



**60th Anniversary National Town Class Regatta 1962 – 2022**  
**Nahant Dory Club, Nahant, Massachusetts**

**2022 National Town Class Association National Regatta**

Saturday and Sunday  
August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2022

**Sailing Instructions**

- 1. Rules.** Racing shall be governed by ISAF RRS rules, USSA prescriptions, NTCA class specifications, Issue #6, with revisions of April 6, 2020, available on the Regatta website and by these sailing instructions. Rules may be altered or supplemented by special notice posted and on the Clubhouse chalkboard not later than 8:30 AM of the day to take effect. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by broadcasting the new instruction over VHF radio before the applicable warning signal. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the clubhouse flagstaff.
- 2. Entry.** Membership in the National Town Class Association will be required of all entrants. Boats and competitors declared eligible by NTCA may enter the regatta upon acceptance of entry form and fee by the Nahant Dory Club regatta committee.
- 3. Equipment.** Boats shall carry such equipment as USSA and NTCA class rules require. All boats shall be afloat by 9 AM of the first day's racing and shall not be hauled out during the regatta without prior approval of the RC.  
  
Competitors are encouraged to wear life jackets at all times. At the direction of the RC (signaled by display of code flag "Y" from the committee boat) life jackets shall be worn by all competitors.
- 4. Crews.** Boats shall not be raced singlehanded, and shall carry no more than two crew members in addition to the helmsman. Competitors may not be substituted during the regatta without prior approval of the RC.
- 5. Schedule of Races.** The regatta will consist of a series of three to five races, in accordance with the following schedule:

**Regatta | Saturday, August 20th**

8:30 AM | Registration | Light Breakfast  
9 AM | Competitors Meeting  
9:30 AM | Harbor Start

**Watch RC For Start Sequence**

10 AM | First Race\*  
12 PM | Lunch On The Water

**Watch RC For Start Sequence**

1 PM | Start Second\* and Third Races\*  
6:30 PM | Town Class Annual Meeting  
7:30 PM | Dinner At The Club

**Regatta | Sunday, August 21st**

8:30 AM | Light Breakfast  
9 AM | Competitors Meeting  
10 AM | Harbor Start

**Watch RC For Start Sequence**

11 AM | Fourth Race\*  
12 PM | Lunch On The Water  
1 PM | Fifth Race\*

**Watch RC For Start Sequence**

4 PM | Awards  
4:30 PM | Haul Out Assistance Available

- 6. Harbor Start.** A harbor start may be signaled ashore by the (blue, white and red) Town Class pennant, with one gun or horn. Boats should be underway toward the starting line by the time of a harbor start.
- 7. Postponement.** A postponement will be signaled by the (red and white) answering pennant, with two horns or guns. The lowering of the postponement signal will be accompanied by one horn or gun.

If a postponement is signaled ashore, boats should not leave the harbor area. The time of the postponed start will be posted before the answering pennant is lowered at the Dory Club.

If a postponement is signaled after the warning signal, the answering pennant will be lowered, with one horn, one minute before the new warning signal.



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8. Starting Signals. Races will be started in accordance with R.26, with signals as follows:

5 Minutes	Warning	TC Flag	Up	1 Horn
4 Minutes	Preparatory	P or I	Up	1 Horn
1 Minutes		P or I	Down	1 Horn Long
0	Starting	TC Flag	Down	1 Horn

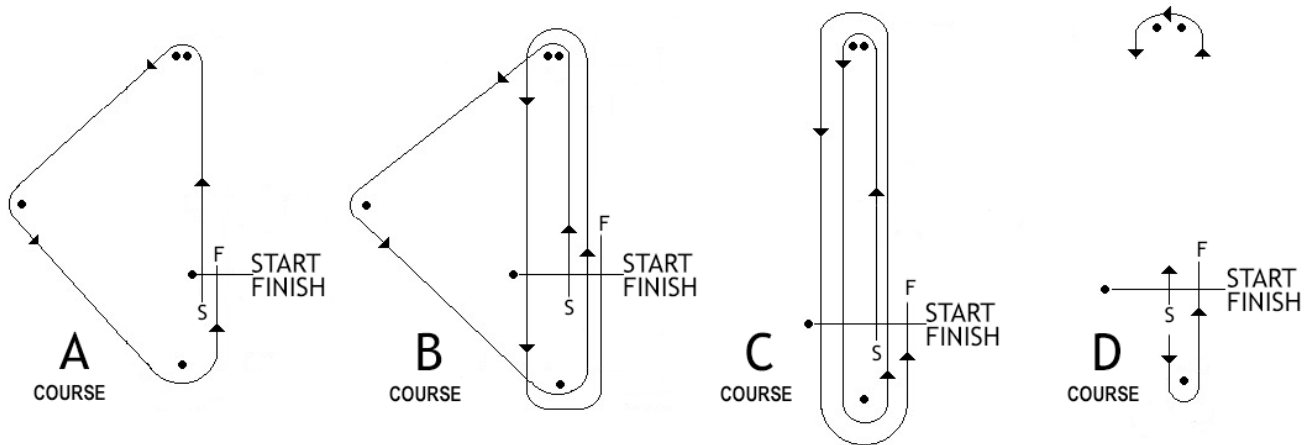
Competitors are reminded that visual signals govern over audible signals per rule 26.

