined score will be the winner of the East-West Challenge.

16. TROPHIES

The winner of the East-West Challenge will be awarded possession of the East-West Challenge Trophy until the next East-West Challenge Regatta. Take-home trophies will be awarded to the first three skippers and crews.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in these races participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.