



Transatlantic Race 2011

Newport, RI to Lizard Point, UK

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS incorporating Amendments 1-3

1 MANAGEMENT

- 1.1 The New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc. is the Organizing Authority (OA) for the Transatlantic Race 2011. 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 2011.
- 1.2 The Transatlantic Race 2011 is the signature event of the Atlantic Ocean Racing Series 2011 which includes many of the world's foremost ocean classics. The Transatlantic Race is open to IRC yachts, Multihulls, Classics, Class 40s or other open class yachts approved by the OA.
- 1.3 The Transatlantic Race 2011 will establish a record passage time for a monohull in a race from Newport to Lizard Point, UK, as administered by the World Sailing Speed Record Council.

2 RULES

The Transatlantic Race 2011 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)** - There are no restrictions on a yacht obtaining weather information or communications by any means. This changes RRS 41.
 - d) **Movable Ballast (Stacking)** - The restrictions in RRS 51 – Movable Ballast shall not apply to a yacht in the IRC Racing Division that has accepted a 2% penalty to its TCC by declaring her intent by filing the Stacking Declaration with the Race Committee no later than 0900 on the day of her start. This changes RRS 51.
- 2.2 The following prescriptions of US SAILING shall apply and are shown in full in SI Appendix A: 61.4, 68, 70.5(a), 76.1 and 76.3;



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- 2.3 The 2011 IRC Rules Parts A, B and C;
- 2.4 The 2010-2011 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR), Category 1, including the RORC prescriptions;
- 2.5 The Notice of Race;
- 2.6 These Sailing Instructions.
- 2.7 When there is a conflict, succeeding rules in the above list shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2.8 Rules documents are posted on the Transatlantic Race 2011 website at www.transatlanticrace.org.

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 boards 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 2011 website at www.transatlanticrace.org.

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 2000 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.

Thursday, June 23	1300-1700
Friday, June 24	0900-1600
Monday, June 27	0900-1700
Friday, July 1	0900-1700

- 6.2 The Captains’ Meeting will be held at the NYYC Race Headquarters at 1700 on Friday, June 24. Each yacht shall be represented and may have up to four 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.
- 6.3 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 26	IRC Class 4 – Racer/Cruiser Classics
Start II	Wednesday, June 29	IRC Class 3 – Racer/Cruiser IRC Class 2 - Racer Class 40s Open Class
Start III	Sunday, July 3	IRC Class 1 - Racer

- 6.4 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 sponsor flag, if any, as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Numeral Pennant</u>
Open	7
Classics	6
Class 40	5
IRC Class 4 – Racer/Cruiser	4
IRC Class 3 – Racer/Cruiser	3
IRC Class 2 - Racer	2
IRC Class 1 - Racer	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 Island to port
 Point Charlie shall be left on either side
 Point Alpha to port,
 Finish off Lizard Point, UK.

- 8.2 **Point Charlie** - Point Charlie is established as an area to avoid the Right Whale feeding ground northeast of Cape Cod. Yachts are not permitted to sail inside the ‘box’ defined by the following coordinates:

NW corner = 42° 35’ N / 68° 00’ W
 NE corner = 42° 35’ N / 67° 35’ W
 SW corner = 42° 10’ N / 67° 50’ W
 SE corner = 42° 10’ N / 67° 40’ W

Yachts may pass on either side of this defined area.

- 8.3 **Point Alpha** - Point Alpha will be established to avoid possible iceberg areas and will be announced at the Captains’ Meeting. Yachts are not permitted to sail north of Point Alpha’s latitude prior to passing east of Point Alpha’s longitude.

