



Transatlantic Race 2015

Newport, RI to Lizard Point, UK

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Incorporating Amendments #1-2

1 MANAGEMENT

- 1.1 The New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc. is the Organizing Authority (OA) for the Transatlantic Race 2015. The Organizing Committee for the Race comprises the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS), New York Yacht Club (NYYC), Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) and Storm Trysail Club (STC). The Authority and Committee are working in concert to plan and conduct the Transatlantic Race 2015.
- 1.2 The OA will have the authority to interpret the conditions governing the event and assign yachts to divisions, classes and starting dates.
- 1.3 The Transatlantic Race 2015 will challenge the record passage time for a monohull in a race from Newport to Lizard Point, UK, as administered by the World Sailing Speed Record Council, and currently held by *Rambler 100* set in 2011 at 6d 22h 08m 02s.
- 1.4 The Transatlantic Race 2015 website can be found at www.transatlanticrace.org

2 RULES

The Transatlantic Race 2015 will be governed by the following:

- 2.1 The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) as modified below:
 - a) RRS Part 2 is replaced by Part B, the Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea (IRPCAS) from sunset on the first day of racing until a yacht is within five (5) nautical miles of the finishing line at the Lizard;
 - b) The jury may impose suitable penalties other than disqualification, including time penalties, for breaches of a rule. This changes RRS 64.1;
 - c) **Outside Help (Communications)**
 - i) RRS 41(c) is replaced by:

A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except (c) help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include any information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation. By way of example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted, but receiving messages or information which is the result of interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted.
 - ii) A boat may, without infringing RRS 41, request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee, or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made.



- d) RRS 55 is deleted. However, competitors are reminded that the dumping of rubbish is prohibited by law. Attention is also drawn to the ISAF Code of Environmentally Friendly Behavior (www.sailing.org/about/environment/index.php).
- 2.2 The following prescriptions of US SAILING shall apply and are shown in full in SI Appendix A: 61.4, 67, 76.1 and 88.2;
- 2.3 The 2015 IRC Rules Parts A, B and C;
- 2.4 The 2014-2015 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR), Category 1, including the RORC prescriptions;
- 2.5 The Class 40 class rules, including rule 103.01 regarding storm trysails;
- 2.6 The MOCRA Rating Rule for the Open Class multihulls;
- 2.7 The Notice of Race;
- 2.8 These Sailing Instructions.
- 2.9 When there is a conflict, succeeding rules in the above list shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2.10 Rules documents are posted on the Transatlantic Race 2015 website.

3 RACE HEADQUARTERS & NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The NYYC Race Headquarters is located in the Sailing Center at New York Yacht Club Harbour Court. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the courtyard of the Sailing Center.
- 3.2 The RYS Race Headquarters in the U.K. is located at the Royal Yacht Squadron. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at race headquarters.
- 3.3 Notices to competitors may also be posted on the Transatlantic Race 2015 website.

4 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Before the start, signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at Harbour Court.
- 5.2 When Pennant “AP” is displayed ashore, the start of the race is postponed. The “one minute” in Race Signal “AP” is replaced with “not less than three hours”.

6 SCHEDULE & CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 All yachts shall register at the NYYC Race Headquarters during the times indicated below. A yacht that is unable to register during these times must make an appointment with the NYYC Sailing Office.

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|-------------------|-----------|
| Thursday, June 25 | 1300-1700 |
| Friday, June 26 | 0900-1600 |
| Monday, June 29 | 0900-1700 |
| Friday, July 3 | 0900-1700 |

- 6.2 There are three starting dates with each class assigned to a start as follows. The order each day will be determined by the Race Committee:

| | | |
|-----------|-------------------|--|
| Start I | Sunday, June 28 | IRC Class 4 – Racer/Cruiser |
| Start II | Wednesday, July 1 | IRC Class 3 – Racer/Cruiser IRC Class 2 - Racing Class 40s |
| Start III | Sunday, July 5 | IRC Class 1 – Racing Open Class – Multihulls |

6.3 The Captains Meeting will be held at the NYYC Race Headquarters at 1700 on Friday, June 26. Each yacht shall be represented and may have up to three members of the crew in attendance. Supplemental meetings may be held prior to Start II and Start III. If scheduled, the date and time will be communicated to the yachts in each start.

6.4 **Class Flags:** Each yacht, except those in the Open Class, shall provide and display the numeral pennant corresponding to her class designation from her backstay (or starboard shroud if no backstay), approximately six feet above the deck and above the Event Flag, if any, as follows:

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Numeral Pennant</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Open | 6 |
| Class 40 | 5 |
| IRC Class 4 – Racer/Cruiser | 4 |
| IRC Class 3 – Racer/Cruiser | 3 |
| IRC Class 2 - Racing | 2 |
| IRC Class 1 - Racing | 1 |

6.5 Each yacht shall display any backstay flag(s) from their warning signal until one hour after the start, and one hour prior to the yacht’s anticipated finish until she has finished.

