



**THE TWENTY HUNDRED CLUB**  
**Dr. Terrell E. Cobb Memorial Cuttyhunk Race**  
**Sailing Instructions**  
**Saturday, 22 July 2023, 1030**

Please Note: Under **2021-2024 RRS Appendix J**, "A rule in the notice of race need not be repeated in the sailing instructions."

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in [2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#), the Twenty Hundred Club 2022 Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) for this event is the Twenty Hundred Club.
- 1.3 Current year US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for the "Nearshore" category are applicable for all races. Details for both monohull and multihull vessels are on the US Sailing website at:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>

In addition to the US Nearshore racing requirements, all sailors under the age of 18 must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD at all times while racing.

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the [Twenty Hundred Club \(20HC\) website](#) no later than two (2) hours before the first scheduled warning signal.
- 2.2 Any changes to the SI posted within 48 hours before the first scheduled warning signal will also be announced by the Race Committee on VHF channel 72.



### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 All notices to competitors prior to 0600 on the day of the race will be posted on [20HC website](#). Any notices after 0600 will be made by the Race Committee on VHF channel 72.
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 72. **All competitors are expected to continuously monitor this channel.**
- 3.3 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

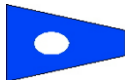

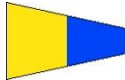
- 5.1 No signals will be made ashore. All signals will be made from the Race Committee boat.

### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACE

- 6.1 Saturday, 22 July 2023, 1030 hours first warning signal. There will be only one race. There is no storm date for this race.

### 7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Class flags may be used in this event.
- 7.2 When used, the class flags will be:

Class & Division	Flag
Cruising	Number Pennant "2" 
Spinnaker	Number Pennant "4" 
Multihull	Number Pennant "5" 

## 8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area includes Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island Sound and Buzzards Bay.
- 8.2 Competitors are advised that Narragansett Bay is regarded as a Narrow Channel for the purposes of Rule 9(b). International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS).
- 8.3 Competitors are cautioned to be on the lookout for fish traps during their passage between R "2" QR WHIS, Brenton Point, and G "1" BELL, Cormorant Reef.

## 9 COURSES

- 9.1 The course will be announced by 1025 on VHF channel 72.
- 9.2 Course I: From the starting line to RW "NB" Mo (A) WHIS RACON, Narragansett Bay RACON, to port; BUZZARDS FI 2.5s HORN RACON, Buzzards Bay RACON, to port; R "2" FI R 2.5s BELL, SE of Old Cock, to starboard; to finish. Distance 29.9 nautical miles.
- 9.3 Course II: From the starting line to R "2" QR WHIS, Brenton Point, to port; to finish. Distance 23.9 nautical miles.
- 9.4 Other aids to navigation need not be passed on their proper sides. The captain is responsible for navigating in a manner to assure the safety of the vessel and her crew under current conditions.

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 Course marks will be government buoys and towers.
- 10.2 G "3" GONG, SE of Rose Island, is used as the start mark for this event.
- 10.3 RGN "MG", Middle Ground, is used as the finish mark for this event.
- 10.4 Course marks:

Identification	Common Name	Approximate Location
R "2" QR WHIS	Brenton Point	1.0 mi SSW Brenton Pt
RW "NB" Mo (A) WHIS RACON	Narragansett Bay RACON	4.1 NM S of Beavertail
BUZZARDS FI 2.5s HORN RACON	Buzzards Bay RACON	4.0 NM WSW of Cuttyhunk Island
R "2" FI R, 2.5s BELL		1.9 NM SE of Old Cock

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 The race will be started in accordance with **RRS 26**. The first warning signal will be at 1030. The first start will be at 1035. GPS time will be used.
- 11.2 All boats must check in with the Race Committee by sail number at least 10 minutes prior to their assigned starting time.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a white or orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark, G"3" GONG, SE of Rose Island.
- 11.3.1 The Race Committee may substitute a temporary float for the designated start mark in the event that the designated start mark is not sufficiently accessible for starting the race.
- 11.3.2 In the event of a start mark substitution, the Race Committee will announce the substitution on VHF channel 72 at least 10 minutes before the first warning signal.
- 11.4 A boat may use any means of propulsion until her assigned Preparatory Signal.
- 11.5 Boats shall keep clear of the starting area until five minutes before their assigned start time.
- 11.6 Starting sequence:

Time	Signal	Sound & Flags
1030	Cruising Warning	Horn, N.P. "2" raised
1031	Cruising Preparatory	Horn, "P" raised
1034	Cruising One Minute	Long Horn, "P" drops
1035	Cruising Start Spinnaker Warning	Horn, N.P. "2" drops, N.P. "4" raised
1036	Spinnaker Preparatory	Horn, "P" raised
1039	Spinnaker One Minute	Long Horn, "P" drops
1040	Spinnaker Start Multihull Warning*	Horn, N.P. "4" drops, N.P. "5" raised
1041	Multihull Preparatory*	Horn, "P" raised
1044	Multihull One Minute*	Long Horn, "P" drops
1045	Multihull Start*	Horn, N.P. "5" drops

\*As needed based on entries

This sequence is provided as a guide. Times may change in the event of a postponement or recall.