- 8.4 The course length is approximately 2975 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 on the Castle Hill Lighthouse and an 8' yellow tetrahedron inflatable buoy in the vicinity of Short Point on Conanicut Island.
- 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 provided at registration.
- 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 Yachts shall contact the finishing Committee on VHF Channel 72 when they are approximately 5 NM from the finishing line.
- 11.3 The Race Committee will record each yacht's finishing time (GMT/UT) and may use the times from the tracking units to supplement the finishing information. If finishing at night, a yacht ~~may be asked to~~ shall shine a bright light on her sails when approaching and crossing the finishing line. Shortly after a yacht has finished, the race committee will report their time to them on VHF Channel 72.
- 11.4 As a backup, yachts shall record their own finishing time (GMT/UT) as they cross the finishing line from west to east and enter that time on their Certificate of Compliance provided at registration.

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 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 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.
- 12.4 Decisions of the Jury shall be final in accordance with RRS 70.5.
- 12.5 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 Protest forms shall be delivered 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 fax or email the protest form within the protest time limit. Forms are 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 2011 website.

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 There are no restrictions on a yacht obtaining weather information or other communications by any means. This changes RRS 41.
- 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.
- 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 contained in each yacht's registration packet shall be completed and delivered to RYS Race Headquarters at the earliest opportunity after arrival in Cowes, but no later than 36 hours after finishing. An electronic version will be provided and can be emailed to the OA within the 36 hour period, with a hard copy delivered to RYS Race Headquarters as soon as possible.

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 (£1300).

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A yacht that has an emergency shall follow the procedures in the Emergency Plan distributed in each yacht's registration packet. Copies will be available at the Captains' Meeting.
- 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 August 9th.
- 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 SI Appendix C.

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 a signed waiver/release form to the registration desk prior to racing. The waiver/release form will be available on the TR 2011 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 2011. 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 2011. 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.

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Appendix A

US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

The following US SAILING prescriptions to the rules shall apply:

Rule 61.4 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.

Rule 68 After rule 68 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.

Rule 70.5(a) After rule 70.5(a) add

US SAILING prescribes that its approval is required. See www.ussailing.org/rules/noappeal for more information or to obtain approval.

Rule 76.1 After rule 76.1 add

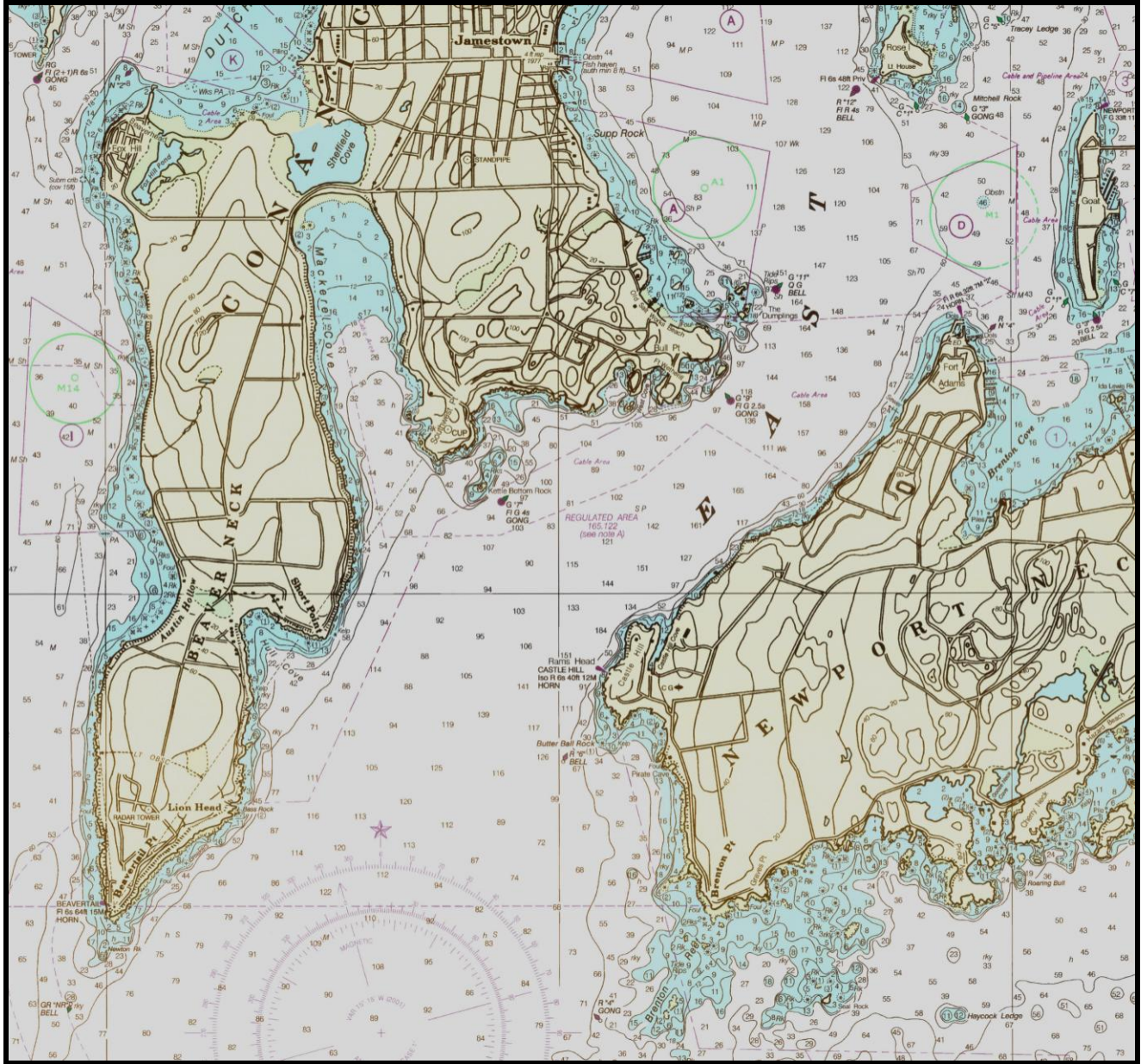
US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender,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