7 STARTING AREA

The race will start in the vicinity of Castle Hill Lighthouse in Newport, RI.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The course will be as follows:

- Start in Newport, RI;
- R “4” GONG off Brenton Point to port;
- Nantucket Shoal limit mark(s), if any, to port;
- Point Charlie to port;
- Point Alpha to port;
- Finish off Lizard Point, UK.

8.2 **Nantucket Shoal Limit Mark(s)** – If used, one or more virtual limit marks may be defined to keep yachts away from the shoals south of Nantucket Island. The coordinates defining any limit marks restricted area will be provided at the Captains Meeting on Friday, June 26.

8.3 **Point Charlie** - Point Charlie is established as an area to avoid the Right Whale Critical Habitat area east of Cape Cod. The coordinates defining this restricted area will be provided at the Captains Meeting on Friday, June 26.

8.4 **Point Alpha** - Point Alpha is established as an area to avoid potential icebergs. The coordinate(s) defining this restricted area will be provided at the Captains Meeting on Friday, June 26.

8.5 The course length is approximately 2796 NM.

9 STARTING ZONE

Orange inflatable buoys may be set to the north of the starting line to create a starting zone for competitors only. There is no restricted zone or obstruction.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started as follows. This changes RRS 26.

| <u>Signal</u> | <u>Flag and sound</u> | <u>Minutes to start</u> |
|---------------|---|-------------------------|
| Warning | Class flag; 1 sound | 10 |
| Preparatory | P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag; 1 sound | 5 |
| One-minute | Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound | 1 |
| Starting | Class flag removed; 1 sound | 0 |

- 10.2 Subsequent classes will be given their own starting sequence independent of a preceding class.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a pole adjacent to and just north of Castle Hill Lighthouse and an 8' yellow tetrahedron inflatable buoy.
- 10.4 The first warning signal on each day is scheduled at 1350.
- 10.5 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 10.6 A yacht which is late to her start may use her engine after her preparatory signal to reach the starting area provided that she:
 - a) switches off her engine and/or drops her tow before starting and then takes a One-Turn Penalty before starting; and
 - b) reports the incident on her Certificate of Compliance.
- 10.7 If yachts are still moored or made fast after their preparatory signal, then RRS 45 shall not apply.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line is a line drawn south true from Lizard Point Lighthouse (49° 57.6' N; 005° 12.1' W). A yacht shall cross the finishing line within 4 NM of Lizard Point Lighthouse.
- 11.2 The Race Committee will record each yacht's finishing time (GMT/UT) using the time(s) from the tracking units and/or AIS. Shortly after a yacht has finished, the race committee may contact them on VHF Channel 72 or via Sat phone.
- 11.3 Yachts shall record their own finishing time (GMT/UT) as they cross the finishing line from west to east and enter that time on the online Certificate of Compliance or written copy provided at registration. It is requested that yachts report their finishing time to the RYS Race Headquarters shortly after finishing via phone or email. Contact information is given SI 21.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply for a breach of a rule of Part 2, or IRPCAS when they apply, while racing. The yellow flag shall be flown as required for a minimum of 24 hours. If the flag is removed after this time and the yacht is still racing, she shall display the flag again when crossing the finishing line. The penalty will be one hour added to the yacht's corrected time.
- 12.2 A yacht may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken RRS 31 or in accordance with SI 10.6.
- 12.3 A yacht accepting a penalty as described in SI 12.1 or 12.2 shall complete the online [Penalty Acknowledgement Form](#) or deliver a hard copy to the RYS Race Headquarters at the earliest opportunity after arrival in Cowes, but no later than 36 hours after finishing. A penalty acknowledgement form is provided in each yacht's registration packet.
- 12.4 At the option of the Jury, a yacht in breach of RRS 29 and/or RRS 30 that does not return to start properly will be penalized by having her corrected time increased by two hours. This changes RRS 29.1 and 30.1.
- 12.5 Decisions of the Jury shall be final in accordance with RRS 70.5.
- 12.6 The Jury may impose penalties, which may include time penalties, for breaches of a rule.

13 TIME LIMIT

There is no time limit.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protests shall be made in accordance with RRS 61.1. The red flag shall be flown as required for a minimum of 24 hours. If the flag is removed after this time and the yacht is still racing, she shall display the flag again when crossing the finishing line.
- 14.2 A yacht shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 immediately after finishing of her intention to protest or file for redress, the nature of the protest or request for redress and, if appropriate, the yacht being protested.

