



# The Ocean Race of the NY-BCN Transoceanic Record

## Fundació Navegació Oceànica de Barcelona

New York Harbor  
April 5-11, 2010

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[\(including amendments\)](#)

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.2 The rules of RRS Part 2 are replaced by the right-of-way rules of the IRPCAS beginning at sunset of the first day until the yachts have finished.
- 1.3 The rules and requirements of the World Sailing Speed Record Council (WSSRC), in particular rule 21 (Sailing Rules) and rule 22 (Safety Rules), shall apply to each yacht from the start at RW 'A' Mo (A) Ambrose Channel ("Ambrose Light Buoy") until each yacht has finished.
- 1.4 The *IMOCA Open 60' Class Rules* will apply except as agreed by the two yachts.
- 1.5 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of a rule. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

#### 2 ENTRIES

Entry is limited to the IMOCA 60 Class yachts *W Hotels* and *Estrella Damm*.

#### 3 NOTICES, COMMUNICATION AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Notices, including race results, amendments and protest hearing schedules, shall be posted on the Official Notice Board located adjacent to the boat docks at the North Cove Marina.
- 3.2 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 69. If necessary, the Race Committee may change to VHF channel 72 either by announcing on VHF 69, or, if both yachts are still at the dock, orally. Both yachts are asked to confirm the change with the Race Committee. Such a change shall not be made after the warning signal.
- 3.3 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect. Flag "Lima" will be flown ashore to signify such posting.
- 3.4 When Pennant "AP" is displayed while one or both yachts are still in the North Cove Marina basin, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than one hour" in Race Signal "AP".

#### 4 SCHEDULE OF RACE

- 4.1 The start of the New York to Barcelona Race is scheduled for ~~Monday, April 5~~ [Thursday, April 8](#).
- 4.2 The OA may postpone the start to a later day by notifying the yachts no later than 1200 on the day prior to the scheduled start.

4.3 The date of the start shall be no later than Sunday, April 11.

4.4 The warning signal is scheduled for ~~1300~~1100.

## 5 RACE AREA, COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC AND SECURITY ZONES

5.1 Racing will take place in the lower Hudson River, the Upper Bay and Lower Bay of New York Harbor, the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea.

5.2 The start line will be at the north end of Battery Park adjacent to North Cove Marina. The finish line will be at the W Hotel in Barcelona, Spain.

5.3 All commercial vessels shall have right of way over all racing sailboats.

5.4 The US Coast Guard (USCG) has established a 150-yard security zone around Ellis and Liberty Islands as shown below. Additionally, there is a 100-yard security zone around all US Naval or USCG vessels. These security zones are considered to be obstructions on the race course and no boat is allowed to sail inside the security zones. In addition to the actions described below, violators are subject to a fine by the USCG of \$50,000 and imprisonment of not more than 5 years.



## 6 COURSES AND ROUNDING MARKS

6.1 The course is comprised of two parts.

6.2 Part I is an exhibition race from the start in New York Harbor to “Ambrose Light Buoy”.

6.3 Part II is to establish a new sailing speed record from “Ambrose Light Buoy” in New York to Barcelona, Spain. Yachts shall leave the 'Ice Box' defined by its four corners to port:

### Ice box

A : Cap Breton Island

B : 45 N – 57 30 W

C : 45 N – 50 W

D : 52 N – 50 W

6.4 Government buoys not specified as marks of the course have no required side. Caution should be exercised for safe navigation.

## 7 THE START – PART I

7.1 The race will be started as described below. This changes Rule 26.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and Sound</i>	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>
Warning	Class flag numeral pennant #1; one sound	10
Preparatory	P; one sound	5
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; one long sound	1
Start	Class flag removed; one sound	0

7.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag at the Race Committee shore station at Battery Park, south of North Cove Marina, and the course side of the starting mark, which will be a 5' yellow inflatable mark.

**8 THE START – PART II**

- 8.1 There will not be a restart or timed sequence at “Ambrose Light Buoy”.
- 8.2 A yacht starts when she passes a line drawn south true from the position of Ambrose Light Buoy (40° 27.5' N; 073° 50.2' W) and passes within 0.1 nm of the buoy. Each yacht’s start time will be recorded independently of the other yacht and this start time will be used to record each yacht’s elapsed time for the course.

**9 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS – PART I**

The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each premature starter on the VHF channel. Failure to make such an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

**10 THE FINISH**

A yacht finishes when she passes a line drawn east true from the position of the W Hotel in Barcelona, Spain (41° 22'02" N; 002° 11'38" E) and leaves the finish buoy (approximately 0.9 nm away at 41° 22'02" N; 002° 12'25" E) to starboard as shown in the diagram below.



**11 SCORING**

- 11.1 Part I is an exhibition race and there will be no scoring.
- 11.2 Part II will be scored on the basis of a yacht’s elapsed time defined in days, hours, minutes and seconds. The yacht with the shortest elapsed time will establish the World Record for the New York to Barcelona Ocean Course.