



12 Metre North American Championships

September 15-17, 2010
Newport, Rhode Island

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club (NYYC).

GENERAL FORMAT

The 12 Metre North American Championships will consist of three days of racing on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 15-17. The Candy Store Cup is a separate race that will be run during the North American Championships, but shall not count in the overall results. The race headquarters is located at the New York Yacht Club Sailing Center.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Both the 12 Metre Class By-Laws & Regulations as of July 2, 2008 and the 12 Metre Class Rules as of July 2, 2008 shall apply.
- 1.3 Only the following US SAILING prescriptions shall apply: 40, 61.4, 68, 76.1, 76.3 and Appendix F.
- 1.4 In order to suit local conditions, the Race Committee has received permission from the ITMA Owners Committee to vary the length of the courses from those specified in ITMA by-law 10.2.2.

2 NOTICES, COMPETITOR INFORMATION AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 2.1 Notices, including race results, amendments and protest hearing schedules, shall be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the courtyard of the NYYC Sailing Center at Harbour Court. This information may also be posted on the 12 Metre North American Championship website at nyyc.org/12mNA/.
- 2.2 Flag signals will be flown from the flagpole at Harbour Court.
- 2.3 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 of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Flag "Lima" will be flown to signify such posting.
- 2.4 When Pennant "AP" is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than one hour" in Race Signal "AP".
- 2.5 Signals designating the rendezvous locations will be displayed at 0900 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from the flagpole at Harbour Court. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce the locations as described in Appendix 2 – Rendezvous Locations at that time over VHF Channel 72. The failure to make this announcement or for a yacht to hear this announcement will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 2.6 After the rendezvous locations and any other regatta announcements have been made, the Race Committee will monitor and communicate on VHF channel 72.

3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 The Race Committee will attempt to run 8 races. No more than three races will be sailed on any one day. The Candy Store Cup does not count toward that total. One completed race constitutes a series.
- 3.2 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1200 on Wednesday, Sept. 15 and for 1100 on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 16-17.

4 CLASS FLAGS

4.1 Yachts shall display their Class flag from their backstay as follows:

Division A ~ Grand Prix	Numeral Pennant 1
Division B ~ Modern	Numeral Pennant 2
Division C ~ Traditional	Numeral Pennant 3
Division D ~ Vintage	Numeral Pennant 4

4.2 Depending on the number of entries, the Race Committee may start Divisions A and B together and Divisions C and D together.

5 RACING AREAS

- 5.1 Rendezvous areas will be signaled at 0900 from the western yardarm of the flag pole at NYYC and announced on VHF Channel 72.
- 5.2 Flag "A" - rendezvous southwest of R"2", Brenton Point
Flag "R" - rendezvous south of Halfway Rock, East Passage, Narragansett Bay

6 COURSES

6.1 The course is a windward/leeward course with a windward offset mark.

6.2 Flag "W" will be displayed over a numeral pennant indicating the number of legs to be sailed. The distance between the windward mark and the offset mark shall not count as a leg for the purposes of indicating the number of legs.



Example: W4

6.3 The leeward mark will be set approximately 0.10 NM to windward of the Race Committee signal boat.

6.4 The course designation, distance and bearing to the first mark will be signaled using flags displayed on poles. The course designation will be flown forward, followed by the three numeral pennants designating the magnetic bearing to the first mark, followed by the two numeral pennants designating distance (nautical miles and tenths) to the first mark.

6.5 Marks, including the windward offset mark, shall be rounded in order and left to port.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 Rounding marks will be 8' inflatable orange tetrahedrons. The offset mark will be an inflatable orange sphere.
- 7.2 A new mark as provided for in SI 9 will be an 8' inflatable yellow tetrahedron.
- 7.3 The starting mark will be a 5' inflatable yellow tetrahedron.
- 7.4 The finishing mark will be a 5' inflatable yellow tetrahedron.

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.



8.3 A yacht starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

8.4 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

9 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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, in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the finishing mark.

a) For a course with an odd number of legs, the finishing line will be located approximately 0.1 NM to windward of the windward mark.

b) For a course with an even number of legs, the finishing line will be located approximately 0.1 NM to leeward of the leeward mark unless the finishing line has been moved in accordance with SI 9.

10.2 If a subsequent race is to be sailed, the Race Committee will attempt to announce the anticipated time of the warning signal for subsequent races on VHF Channel 72.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.3 – Scoring Penalty will apply. The penalty will be ONE place worse than her finishing place.

12 TIME LIMITS

The time limit is 3 hours except that any yacht failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first yacht in her class to sail the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Rules 35 and A4.1.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 It is requested that yachts intending to protest report their intention and the yacht being protested to the Race Committee on the fleet VHF channel at the finish of a race.

13.2 Written protests or requests for redress shall be submitted to the Jury secretary in the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as possible, but not later than one hour after the Race Committee signal boat has docked. The time limit for filing a protest will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

13.3 Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible on the Official Notice Board.

13.4 Protest hearings will take place at the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The Jury will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of yachts who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest rooms.

13.5 When a yacht has been involved in an incident that may be subject to protest, it is her responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any yacht to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Protest Committee as grounds for proceeding under rule 63.3(b).

13.6 Rule 63.5 is changed by adding, “A protest involving contact may be heard by the Protest Committee even though the requirements of rule 61.1(a) and 61.3 have not been fulfilled.”

