



# COURAGEOUS SAILING

**Courageous Challenge 2026**  
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 The Courageous Challenge will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the US SAILING Prescriptions.

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 the first twenty-four (24) teams who register online and submit payment of the regatta fee.

2.2 Entries are to be submitted by the skipper of each team or a company representative..

2.3 Teams shall consist of a minimum of two people. All teams must race with one skipper and between one and three crew. No fewer than two and no more than four team members may race at any time. Skippers must be approved in advance by the OA [Executive Director, Adult Program Director, or in their absence, the designated Principal Race Officer].

2.4 All competitors shall provide an online [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.

2.5 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, that skipper may seek the approval of the OA to authorize an original crew member to substitute.

2.6 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the team skipper may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## **3 FEES**

The entry fee for the Courageous Challenge is described on the event's web page at <http://courageoussailing.org/challenge>. Register online, or contact Jennifer Bodde at [jen@courageoussailing.org](mailto:jen@courageoussailing.org).

## **4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

4.1 Racing will take place each Monday in June. Official race days are Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, and 22. June 29

will serve as a make-up date, to be used if one or more days of racing is canceled during the series.

4.2 The schedule of events for each Monday shall be:

1800 Skippers' Meeting (when necessary)

1830 First Warning

Racing will continue at the discretion of race committee.

4.3 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the skippers' meeting is mandatory.

4.4 Racing for a given day may be canceled at the discretion of the OA. Races may also be abandoned when conditions do not permit their completion.

## **5 BOATS**

Rhodes 19s, with main and jib sails, will be provided by the OA.

## **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, unless otherwise specified.

## **8 COURSES**

The [Courageous Course Diagram](#) illustrates the seven possible courses. The usual course is Course 4, windward/leeward twice around with a downwind finish.

## **9 SCORING**

A low-point scoring system will be used.

## **10 PRIZES**

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded to competitors placing first through third for the overall series.

## **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 participants are reminded of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not accept any liability for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. By participating in the regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **14 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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