



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS<sup>1</sup>

### BUCK'S HARBOR YACHT CLUB

1. **RULES:** Races will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the appropriate class rules, and these sailing instructions. The Bucks Harbor Yacht Club (BHYC) is the organizing authority. The races are designated Category A.
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** will be posted on the notice board on the porch of the clubhouse.
3. **CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** will be posted on the BHYC Sailing Bulletin Board before 9:00 a.m. on the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 p.m. on the day before they will take effect.
4. **SIGNALS** made "ashore" will be flown atop the committee boat at its mooring or at the BHYC float. Postponement signals made ashore will be lowered at least one hour before the first warning signal. The words "gun" and "horn" may be interpreted as "sound signal." See Sailing Instruction #21 for the signal flags and their meanings.
5. **COMMITTEE BOAT:** The individual in charge of the committee boat during a race will be appointed by the regatta committee. This individual will be the Principal Race Officer (PRO) and will be accompanied by one or more assistants who will be considered members of the race committee. At the discretion of the PRO, two passengers may be carried. Children under 13 years of age will not be permitted on the committee boat during a race.
6. **POSTPONEMENTS:** Postponements ashore will be signaled at 11:00 a.m. on the day of a scheduled race. Unless otherwise posted, a race that is postponed to a later date will be rescheduled for the following Saturday and/or the Midseason Regatta.
7. **HAULING:** No boat may be hauled more than once within any consecutive four-week period without authorization from the race committee.
8. **REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:** Suitable anchor and adequate rode. Oar or paddle. Compass. Fog horn. Chart of East Penobscot Bay or racing chart. Bucket, large bailing can, or pump. One Coast-Guard-approved life preserver per person. One throwable flotation device (cushion, etc.) carried in the cockpit. Positive flotation for Twelve-foot class.

This equipment must be in good condition and readily accessible. The race committee may hold an inspection at any time without warning and shall disqualify a boat that lacks required equipment.
9. **CREW REQUIREMENTS:** No boat will race with a crew of less than two, including the skipper. A boat, owned or chartered by a BHYC member who has paid the racing fee, shall be considered to have a member on board for purposes of rule 75.1, if skippered or crewed by a person having Guest Privileges.

Any crewmember under the age of 13 must wear a life preserver during a race.

These requirements do not relieve individual competitors from their responsibility for wearing life preservers when conditions warrant. (See rules 1.2 and 4.)
10. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** For one-design classes, two races are scheduled on each of eight Saturdays during July and August. There will be three series in each month: Series A (first-race each Saturday), Series B (second-race each Saturday), and Overall. For the cruising class, one race is scheduled on each of eight Saturdays during July and August.

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**11. STARTING:** Every boat will hail its sail number and name of skipper to the race committee prior to starting. The starting line will be between the race committee flag on the committee boat and the starting pin. After the first warning signal, boats whose warning signal has not been made will avoid the starting area and keep clear of all boats whose warning signal has been made. Races will be started according to rule 26 (**five minutes from the warning signal to the starting signal**). The race committee may sound a few "courtesy horn signals" approximately 30 seconds before the first warning signal. Signals for the second race will be made as soon as practicable after the first race. **The first warning signal for the first race of the day will be made at 12:45 p.m.** Class flags will be as follows.

Day Sailers, 420s, and Twelves:	Solid white
Ensigns:	Solid yellow
Seventeens:	Solid blue
Cruising class:	Solid red

**12. COURSES:** Courses will be indicated atop the committee boat with letters designating marks that are plotted on the accompanying chart. The side on which each mark must be left will be indicated by the color of the letter's background. A red background means leave that mark to port. A green background means leave it to starboard. If a course is to be sailed more than once, the number of times will be indicated.

For the cruising class, the course may be different from that for the one-design classes. If so, the course, including starting and finishing marks, will be posted at the stern of the committee boat. Marks may include government buoys or islands that are not on the accompanying chart (such as S, C"3" near Great Spruce Head; G, R"2" Bell off of Green Ledge; R, C"17" down the Reach past the Deer Isle Bridge; or W, Two Bush Island). The side on which each mark must be left will be indicated by "(S)" or "(P)".

**13. RECALLS:** For an individual recall, the race committee will immediately display code flag "X", sound 1 horn signal, and attempt to hail the sail number(s) of the infringing boat(s). The race committee will attempt to notify each recalled boat when it is wholly on the pre-start side of the starting line.

