



## **2025 Rhodes 19 East Coast Championship**

### **Sailing Instructions**

Organizing Authority (OA); Rhodes 19 Fleet 45  
and Cottage Park Yacht Club  
Winthrop, Massachusetts  
June 21-22, 2025

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), (2025-2028) and the Rhodes 19 Class rules as defined in THE RULEBOOK for the Rhodes 19 Class Association and its amendments.
- 1.2** Rule 60.2(1) will be changed to require all boats intending to protest to conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity following the incident(s) being protested. She shall display the flag until she is no longer racing.
- 1.3** The failure to hail, the order of hail, the hail of some but not all, the failure of a boat to hear such a hail, or the untimely hail of OCS boats will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.2
- 1.4** Rhodes 19 Class Rules RE 32.03 is replaced with the following:
  - One U.S.C.G. Approved PFD of Type I, II, or III per crewmember
- 1.5** Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the judges.

#### **2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located Cottage Park Yacht Club. Additionally, for convenience, notices will also be posted to at [https://www.regattaman.com/new\\_event\\_page.php?race\\_id=1328&yr=2025](https://www.regattaman.com/new_event_page.php?race_id=1328&yr=2025)
- 3.2** On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 72.
- 3.3** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions

and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats. This includes but is not limited to weather, wind and radar apps and other such services.

#### **4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

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

#### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the CPYC.  
**5.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

#### **6. CLASS FLAG**

The Class Flag shall be a white flag with the Rhodes 19 insignia.

#### **7. RACING AREA**

The Racing area will be in Boston and Winthrop Harbor west of Deer Island and east of Logan Airport. The race area is immediately adjacent and possibly within major Boston Harbor commercial boating routes, all competitors are reminded that Sailing Vessels should in no way interfere with the Rules of the Road with regard to Deep Draft Commercial Vessels. Any infraction of this rule will be taken seriously and the offending boat disqualified from the race in which it occurred by the Race Committee without redress.

#### **8. COURSES**

- 8.1** The diagram in SI **Addendum A** shows the courses including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.  
**8.2** No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the course being sailed and the approximate distance and bearing of the first leg on a course board  
**8.3** If a gate mark is missing, boats will leave the remaining mark to port.

#### **9. MARKS**

- 9.1** Windward and Leeward marks will be orange tetrahedrons.  
**9.2** The offset mark will be an orange tetrahedron.  
**9.3** A change mark will be a green tetrahedron

#### **10. THE START**

- 10.1** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the nearby red ball at the port end of the line.
- 10.2** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.1
- 10.3** If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail number on VHF radio. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, the order of the hail, or the failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When a subsequent change mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2** The Race Committee may without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees, or the length of the leg up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no other is sailing to the mark. Changes will be announced via VHF radio. This changes RRS33.
- 11.3** In the event the race committee changes the weather mark after the initial weather leg there will be no offset mark.

## **12. THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end of the finish line and a red ball finishing mark at the port end of the line.

## **13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGETS**

- 13.1** If no boat has passed the first mark within 30 minutes after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.
- 13.2** The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 2 hours.
- 13.3** Boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired "TLE" and scored one more place than the last boat to finish. This modifies RRS 35, A4 & A5.
- 13.4** Races shall not be started in less than an average of 4 knots of wind established over the entire course area. This lower limit may be higher if there is strong current over the entire race area. This decision will not be considered "an improper action or omission of the race committee" and will not be grounds for redress.
- 13.5** Races shall not be started in excess of an average of 22 knots of wind established over the entire course area. This upper limit is approximately 2 to 5 knots less in heavy seas and/or gusty winds. This decision will not be considered "an improper action or omission of the race committee" and will not be grounds for redress. RRS 61.1

## **14. SCORING**

**14.1** The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4 shall apply. Appendix A2 is changed so that each boat's series score will be a total score for the series.

**14.2** A minimum of three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

## **15. PENALTIES**

**15.1** Appendix V1 applies, which states: "The first two sentences of Rule 44 are changed to: "A boat may take a one turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark, other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a two-turns penalty." Appendix T and V2 apply, except that a penalty taken prior to arbitration shall be 20%. This changes rule V2.

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**16.1** Protest forms are available at CPYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Jury Secretary within 1 hour of the race committee signal vessel docking at the CPYC. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**16.2** Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

**16.3** Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**17.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practicable.

**17.2** Prior to the warning signal of the first race a boat competes in, she shall sail by the race committee vessel and check in by announcing her sail number and number of souls on board. Failure to do so will result in a 20% scoring penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3 for each race in which a breach occurs without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.2 and A5.

## **18 CREW AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT**

**18.1** This is a sanctioned event as defined by the Rhodes 19 Rules, and crew shall comply with Article XII and any amendments thereto, unless waived by the class Executive Committee.

## **19 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 19.1** The Race Committee signal vessel shall display a blue RC Flag.
- 19.2** Support vessels shall display a yellow RC flag.
- 19.3** Judge boats shall display a blue and white judge flag.

## **20 SCHEDULE**

- 20.1** Each boat's representative must complete registration and pick up their competitor packet at the Cottage Park Yach Club prior to the Competitor's Meeting.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Friday, June 20, 2025</b>	<b>Boat Launch and Registration</b>
<b>Saturday, June 21, 2025</b>	<b>Race Day 1</b>  <b>Competitor's Meeting – 10AM at CPYC</b>  <b>Warning Signal for Saturday's races will be no earlier than 12:00pm.</b>  <b>Fleet camaraderie and dinner will be at the CPYC starting at approximately 5:30pm.</b>
<b>Sunday June 22, 2025</b>	<b>Race Day 2, Awards Ceremony, and reception</b>  <b>Warning Signal for Sunday's races will be no earlier than 11:00am.</b>  <b>On Sunday there will be no warning signal after 2:00pm.</b>  <b>Awards and refreshments will be at CPYC at approximately 4:00pm.</b>

## **21 BERTHING**

Moorings for the regatta will be assigned by the CPYC wharfinger.

