

VHF
72

Starting area: RG N "PI" South of Prudence Island
First Warning: 0900



THE TWENTY HUNDRED CLUB

Bridge Fiasco

Sailing Instructions

Saturday, 18 May 2024, 0900

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 2024 Notice of Race (NOR), and these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 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.

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 via radio 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, 18 May 2024 – 0900 hours warning signal. There will be only one race.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Class & Division flags will not be used in this event.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area includes the East and West Passages of Narragansett Bay and nearby adjacent waters.

8.2 Competitors are advised that Narragansett Bay waters are regarded as Narrow Channels for the purposes of Rule 9(b). International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS).

9 COURSES

9.1 The course is defined by the center spans of the Three Bridges: Jamestown Verrazano Bridge, Claiborne Pell Newport Bridge, Mt. Hope Bridge.

9.2 Boats may sail under these bridges from the starting line in any order and in any direction.

9.3 Boats must pass fully under the center span of each bridge before continuing her course. "Pass fully under" means that all of a boat and any attachments sails from completely clear on one side of the center span to completely clear on the opposite side of that center span.

9.4 All three bridges must be passed fully under before crossing the finish line.

9.5 The course length is 27.8 NM. There is no short course.

9.6 The course will not be shortened. This changes [RRS 32](#).

9.7 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 RG N "PI" South of Prudence Island is used as the start and finish mark for this event.

10.2 There are no rounding marks for this event.

11 THE START

11.1 This is a pursuit start. The first warning will be at 0900. The first start will be at 0905. GPS time will be used.

11.2 Starting time for each boat is as designated in the time schedule for PHRF ratings, as shown on the final Scratch Sheet for the race. **This changes RRS 26.** The Scratch Sheet will be available on the [20HC website](#) no later than 1900 on the evening before the race.

11.3 All boats must check in with the Race Committee by sail number at least 10 minutes prior to their assigned starting time. Boats should pass close aboard on starboard tack and hail their sail number. When a boat has been recognized, the RC will hail the boat's sail number in return.

11.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a white or orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark, RG N "PI" South of Prudence Island.

11.4.1 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.

11.4.2 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.

11.5 The Race Committee will attempt to alert the fleet of upcoming starts on VHF channel 72.

11.6 A boat may use any means of propulsion until five minutes before its assigned start time.

11.7 Boats shall keep clear of the starting area until five minutes before their assigned start time and shall keep clear of boats starting earlier and later.

11.8 Boats may cross the starting line **in either direction** at or after their assigned starting time.

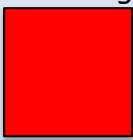
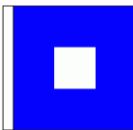
11.9 The start/finish line is open and may be crossed when starting, finishing or during racing but without interfering with boats starting.

11.10 **RRS 30.1** shall apply to the start. For starting this race, the "course side" shall be that side of the starting line on which the boat sails away after starting.

11.11 Any boat registered after the starting times have been set, and having a PHRF-NB rating higher than the largest rating used for assigning starting times, will start 5 minutes after the General Warning, and will receive no adjustment to her finish time.

11.12 RRS 26 is replaced with the following:

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Starting Signals	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Minutes Before First Start	Proposed Time
Warning Signal	Red Flag 	One Horn	5	0900
Preparatory Signal	P Flag 	One Horn	4	0901
One Minute	P Flag Down	One Horn	1	0904
First Start	Red Flag Down	One Horn	0	0905
Additional Starts	None	One Horn	n/a	Starting Time for Each Boat

11.13 If no Race Committee boat is on station for the start, the following will apply:

11.13.1 The start line will be between the starting mark, RG N "PI" South of Prudence Island, and GR C at Fiske Rock

11.13.2 There will be no signal flags.

11.13.3 GPS time will be used by competitors to start at their assigned times specified in the final Scratch Sheet.

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](#).**
- 12.2.1 In the event of a postponement, all subsequent signals will be adjusted by the duration of postponement. The Race Committee will continue to attempt to alert the fleet of impending starts on VHF channel 72.
- 12.2.2 In the event of a postponement, the finish times of all boats with postponed starts will have their finish times adjusted by the length of their postponement.
- 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 There shall be no individual recalls. Boats who have started earlier than their start time shall have that amount of time added to their elapsed time as well as a further 10% time penalty. The Race Committee boat will record the actual starting time of all such boats. **This changes [RRS 28.2](#) and [29.1](#).**
- 13.2 There shall be no general recalls. **This changes [RRS 29.2](#).**

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a white or orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the finish mark, RG N "PI" South of Prudence Island.
- 14.2 Boats will cross the finish line **in the direction required by [RRS definition of "Finish."](#)** For finishing this race, the "course side" of the finish line shall be the side connected by a straight line from the center of the finish line to the center of the last bridge span passed under while racing. The required finish direction of a boat may be the same as or opposite to the direction that she crossed the start line.
- 14.3 To assist the Race Committee, all boats shall announce their intent to finish and their sail number via VHF channel 72 approximately 0.5 NM before reaching the finish line.
- 14.4 If a Race Committee boat is not on station, when RG N "PI" South of Prudence Island bears 016 degrees magnetic and is within 10 boat lengths, the boat shall be finished.
- 14.5 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.**

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 hearing request form from [Twenty Hundred Club 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 SCORING

- 17.1 Since a Time Allowance is applied to determine start times, no adjustment will be applied to finish times, except as provided in Rule 13.1 above for early starts.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 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 or contact one of the officers by phone (contact information at <https://twentyhundredclub.org/about-the-club-2/officers/>).
- 18.2 All vessels with Automatic Identification System (AIS) capability are strongly encouraged to use it at all times during the race.

19 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 Race results will be posted to the [Twenty Hundred Club Race Page](#).
- 19.3 A post-race social gathering will start at 6:00 PM with a cash bar. Location will be announced via social media and the [20HC website](#) 48 hours before the race start.
- 19.4 Participants are encouraged (but not required) to use RaceQs at 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 "THC Three Bridges" site hosted by RaceQs will be available for uploading data and viewing participant replay.

19.4.1 Discrepancies and protests which could result in a DSQ may be resolved by the use of RaceQs reporting.

19.5 The Club maintains social media accounts for informal communications on Facebook 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.

19.6 Further information about this event is available by contacting the OA at RaceCommittee@twentyhundredclub.org.

19.7 **New for 2024** is the creation of a Twenty Hundred Club WhatsApp Community at <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JmEONixoWPCBUCxufUh5c6>. This community will be an additional channel to enable text communications between 20HC participants.

For example, when:

- VHF communications may be spotty between locations like the different starting locations for the Prince Henry Race
- Sharing photos, videos, etc. from events
- Finding out details for the next social event

NOTE: One can mute specific groups in WhatsApp if desired. Helpful if there's post race chatter that you find annoying or something,