Rule 76.3 Add rule 76.3

76.3 US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Appendix B

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Appendix C

Transatlantic Race 2011 Trophies			
Division/Class	Place	Trophy	Source
IRC Racing Class 1	1 st	Cape May Trophy+ Keeper	NYYC
	2 nd	Keeper	
	3 rd	Keeper	
IRC Racer Class 2	1 st	Lord Iliffe Lighthouse Trophy + Keeper	RYS
	2 nd	Keeper	
	3 rd	Keeper	
IRC Cruiser / Racer Class 3	1 st	Brenton Reef Trophy + Keeper	NYYC
	2 nd	Keeper	
	3 rd	Keeper	
IRC Cruiser / Racer Class 4	1 st	Cowes Town (1899) Trophy + Keeper	RYS
	2 nd	Keeper	
	3 rd	Keeper	
Class 40 Division	1 st	Gay Gannet Cup + Keeper	RORC
	2 nd	Keeper	
Open Division	1 st	Benzie Trophy + Keeper	RYS
IRC Overall	1 st	Queen's Cup + Keeper	RYS
	2 nd	Anniversary Cup Trophy + Keeper	NYYC
	3 rd	Gordon Greville Trophy + Keeper	RORC
	4 th	Storm Trysail Rear Commodore's Cup + Keeper	STC
Newport to Lizard Record	1 st	Loujaine Trophy + Keeper	RORC
Youth Teams	1 st	Venona Trophy (1912)	NYYC
	2 nd	Resolute Trophy	NYYC
	3 rd	Zilth Trophy	NYYC
Teams – 2 boats	1 st	Storm Trysail Club Trophy + two keepers	STC
1 st to finish from each Club (corrected time)	1 st	Prince Albert Trophy	RYS
	1 st	Columbus Atlantic Trophy	NYYC
	1 st	Heneage Ogilvie Cup	RORC
	1 st	Commodore Rudolph J. Schaeffer Cup	STC

Atlantic Ocean Racing Series Trophies			
IRC Overall	1 st	Commodore Gerry Trophy	NYYC
	2 nd	Comet Trophy	NYYC
	3 rd	Aloha Cup	NYYC