

VHF
72

Starting Area: RG N "PI" South of Prudence Island **First Warning:** 9:30am
Race Notes (Course A): Start & Center Span of Newport Bridge & Center Span Jamestown Bridge & Center Span Mount Hope Bridge - Any Order of Bridges.



THE TWENTY HUNDRED CLUB
Bridge Fiasco
Sailing Instructions
Saturday, 16 May 2026, 0930
V1.1 - Minor Update to 11.1

Please Note: Under **2025-2028 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 [2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#), the Twenty Hundred Club 2026 Notice of Race (NOR), and these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) for this event is the Twenty Hundred Club (20HC).
- 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 [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 the [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 RRS 41 Applies: Boats shall not receive information that is not freely 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, 16 May 2026 – 0930 hours warning signal. There will be only one race.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Class & Division flags may be used in this event.

When used, the flags will be:

Class & Division	Flag
Cruising II	Number Pennant "1" 
Cruising I	Number Pennant "2" 
Spinnaker B	Number Pennant "3" 
Spinnaker A	Number Pennant "4" 
Multihull	Number Pennant "5" 

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 will be Course A, unless a shortened course (Courses B - D) is announced by the race committee. The course designations are:

Course A: The center spans of the Three Bridges: Jamestown Verrazano Bridge, Claiborne Pell Newport Bridge, and Mt. Hope Bridge (Length =27.8 NM).

Course B: The center spans of Two Bridges: Jamestown Verrazano Bridge and Clairborne Pell Newport Bridge (Length =17.8 NM)

Course C: The center spans of Two Bridges: Jamestown Verrazano Bridge and Mt. Hope Bridge (Length = 21.2 NM)

Course D: The center spans of Two Bridges: Claiborne Pell Newport Bridge and Mt. Hope Bridge (Length 18.6 NM)

9.2 The bridges included in each Course may be sailed under in any order.

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 bridges of the Course must be passed under fully before crossing the finish line.

9.5 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.

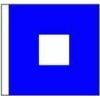
10.2 There are no rounding marks for this event.

11 THE START

11.1 The race will be started in accordance with **RRS 26**. The first warning signal will be at 0930. The first start will be at 0935. GPS time will be used.

The race committee intends to start classes in the following order:

- 9:35 - Class II - Cruising
- 9:40 - Class I - Cruising
- 9:45 - Class II - Spinnaker
- 9:50 - Class I - Spinnaker
- 9:55 - Multihull Class
- ~~10:59 - Multihull Class~~

Description	Visual	Sound	Time to Start
Warning	Class Flag Displayed	1 Horn	5 minutes
Preparatory	P Flag 	1 Horn	4 Minutes
1-Minute	P Flag Removed	1 Horn	1 Minute
Start	Class Flag Removed	1 Horn	0 - Go!

- 11.2 All boats must check in with the Race Committee by sail number at least 10 minutes prior to their assigned starting time. Boats may pass close aboard the RC boat and hail their sail number or check in via VHF Radio.
- 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, RG N "PI" South of Prudence 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 4 minutes before each yacht's starting time will be considered that yacht's Preparatory signal. She shall not use her engine after her Preparatory signal.
- 11.5 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.
- 11.6 Boats may cross the starting line **in either direction** at or after their assigned starting time.
- 11.7 The start/finish line is open and may be crossed when starting, finishing or during racing but without interfering with boats starting.
- 11.8 **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.
- 11.9 If no Race Committee boat is on station for the start, the following will apply:

- 11.9.1 The start line will be between the starting mark, RG N "PI" South of Prudence Island, and GR C at Fiske Rock
- 11.9.2 There will be no signal flags.
- 11.9.3 GPS time will be used by competitors to start at the assigned time for their Class specified in the final Scratch Sheet.
- 11.9.4 If a competitor in the race acts as the committee boat, they will start 10 minutes after the last start and their finish time will be adjusted to reflect their start delay.

12 POSTPONEMENTS

- 12.1 Before a warning signal, the Race Committee may for any reason, change course, postpone a start, or abandon the race.
- 12.2 If a postponement is necessary, the Race Committee will signal postponements 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 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. **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 and via e-mail to RaceCommittee@twentyhundredclub.org.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 If no boat has finished the race in progress by 1700, the race will be abandoned. Any boat still racing and not finished prior to 1800 will be recorded DNF.

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 US Sailing App or [Protest Form here](#). Protests must be lodged no later than 1930 hours the day of the race and emailed to racecommittee@twentyhundredclub.org.
- 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 or contact one of the officers by phone (contact information at <https://twentyhundredclub.org/about-the-club-2/officers/>).
- 17.2 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 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.
- 18.2 Race results will be posted to the [20HC Race Page](#).
- 18.3 A post-race social gathering is expected to start at 6:00 PM at Newport Yacht Club with a cash bar. Information related to the gathering will be posted via social media and the [20HC website](#) 48 hours before the race start.

18.4 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.

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

18.6 Further information is also available by the 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.

19 DISCLAIMER of LIABILITY & INDEMNIFICATION

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. By participating in the event you accept all risk and responsibility for yourself, your crew and your vessel. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Your participation in the event is your consent to these conditions, and to hold the 20HC harmless and to indemnify the club, its officers, race committee personnel and its members from any and all liability. All skippers are required to carry liability and personal injury insurance on their vessel.