13.7 Breaches of SIs 8.4, 15.2, 16 and 20.2 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1(a).

13.8 A violation of SI 20.2 may be considered “a gross breach of a *rule*” under rule 69.1(a).

14 SCORING

14.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply except that if six or more races are completed, each yacht may discard her worst score. This changes rule A2.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

- 15.2 In the event that life saving equipment is lost overboard, it should be retrieved. If recovery is impossible, loss of any equipment that floats shall be reported immediately to the Race Committee and to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard station on VHF Channel 16.

16 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall stay outside of a 100 yard radius of any yacht that is racing.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 17.1 Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and any other wireless device.
- 17.2 The Race Committee will utilize VHF Channel 72 for communications with competing yachts for race information, recalls, change of course, etc. Failure to do so shall not be grounds for seeking redress. The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS yachts over VHF Channel 72. The order and timing of such hails will not be grounds for redress.

18 PRIZES.

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded on Friday, September 17 at 1730 on the formal terrace at NYYC.
- 18.2 Prizes will be awarded to the winning yacht in each division with more than one competitor. Second-place prizes will be awarded for divisions with four or more yachts. Third-place prizes will be awarded for classes with six or more yachts.
- 18.3 Class trophies for the North American Championships may be awarded.
- 18.4 The **Candy Store Cup** trophy and a magnum of champagne will be awarded to the winning yacht.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. ITMA/12 Metre Class, the Organizing Authority, sponsors and any affiliated companies will not accept any liability for any material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta

20 NOTES

- 20.1 Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay and its approaches are considered restricted channels for commercial traffic and vessels in the navigation channel restricted in their ability to maneuver. Competitors must comply with the government right-of-way rules when in proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic.
- 20.2 In the event there is racing in Narragansett Bay, competitors should be aware of heightened security around the Navy base in Newport just to the north of the Newport Jamestown Bridge. The area to the east of a line defined by a series of white buoys marking the Newport Security Zone along the coast of the Naval Facilities from Coasters Harbor to the breakwater at the north end of Coddington Cove shall rank as an obstruction. Yachts shall not enter this area. A Navy patrol boat monitors the area and vessels navigating in the Exclusionary Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval authorities.

- 20.3 Newport Tides

Day	Date	Low Tide	High Tide
Wednesday	Sept. 15	0648	1423
Thursday	Sept. 16	0809	1527
Friday	Sept. 17	1005	1631

- 20.4 All times herein are Eastern Daylight times. Distances used herein are expressed in nautical miles (when not otherwise defined) and are approximate.
- 20.5 For further information please contact: New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court
5 Halidon Avenue; Newport, RI 02840
Tel: 401/845-9633 Fax: 401/846-3303 Email: sailingoffice@nyyc.org
Website: www.nyyc.org/12mNA/

ADDENDUM A – CANDY STORE CUP

1 SCHEDULE & FORMAT

- 1.1 The Candy Store Cup will be sailed under the sailing instructions for the 2010 12 Metre North American Championships except as changed in this Appendix.
- 1.2 Racing for the Candy Store Cup will be held during the North American Championships as an additional race on Friday, Sept. 15.
- 1.3 To indicate their intention to run the Candy Store Cup, the Race Committee shall display Flag “L” at the finish of the final race of the North American Championships on Friday. Yachts intending to race in the Candy Store Cup shall remain in the vicinity of the Race Committee signal boat and monitor VHF Channel 72 for Candy Store Cup race information.
- 1.4 The Candy Store Cup will consist of one race which is open to all 12 Metre yachts. NOR 2.1 shall not apply.

2 THE START

- 2.1 The start will be in the vicinity of the finish of the North American Championships race.
- 2.2 The class flag flown at the Warning Signal will be the 12 Metre Class signal.
- 2.3 All 12 Metre yachts will start in one class.

3 COURSE

- 3.1 The course will run from the start area into Newport Harbor and finish at Bannister’s Wharf.
- 3.2 Special Mark “V”
 - a) The Race Committee may set a special windward mark “V” by displaying flag “V” above a Green or Red flag on a separate pole.
 - b) Mark “V” is to be rounded either to STARBOARD (Green flag below “V”), or to PORT (Red flag below “V”).
 - c) The bearing and distance to mark “V” will be displayed on a board on the Race Committee signal boat.
 - d) Mark “V” will be an orange inflatable mark.
- 3.3 If marks from the South Bay Race Chart supplied at registration are used, the order of marks to be rounded will be displayed on a white board on the Race Committee signal boat and will designate on which side the marks are to be left.
- 3.4 The following marks shall be rounded AFTER the last mark displayed from the Race Committee signal boat:
 - Mark “Y” (from the South Bay Race Chart) – to port
 - G “3” Fl G 2.5 sec Bell at the south end of Goat Island – to port
 - Special race mark (5’ orange tetrahedron) at the south-east edge of the mooring field – to port
- 3.3 All government marks shall be left on their correct side.

4 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the orange flag on a pole at Bannister’s Wharf and the nearby 5’ inflatable orange tetrahedron.

5 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for all yachts is three hours or 1700 on the day of the race, whichever is earlier.

6 SCORING

This race does not count toward the 12 Metre North American Championships.

7 PRIZES

The Candy Store Cup trophy will be awarded to the first yacht to sail the course and finish within the time limit.