For a general recall, the "First Substitute" will be flown, accompanied by 2 horn signals, immediately after the starting signal. The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class will be made one minute after the "First Substitute" is lowered. The starts for the recalled class and succeeding classes will be sequenced at the discretion of the race committee. (So, watch the class flags.)

**14. TO SHORTEN A COURSE,** the committee boat will proceed to a mark of the course, raise code flag "S", and make 2 sound signals. These actions will be done before the leading boat reaches that mark. The new finishing line will be between that mark and the committee boat. The "S" flag flown over a class flag means that the course is shortened for that class only. This changes rule 32.

**15. TO CHANGE A COURSE AFTER THE START,** the committee boat will proceed to the mark beginning the leg to be changed. The committee boat will fly code flag "C", sound repetitive horn signals, and post the subsequent new marks. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg being changed. The "C" flag flown over a class flag means that the course is changed for that class only. This changes rule 33.

**16. FINISHING:** When the committee boat is on station at the finishing line, it will display a blue flag. The finishing line will be between the race committee flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark. If the committee boat is not on station at the finishing line when a boat finishes, she must pass within 3 boat-lengths of the finishing mark and record the time when the finishing mark is abeam of her bow.

**17. TIME LIMIT:** For one-design classes, if no boat in a given class finishes within 3 hours after its starting signal, the race will be abandoned for that class. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class finished will be scored DNF.

For the cruising class, if no boat finishes within 4 hours after the starting signal, the race will be abandoned. Boats not finishing within 1 hour after the first boat finished may be scored DNF.

**18. PROTESTS** will be written on forms available from the club attendant or the race committee. They will be delivered to the race committee within one hour after the time the committee boat docks at the club float. The race committee will designate when and where the protest meeting will be held.

**19. SCORING:** Each boat will be scored one point for each starting boat it beats and one point for finishing, with an additional 1/4 point for winning. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. Each boat's

worst score will be excluded: in Series A or B if 4 or more races are completed in that series; and in the July or August overall series if 6 or more races are completed in that series. The boat with the highest total score wins.

**20. AWARDS:** For each class, a pennant will be awarded to the winning boat for each race in which two or more boats started.

Trophies will be awarded to the boats in every one-design class that win each of the July and August overall series and each of Series A and Series B; and to the boats in the cruising class that win each of the July and August overall series. In order to qualify for a series trophy, two or more boats must have started at least half of the races of that series. If a boat wins both Series A and Series B in a given month, one of those trophies will be awarded to the second-place boat. In this case, the first-place boat will receive the trophy for the series that she won by the greater number of points.