## **22 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 22.1** Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event.
- 22.2** Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the event.

## **23 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS**

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant the OA the right, in

perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## 24 RISK ASSESMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

## 25 CONTACT INFORMATION

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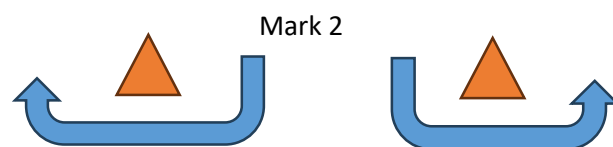
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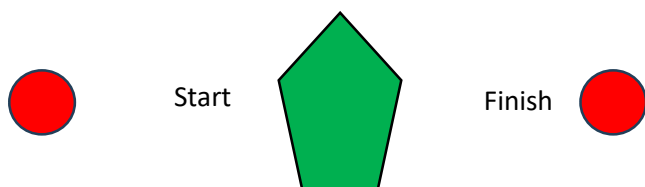
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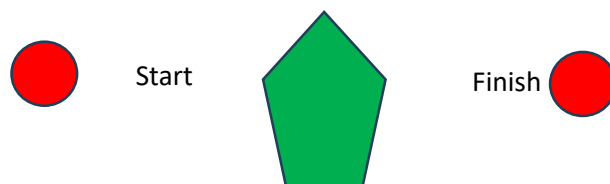


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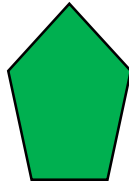
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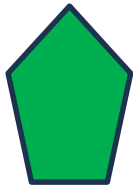


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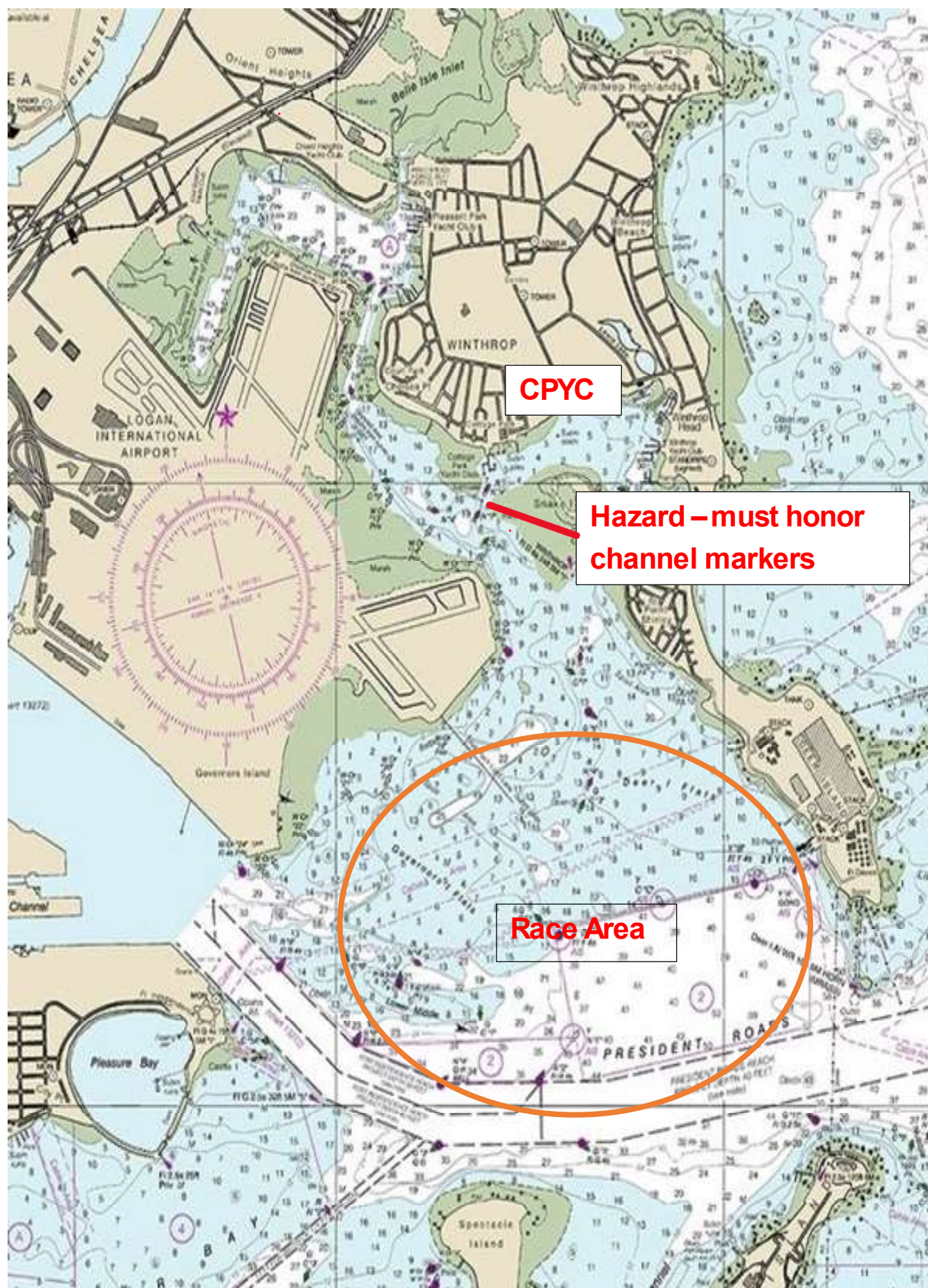
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**Hazard – must honor  
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**Race Area**

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