



PECONIC BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION  
NEW SUFFOLK SERIES  
STANDING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. PBSA's New Suffolk Race Series races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 including the Prescriptions of US Sailing.
- 1.2. Safety Equipment: All participating yachts are required to comply with applicable class rules. All participating yachts are required to have a working VHF radio on board.
- 1.3. Official Notices will be posted on the [New Suffolk Series](#) page of the PBSA website.
- 1.4. In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c) oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be announced to competitors on the water over VHF. Failure to hear such changes shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

2. The START & CLASS FLAGS

- 2.1. Dates of races and start times are published in the Notice of Race. The starting procedures will conform to RRS rule 26 'Five Minute Starts'. The first warning will commence at or about the times specified in the Notice of Race. Starts will not be 'rolling'.
- 2.2. The races will normally start in Cutchogue Harbor or nearby. The start area will be selected by the Race Committee on the day of the race. Entrants should look for the designated Race Committee boat flying the blue and red 'RC' flag in leeward parts of the harbor. The start area is typically in the vicinity of the Wednesday Night Race starting line south/east buoy (S "2") or sometimes 'C1' (Can 1). The PBSA Race Committee will broadcast start locations and courses on VHF Channel 71 beginning 30 minutes prior to the start and upon arriving on station.
- 2.3. **Start:** The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Committee boat and mark S "2" or another designated starting mark.
- 2.4. **Class flags.** Spinnaker=Red; Cruising=Blue; Others=Yellow
- 2.5. **Check-in.** Prior to its warning signal each boat must check in with the Race Committee boat by VHF radio on Channel 71 with its name, sail number and class of the boat, and be acknowledged. In the case of a Jackrabbit Race, each boat must also communicate its designated start time, to be confirmed by the RC. Yachts failing to comply with this requirement may be deemed not to have started properly and scored DNS without a hearing. This modifies RRS A5.
- 2.6. **Recalls.** In the event of a general recall the recalled class shall restart in accordance with RRS 29.2. In the event of individual recalls, the Race Committee may attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF 71 as a courtesy; however, the order of the hails or the failure to hear a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and RRS 62.
- 2.7. **Withdrawal.** Yachts withdrawing from the race should inform the Race Committee using VHF 71.

3. COURSES and MARKS

- 3.1. With the exception of the start and finish mark, the mark 'Bob', and two other PBSA-maintained buoys, marks are government buoys. Courses for all classes will normally be displayed on the Course Board located on the Race Committee boat or communicated via VHF. Courses for each class will be displayed under the class name, "SPIN" for the spinnaker class, "CRU" for the cruising class. Multihull starts will be handled at the discretion of the Race Committee. Additionally, the Race Committee will supplement these postings by announcements over VHF channel 71.
- 3.2. Courses will be either pre-defined as set forth in ADDENDUM "A" or as selected by the Race Committee from the list of course marks also contained in the ADDENDUM. When a pre-defined course is to be sailed, the letter designating the course will be displayed on the course board under the class designation and/or announced over VHF 71. When a specially designed course is to be sailed the marks to be rounded will be chosen from the list of marks contained in the ADDENDUM. Course marks will be displayed on the course board under the appropriate class designation in the sequence they are to be rounded and/or announced over VHF. The letter "P" following a mark number indicates the mark shall be left to Port, and the letter "S" indicates the mark is to be left to Starboard.
- 3.3. **Special Windward Mark.** A yellow tetrahedron designated as "W" may be employed as an additional special mark on any pre-determined course. The mark will be located to windward of the starting line. If this special mark is used, the letter "W" followed by "S" or "P" will be posted on the course board directly above the letter designating the pre-determined



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course. The letter “P” following a mark number indicates the mark shall be left to Port, and the letter “S” indicates the mark is to be left to Starboard. After rounding “W”, boats shall proceed to sail the designated course.

- 3.4. **Finish.** The finish line will be between an orange flag on the Committee boat and mark S “2” or another designated finishing mark. This modifies the RRS on the definition of ‘Finish/finish line’. If the Committee boat is not on station at the finish line, a boat finishing shall pass close to the finishing mark and note her own finish in GPS time and report it in accordance with RRS 34.
- 3.5. **Shortening of Course.** Hoisting of signal flag “S” accompanied by two sound signals by either the principal or auxiliary Race Committee boats indicates a shortened course. In this instance, yachts shall finish from the direction of the prior mark by crossing between a Race Committee vessel and a rounding mark of the course.

#### 4. TIME LIMIT

- 4.1. The time limit for all classes in all races is three hours for the first boat in each class. If no boat in a class or division finishes within the time limit that race shall be abandoned for that division or class.

#### 5. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 5.1. The Race Committee will make every effort to keep competitors informed during the course of the races. Competitors should monitor VHF CH 71 throughout the race. However, failure to receive such communications will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

#### 6. PENALTIES

- 6.1. **While Racing.** In accordance with RRS V1, the first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two Turns penalty.’
- 6.2. **After the Race.** In accordance with RRS V2, after a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a 30 percent Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in RRS 44.3 (c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the Race Committee in writing and identifying the race and when and where the incident occurred.

#### 7. PROTEST TIME LIMIT

- 7.1. A yacht intending to protest another yacht shall report its *intention to protest* to the Race Committee at the finish or no later than an hour after finishing. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 7.2. Protests must be received by the [Race Committee Chairman](#) within 4 hours of the finish of the race. Protests must be in writing and conform to the format defined by the RRS 61.2. All protest hearings will be held as soon as practicable at a mutually agreed upon date and location.

#### 8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 8.1. Competitors participate in these races entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, ‘Decision to Race’. PBSA will not accept any liability for property damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any of the New Suffolk Series races. This modifies RRS 81.