## 21. SIGNAL FLAGS:

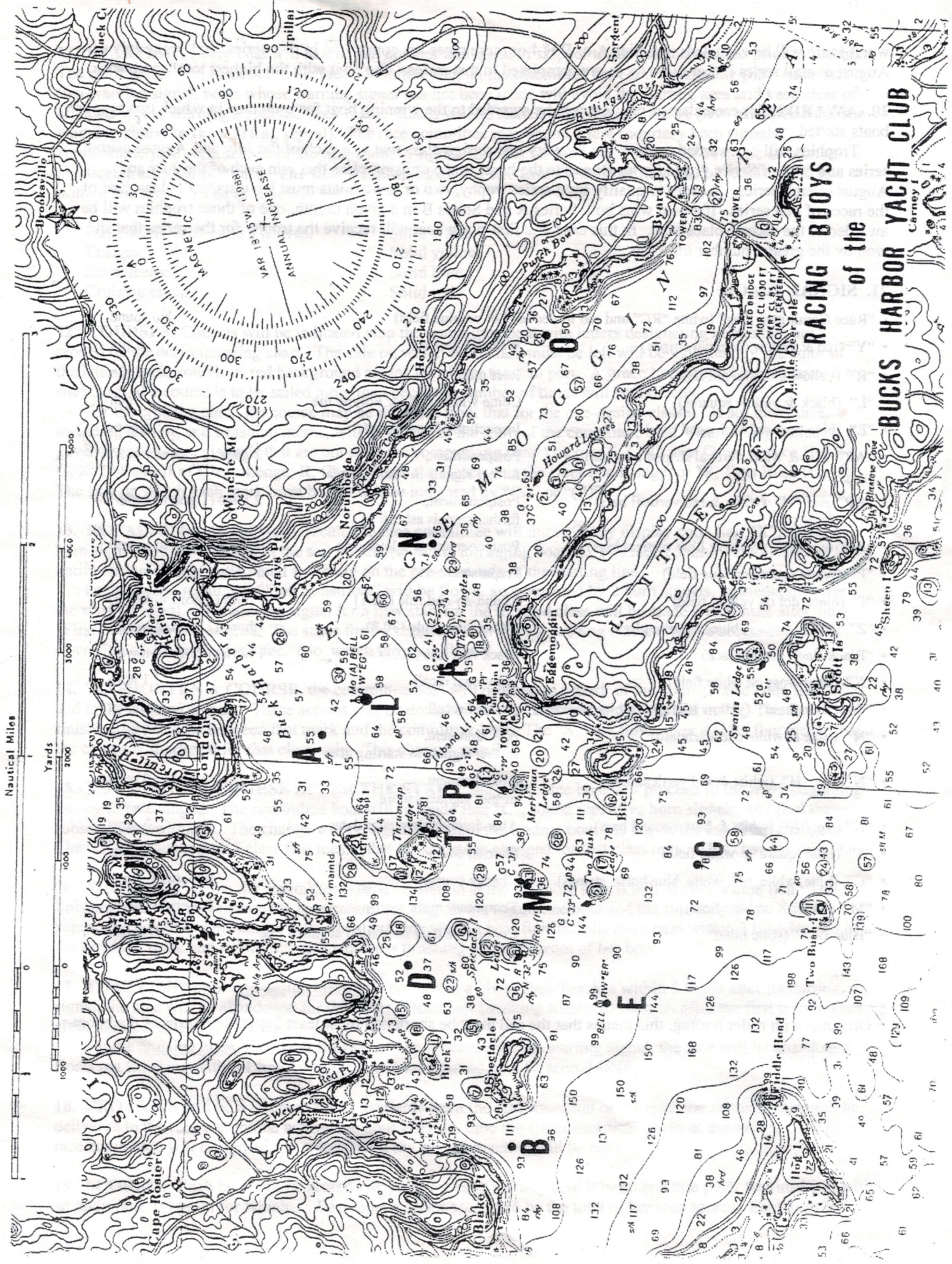
• "Race Committee Flag" (white "RC" and red fouled anchor on blue field)		No sound
• "Y" (red & yellow diagonal stripes)	Wear life jackets	1 gun
• "R" (yellow cross on red field)	Reef main <sup>2</sup>	1 gun
• "L" (black & yellow squares)	Come within hail, or Follow me	1 gun
• "E" (blue over red horizontal bars)	Inspection of equipment	1 horn
• "AP" (red & white vertical striped pennant)	Postponement, further signals in starting area	2 guns (1 gun to lower)
• "AP" over "H" (white & red vertical bars)	Postponement, further signals ashore	2 guns (1 gun to lower)
• "AP" over "A" (white & blue vertical bars)	Postponement to a later date	2 guns (1 gun to lower)
• "P" (white square on blue field)	Preparatory	1 horn (1 long horn to lower)
• "T" (black dot on yellow field)	Round-an-end rule (30.1)	1 horn (1 horn to lower)
• "Z" (black, yellow, blue, red triangles)	20% penalty rule (30.2)	1 horn (1 horn to lower)
• "Black flag" (solid black)	Black flag rule (30.3)	1 horn (1 horn to lower)
• "X" (blue cross on white field)	Individual recall	1 horn
• "First Substitute" (yellow triangle on blue pennant)	General recall	2 horns
• "N" (blue & white checkerboard)	Abandonment, further signals in starting area	3 guns
• "N" over "H" (white & red vertical bars)	Abandonment, further signals ashore	3 guns
• "N" over "A" (white & blue vertical bars)	Abandonment to a later date	3 guns
• "S" (blue square on white field)	Shorten course	2 guns
• "C" (blue, white, red, white, blue horiz. stripes)	Change course	Repetitive horns
• "M" (white X on blue field)	Temporary mark	Repetitive horns
• "Blue flag" (solid blue)	Committee boat on station at finish line	No sound

<sup>2</sup> On boats with roller reefing, this means that the sail must be shortened by at least 2 complete turns of the boom.



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