

New England Women's Singlehanded Championship
Coast Guard Academy / Connecticut College / Mitchell College
New London, CT
October 4-5, 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the Procedural Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition (PR) 2013-2016, as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
2. **Notices to Competitors:** Official notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located under the pop tent in the Mitchell Beach parking lot.
3. **Changes in the Sailing Instructions:** Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be announced orally and posted on the official notice board before the first race in which they are to take effect.
4. **Schedule:**

Saturday	0930	Report Time
	1000	Competitors Meeting
	1045	Warning Signal
Sunday	0930	Report Time
	1015	Warning Signal
	1500	Last Possible Warning Signal
5. **Format:** A total of twelve races will be sailed. No more than ten races will be sailed on Saturday. Target length for each race will be 25 minutes.
6. **Boats:** Competitors are responsible for bringing their own Lasers. Although this is not a sanctioned Laser Class event, all boats shall be in compliance with the Laser Class Equipment Measurement Rules. Competitors may not share equipment while on the water.
7. **Rotations:** There will be no rotation. Competitors will sail their own boat for the entire regatta. This changes PR 22 (b)(i).
8. **Course:** Courses will be designated on the Regatta Notice Board and announced orally by the Race Committee. Courses will not be shortened. PR 18 (c)(d)
9. **Marks:** The windward mark will be an orange cylinder. The gate will be two yellow cylinders. The offset mark will be an orange ball. The starting pin will be a yellow ball.
10. **Starts:** Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b) (i). The starting line will be between a red flag on the race committee boat and a yellow ball at the port end.
11. **Individual Recalls:** Recalls will be signaled in accordance with PR 18(b) (ii). The maximum time Code Flag "X" will be displayed is two minutes. The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail number(s) of the recalled boat(s). Failure to hear the Race Committee's hail is not grounds for redress.
12. **General Recalls:** A General Recall will be signaled with a series of short horns, and the hail "General Recall." After a general recall, PR 18 (b) (iii), the Round-the-Ends rule, RRS 30.1, shall apply and no additional signal need be given. In addition, the race committee may implement PR 18 (b) (iii), the Round-the-Ends rule, RRS 30.1 at any time. This will be done by repeated hails by the race committee.

13. **Change of Course after the Start:** To maintain course configuration, marks may be moved as necessary, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates. There will be no signal for such a course change.
14. **Abandonment:** In accordance with PR 18(d)(i), the race committee may abandon a race in accordance with RRS 32 except there will be no flags displayed for the abandonment. In addition, every effort will be made to keep the course clear of the channel. In the event that a race interferes with submarine or large vessel traffic, the race may be abandoned and all boats will be instructed to stand clear.
15. **Finishes:** The finish line will be between a staff displaying a red flag on the Race Committee boat and an orange ball at the port end OR between the weather mark and offset mark on a windward-leeward course with an odd number of legs. If a boat is delaying the completion of a race, the Race Committee may establish the boat's position and score the boat points equal to last place.
16. **Scoring:** Scoring will be in accordance with PR 23 and PR 24.
17. **Penalties for Breaking Rules of RRS Part 2:** The "Two-Turns Penalty" described in RRS 44 and will apply.
18. **Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rules 42:** As describe in Appendix P and modified by PR 32 will apply.
19. **Protests:** Protests shall be filed in accordance with PR 29. Failure to do so may be grounds for closing the protest under RRS 63.5. Protest forms will be available in the classroom on the second floor of the sailing center. All protests shall be lodged with the Jury Representative there within thirty minutes of arriving ashore. Protest filing deadlines will be posted on the official regatta notice board.
20. **Wind Strength Minimum:** PR 18 (g) will apply.
21. **Breakdowns:** PR 20 will apply. Breakdowns must be reported to the race committee immediately after finishing, or if that is not possible, at the first opportunity to contact a member of the Race Committee. Breakdowns will be lodged in the same manner as protests.
22. **Capsizes:** A capsized boat may be righted and sailed on by its crew at any time before or during the race. If the safety of the boat or crew is in jeopardy, or if the progress of the race is affected, the Race Committee may require that assistance be accepted and the boat retires from the race. Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.
23. **Coaching:** PR 19 will apply. Coaching will be permitted between races, provided coaches have equal access and the rotation is not delayed.

