



COURAGEOUS SAILING

COURAGEOUS Learn-to-Race Rhodes 19 Series 2023

Courageous Sailing Center
Pier 4, Charlestown Navy Yard
Boston, MA 02129

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Courageous Sailing Center (CSC)

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

1.1 Racing at Courageous Sailing will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 Other alterations in the rules are noted below.

- Starting Sequence: As described in Appendix U of the RRS, the three-minute dinghy starting signals shall be used for all races. This changes Rule 26.
- Penalties Taken at the Time of the Incident: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing.”
- If there is a collision causing damage, all parties involved in the collision **must** immediately retire from the current race, sail clear of other boats directly to a Race Committee boat to report the incident and display the damage. The Race Committee will assess the damage and determine if one or all parties must retire from the remainder of the remaining races. At the discretion of the Race Committee, one or both boats involved in the collision may be subject to immediate retirement from the remaining races for that day. Boats thus retiring are unable to exonerate themselves although they may be eligible for redress. This changes RRS 44.
- When a boat that has been damaged is unavailable for a subsequent racing day, the competitor(s) at fault, as determined by either by a protest hearing or by the agreement of parties involved in the incident resulting in the damage, may race only if there are boats available beyond those used by other competitors.
- A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the Race Committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee. Failure to do so may be grounds for declaring the protest invalid under RRS 63.5. This changes RRS 61 and 62.
- RRS 62.1(b) is changed to “swamping, capsizing, disablement, injury, or physical damage because of the action of a boat that was breaking a rule of Part 2 or of a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear.”
- The following is added to the end of RRS 62.1: “(e) failure of equipment on the boat that could not be prevented by a reasonable inspection and/or adjustment prior to racing.” Competitors are reminded to inspect knots, halyards, sheets, control lines, tiller extension and fittings, shackles,

cotter pins, and cotter rings ('ring dings') used the secure stays to the hull or blocks to the boom, mast, traveler, or boat, before leaving the dock. If they do not do so, they should not expect relief when simple and preventable failures occur.

- RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with: "All competitors shall wear, while on the water or dock, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing, an approved US Coast Guard PFD. The PFD must be worn outside all clothing, except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging." Note that flag Y will not be displayed. This changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to individuals and teams who submit payment of the associated regatta fee.

2.2 Entries for complete teams shall be by the skipper(s) of each team.

2.3 Strong sailing skills are expected of all skippers. All skippers should have a Yellow rating or above. Skippers without a Yellow rating must be approved in advance by the OA [Executive Director, Adult Program Director, or in their absence, the designated Principal Race Officer]. The OA, at its discretion, may accept "co-skippers" who are equally responsible.

2.4 Teams competing shall consist of at least two people. All teams must race with one skipper and no fewer than one and no more than three additional team members.

2.5 All competitors shall provide a signed Courageous Sailing Center waiver. It is the responsibility of the team captain and skipper to ensure that everyone on their team has signed a waiver before using the Courageous dock and boats. No individuals may be on the CSC dock or boats without having signed a waiver.

2.6 The OA will maintain and make available a list of individual skippers and crew who are looking to join a team, but cannot take responsibility for coordinating teams of individuals.

3 FEES

Payment of the entry fee shall be made by cash, check, or credit card. There is no fee for members. The fee for non-members is \$20 per day.

4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 Races will be held on Thursday evenings May 11 through August 31.

4.2 The first warning signal will be given shortly after the conclusion of the competitors' briefing.

4.3 Racing will continue at the discretion of the OA and subject to the weather conditions.

4.4 Racing for a given day may be canceled at the discretion of the OA.

4.5 A meeting of the competitors will be held at 1800 each race day without further notice. During these weekly meetings, competitors will be given instruction about specific racing rules, tactics, and strategies.

4.6. After the conclusion of racing each day, there will be a short debrief to recap and discuss the racing. Competitors are encouraged to ask questions about specific situations that they encountered on the water.

5 BOATS

Rhodes-19s provided by the Courageous Sailing Center (CSC).

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available prior to the first race and on the website of CSC.

7 VENUE

The venue is the Courageous Sailing Center on Pier 4 in the Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, MA. Races

will be conducted within the Inner Harbor area. Driving directions, parking suggestions, and a description of public transportation options are available at www.courageoussailing.org/directions/charlestowndirections.html

8 COURSES

The Courageous Course Diagram illustrates the seven possible courses.

9 SCORING

9.1 Daily Scoring: A low-point system, as described in Appendix A of the RRS, will be used without any discards.

9.2 Series Scoring: No scoring will be done for the series.

10 PRIZES

Prizes may be given at the discretion of the OA.

11 MEDIA RELEASE

By participating in the race or regatta, a competitor (or parent/guardian if under age 18) grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, and biographical information in perpetuity in any media, including but not limited to television, video, print, and electronic media, for the purpose of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the regatta and the participants.

12 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk, recognizing the risks inherent in winter sailing. The OA, its associates, and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

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