9. Recalls. Individual recalls will be signaled by the (white and blue) flag X, with one horn, and an attempt will be made to hail the sail numbers of premature starters. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. (Changes RRS 29.2). When all recalled boats have returned wholly past the line, flag X will be lowered.

A general recall may be signaled by the (yellow inside blue) first repeater pennant, with two or more horns. After a general recall, the first repeater pennant will be lowered, with one horn, one minute before the new warning signal.

The RC may signal the "round-an-end" rule 30.1 by the (yellow and black) code flag I, either before, or with, or as the preparatory signal. Code flag I will be lowered, with one long horn, one minute before the starting signal, which will signify that the one minute period of rule 30.1 has begun

10. Courses. For each race, marks will be identified, and courses will be announced, from the Committee Boat.



11. Marks. Marks of the course may be (yellow tetrahedron or orange ball) club racing marks. All marks will be rounded in the same direction, passed to port. An effort will be made to establish the first and last legs of each course to windward, and to set marks of any triangular course at 60° angles. If at all practicable, marks will be set within eyesight of each other, not more than one mile apart. The approximate distance and magnetic bearing to the first mark may be shown by chalkboard from the RC boat. If visibility is poor, a RC lead boat, flying a large red pennant, may be sent down the rhumb line from the starting line, and from mark to mark.

12. Replaced Marks. If a mark is replaced after the starting signal, it will be set as soon as practicable to maintain the original course configuration. After a new mark is set, the original mark will be removed as soon as practicable. A new mark may consist of a club racing mark, or may consist of a stationed RC boat flying a (white X on blue) code flag M, and sounding a horn or whistle at periodic intervals.

13. Shortened or Changed Courses. Courses may be shortened or changed per rules 32 and 33, except that new direction signals, R.33(a), and new length signals, R.33(b), need not be displayed. A shortened course will be signaled by the (blue square on white) code flag S, with two horns. A changed course will be signaled by the (blue, white, red) code flag C, and by repeated sounds or hails to each boat racing from a RC boat while stationed at a turning mark.



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14. Starting and Finishing. The starting and finishing lines will be between a mark and the yellow flag of the RC boat. Turning marks or separate pin marks may be used to establish starting and finishing lines. Boats are to start and finish by passing between the RC boat and the mark closest to it. When on station at the finish the RC boat will display a solid blue flag, all other patrol vessels by a yellow race committee flag.

The starting and finishing lines will not be restricted. However, boats must keep clear of the starting and finishing areas while not racing, and especially while other boats are finishing.

15. Time Limit. The time limit for all races will be two and one-half hours, measured from the starting signal. Boats finishing neither within the time limit nor within thirty minutes after the first place boat may be scored in accordance with their then respective positions, or scored as DNF, in the discretion of the RC.

16. Safety. It is the responsibility of each boat to retire from racing when safety or prudence so requires, and to report all withdrawals and breakdowns to the RC promptly, before leaving the course if at all possible.

A boat shall check in before her first race of each day by hailing the race committee signal vessel with her sail number and the number of souls on board. A boat failing to check in will receive a 20% scoring penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3 for each race in which a breach occurs, without a hearing this changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

A boat that retires from a race or does not participate in a subsequent race that day shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity by VHF radio or hail. If this is not practicable before leaving the race area, the boat shall call and notify the RC at (617) 529-2262.

**DANGER:** Please note that "The Spindle" at Bass Rock, marked by a red and black BR "DBR" Isolated Danger Buoy (formerly Red Nun "6"), bearing 240° one-half mile from the clubhouse, is below the surface at high tide.

**DANGER:** Overhead high voltage electrical power lines are located at the Nahant Tudor Wharf facility. Please be extremely careful while stepping or rigging masts or while moving boats on trailers.

17. Communications: Emergency conditions, race course information and/or requests for assistance shall be reported to the Race Committee on **VHF Channel 78**. All race participants are required to monitor Channel 78 for OCS (On Course Side (over early) notifications and for racing safety communications. The Race Committee will attempt to notify all OCS Town Class boats on VHF Channel 78.

18. Penalties. A boat having infringed a right-of-way rule may exonerate herself by two-turns penalty per rule 44, followed by reporting the same to the RC boat on finishing. A boat having fouled a mark may exonerate herself by one-turn penalty per rule 44, followed by reporting the same to the RC boat on finishing.

19. Protests. Protests shall be supported by timely hail of intent to protest and reporting the same to the RC boat on finishing. Protests shall be written on forms provided by the RC (available on the Regatta website) in substantial conformity with rule 61 and the RRS Protest Form, and filed with the RC within one hour after the finish of the last race of the day which will be posted on the Clubhouse chalkboard. Protests will be heard one hour after the last race of the day. If a person involved in a protest is not then present, the protest may be heard and determined in that person's absence.

20. Scoring. Races will be scored by the low point scoring system, RRS appendix A. Five races are scheduled for the regatta, of which at least three must be completed to complete the series. If five races are sailed, the worst score will be excluded. A boat that is scored OCS, DNC, DNS, DNF, NSC, RET, or DSQ shall be scored points for finishing place one more than the number of boats that started that race.

21. Prizes. Prizes will be awarded the first three finishers of the series and first place winners of each race, at the clubhouse at the conclusion of the regatta.