- 14.3 A yacht intending to protest shall complete the online [Protest Form](#) or deliver a hard copy to the RYS Race Headquarters at the earliest opportunity after arrival in Cowes, but no later than 36 hours after finishing. A yacht that does not transit to Cowes immediately after finishing shall complete the online form or email a copy of the protest form within the protest time limit. A protest form is provided in each yacht's registration packet.
- 14.4 Protests will be heard beginning on July 19th at the Royal Yacht Squadron. The protest hearing schedule, including date and time, will be posted on the official notice board and on the Transatlantic Race 2015 website.
- 14.5 Breaches of SIs 6.4, 6.5, 10.5 and IRPCAS Rule 10, Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS), will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1(a). However, a yacht that is cited by a government authority for a breach of IRPCAS Rule 10, may be protested by the Race Committee. This change rule 60.2.

15 COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1 The Race Committee will attempt to maintain watch on VHF CH 72 beginning at 0900 on the day of each start and may broadcast information to the fleet, including names and or sail numbers of yachts recalled. It remains the sole responsibility of each yacht to start properly.
- 15.2 RRS 41 is changed as described in SI 2.1(c).
- 15.3 A yacht that intentionally disables her transponder by any means shall be subject to protest by the Committee, which may result in penalties or disqualification. If a transponder fails, the OA will attempt to establish a communication plan with that yacht.
- 15.4 In addition to the requirement in NOR 7.5 to have a satellite telephone turned on at all times while racing, it is recommended that yachts monitor email during the race. Each yacht shall provide their preferred email address(es) to the OA prior to the start.

16 COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

The Certificate of Compliance Form shall be completed and submitted no later than 36 hours after finishing. Each yacht shall complete the online [Certificate of Compliance Form](#) or complete the form contained in each yacht's registration packet and deliver to RYS Race Headquarters.

17 POSITION TRACKING

- 17.1 Yellowbrick transceivers will be installed by the OA on each participating boat. The transceivers shall remain in the switched on position from the time of installation until arrival at Cowes after finishing. The transceiver shall be returned to RYS Race Headquarters.
- 17.2 The OA will use the equipment for tracking purposes, as well as to supplement the recording of finishing times.
- 17.3 Each yacht is responsible for the transceiver from the time it has been installed until it has been returned and shall provide credit card information to the OA no later than registration to hold as a deposit equal to the value of the transceiver (£700).

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A yacht that has an emergency shall follow the procedures in the Contingency Plan distributed in each yacht's registration packet. Copies will be available at the Captains' Meeting and on the Transatlantic Race 2015 website.
- 18.2 A yacht that retires from the race for any reason shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Class and overall prizes will be awarded at the Awards Ceremony at the Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes, UK on July 24th.
- 19.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place yachts in each class.
- 19.3 Trophies for overall prizes are listed in Notice of Race Addendum B.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1 Specific attention is directed to the following Fundamental Rules, which state:

Rule 1.1 - Helping Those in Danger

A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

Rule 4 - Decision to Race

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

OSR 1.02 - Responsibility of Person in Charge

1.02.1 The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

1.02.2 Neither the establishment of these Special Regulations, their use by race organizers, nor the inspection of a yacht under these Special Regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge.

20.2 **Waiver/Release Form** - As a condition of entry, the owner or charterer of an entered yacht and each participating crew member shall submit the online [Waiver & Release of Liability Form](#) no later than two days prior to their start. The waiver/release form is available on the TR 2015 website at www.transatlanticrace.org and will include the following:

- a) **Liability Waiver** - Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Organizing Committee, Sponsors, and affiliated companies, 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. Attention is also drawn to ISAF Offshore Special Regulation 1.02, Responsibility of the Person in Charge.
- b) **Media and Commercial Rights** - The owner or charterer of an entered yacht and all of its crew shall acknowledge that the Organizing Authority owns all media and commercial rights to the Transatlantic Race 2015. Owners and crews will further grant to the Organizing Authority the unrestricted right to use and publish any biographical information, text and images arising from the TR 2015. The Organizing Authority will exercise these rights in its sole discretion or as it may agree with the Organizing Committee or the race's sponsors.

21 CONTACT INFORMATION

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Appendix A

US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

The following US SAILING prescriptions to the rules shall apply:

Add rule 61.4:

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US SAILING prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

After rule 67 add:

US SAILING prescribes that:

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.*
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*

After rule 76.1 add:

US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Appendix B

NEWPORT HARBOR CHARTLET