- 11.7 Multiple starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Committee by announcing the change on VHF channel 72 at least 5 minutes before the earliest affected start time.
- 11.7.1 The combined start time will be no earlier than the start time of the latest starting division in the combined group.
- 11.7.2 In the event that the starts of divisions within the same class are combined, only one set of prizes will be awarded for the combined divisions.
- 11.8 If no Race Committee boat is on station for the start, the following will apply:
- 11.8.1 The start line will be between GC "1" and G "3" GONG. All competitors are reminded of shoal water immediately north of GC "1" and strongly cautioned to honor GC "1" at all times.
- 11.8.2 There will be no signal flags.
- 11.8.3 GPS time will be used by competitors to start at their assigned times specified in Rule 11.6 above with sound signals and a verbal countdown on VHF channel 72 made by a competitor designated by the OA.

## **12 POSTPONEMENTS**

- 12.1 Before a start signal, the Race Committee may for any reason postpone a start or abandon the race.
- 12.2 If a postponement is necessary, the Race Committee will signal postponements in multiples of 10-minute intervals and will advise the fleet accordingly on VHF channel 72. **This changes RRS 27.3.**
- 12.3 If an abandonment is necessary, the Race Committee will advise the fleet accordingly on VHF channel 72. **This changes RRS 27.3.**

## **13 RECALLS**

- 13.1 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line, the Race Committee shall promptly make one sound and announce on VHF channel 72 the name and sail number of any such boat. She shall sail across an extension of the starting line from the course side so that her hull is completely on the pre-start side before she starts. **This changes RRS 29.1.**

## **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 There will be no Race Committee boat to mark the finish line at RGN "MG", Middle Ground.

- 14.2 With no Race Committee boat on station for the finish, the following will apply:
- 14.2.1 When RGN "MG", Middle Ground, bears 000 degrees magnetic and is within 100 feet, the boat shall be finished.
  - 14.2.2 Competitors should be prepared to take their own finish time (in hh:mm:ss). **Take your own GPS time as you finish and note the boats finishing just ahead and just behind you. Report to the Race Committee as soon as possible your time and those two closest boats on VHF channel 72 or via e-mail to [RaceCommittee@twentyhundredclub.org](mailto:RaceCommittee@twentyhundredclub.org).**

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 There is no time limit.

## **16 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 16.1 Protests are strongly discouraged.
- 16.2 Boats intending to protest shall display a red flag and announce the protest via VHF channel 72 at the first reasonable opportunity for each.
- 16.3 Boats intending to protest must notify the Race Committee immediately upon crossing the finish line.
- 16.4 Protests shall be written on a form available from the Race Committee boat or on a downloaded US Sailing Protest Form linked at the bottom of the [20HC Race Page](#). Protests must be lodged within one hour after the protesting boat finishes.
- 16.5 Hearing times will be announced via email to all competitors.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 Yachts retiring from a race are required to notify the Race Committee. In the event that VHF communication is not possible (due to distance, equipment problems or other reasons), the retiring yacht should send an email to [RaceCommittee@twentyhundredclub.org](mailto:RaceCommittee@twentyhundredclub.org) or contact one of the officers by phone (contact information at <https://twentyhundredclub.org/about-the-club-2/officers/> ).
- 17.1 All vessels with Automatic Identification System (AIS) capability are strongly encouraged to use it at all times during the race.

## **18 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 18.1 A social gathering will start on the town dock at 1730 with finishes announced at 1800 on the town dock in Cuttyhunk Harbor. Finishes also will be posted to the [20HC Race Page](#).

- 18.2 Associate Memberships are available for a fee of \$10 to those who do not intend to enter a boat in any races. This membership includes all of the rights and privileges of full membership, including Club communications and voting at meetings, except for entering a boat in a race. Associate Members who decide they do wish to enter a boat in a race may upgrade to full membership.
- 18.3 Participants are encouraged (but not required) to use RaceQs at [www.raceqs.com](http://www.raceqs.com) to self-report your race. To use RaceQs, a free account for your boat is required. A free iOS or Android app is also required. A Twenty Hundred Club "Cuttyhunk" site hosted by RaceQs will be available for uploading data and viewing participant replay.
- 18.3.1 Discrepancies and protests which could result in a DSQ may be resolved by the use of RaceQs reporting.
- 18.4 The Club maintains social media accounts for informal communications on Facebook and Instagram at:
- <https://www.facebook.com/twentyhundredclub/>
  - <https://www.instagram.com/twentyhundredclub/>
- Please share your race photos by tagging #twentyhundredclub in your post! Also, please consider following our Facebook and Instagram accounts.
- 18.5 Further information about this event is available by contacting the OA at [RaceCommittee@twentyhundredclub.org](mailto:RaceCommittee@twentyhundredclub.org).