



2025 Rhodes 19 National Championship
Organizing Authority (OA); Rhodes 19 Fleet 5 and
Eastern Yacht Club
Marblehead, Massachusetts
August 22-24, 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preamble

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

The Rhodes 19 Class Rule RC 27.00 is changed as follows: Each boat shall carry and monitor an operable VHF radio.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Regattaman event page. https://www.regattaman.com/race_reg.php?race_id=1217&yr=2025

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the EYC.
- 5.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag shall be a white flag with the Rhodes 19 insignia.

7. RACING AREA

From Marblehead Bell RG "FR" 100 degrees magnetic, 1 mile to the center of the race area. At the discretion of the race committee, the race area may be moved to any vicinity within four nautical miles of Marblehead Harbor by displaying Code Flag Lima on the signal boat. See Addendum B.

8. COURSES

- 8.1.** The diagram in SI **Addendum A** shows the courses including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2.** No later than the warning signal, the race committee shall display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3.** If a gate mark is missing, boats shall leave the remaining mark to port.

9. MARKS

Windward, Leeward and offset marks shall be orange portable buoys.

10. THE START

- 10.1** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the nearby portable buoy with a green skirt at the port end of the line.
- 10.2** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.1

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

12. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end of the finish line and the nearby portable buoy with a green skirt at the port end of the line.

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGETS

- 13.1** If no boat has passed the first mark within 30 minutes after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.
- 13.2** The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.

- 13.3** Boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired "TLE" and scored one more place than the last boat to finish. This modifies RRS 35, A4 & A5.
- 13.4** Races shall not be started in less than an average of 4 knots of wind established over the entire course area. This lower limit may be higher if there is strong current over the entire race area. This decision will not be considered "an improper action or omission of the race committee" and will not be grounds for redress.
- 13.5** Races shall not be started in excess of an average of 22 knots of wind established over the entire course area. This upper limit is approximately 2 to 5 knots less in heavy seas and/or gusty winds. This decision will not be considered "an improper action or omission of the race committee" and will not be grounds for redress.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1** Protest forms are available at the jury desk, the location of which will be in the Sailing Office on the ground floor of EYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the jury desk within 1 hour of the race committee signal vessel docking at the Eastern Yacht Club. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.2** Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.3** Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15. SCORING

- 15.1** Rule A5.3 shall apply and Rule A5.2 is changed so that a boat that came to the starting area but did not sail the course or was disqualified shall be scored points one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area, and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.
- 15.2** Rule A5.2 is changed so that a boat that came to the starting area but did not finish, retired or retired after finishing shall be scored points which are one more than the number of boats that finished in that race.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on VHF channel 68. [DP]
- 16.2** Prior to the warning signal of the first race of the day which a boat competes on, she shall sail by the race committee signal vessel and check in by announcing her sail number and number of souls on board. Failure to do so shall result in 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.

17. CREW AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

- 17.1** Substitution of competitors will be allowed with prior written approval of the Protest Committee. [DP]
- 17.2** Substitution of lost or damaged equipment will be allowed if authorized by the Protest Committee. [DP]

18. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 18.1** The Race Committee signal vessel shall display a blue RC Flag.
- 18.2** Support vessels shall display a yellow RC flag.
- 18.3** Judge boats shall display a blue and white judge flag.

19. BERTHING

Moorings for the regatta will be assigned by the EYC dockmaster. The EYC launch service may be hailed on VHF 9 and/or 15.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event.

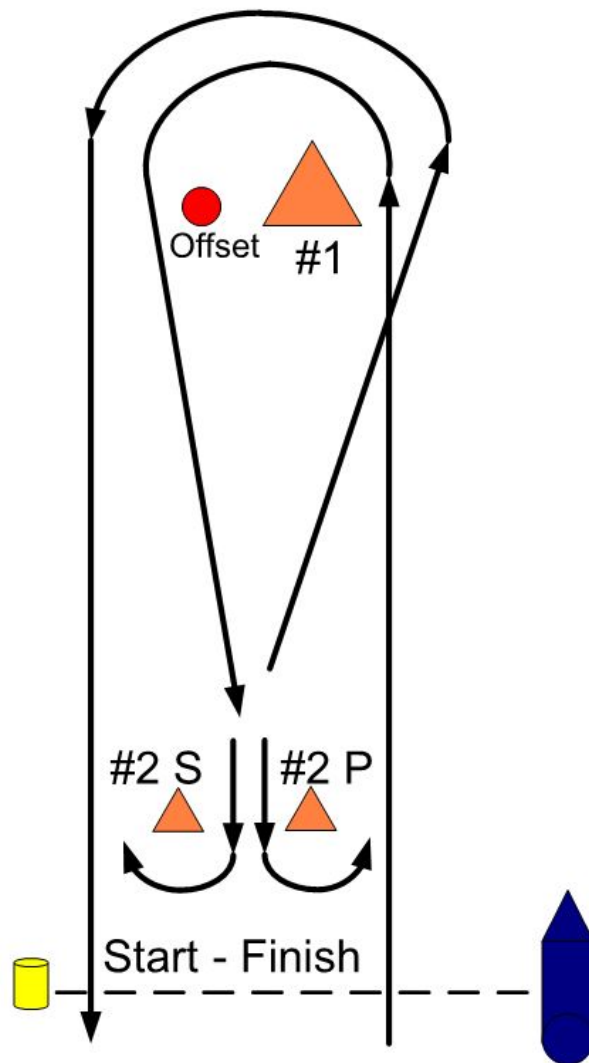
21. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant the OA the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

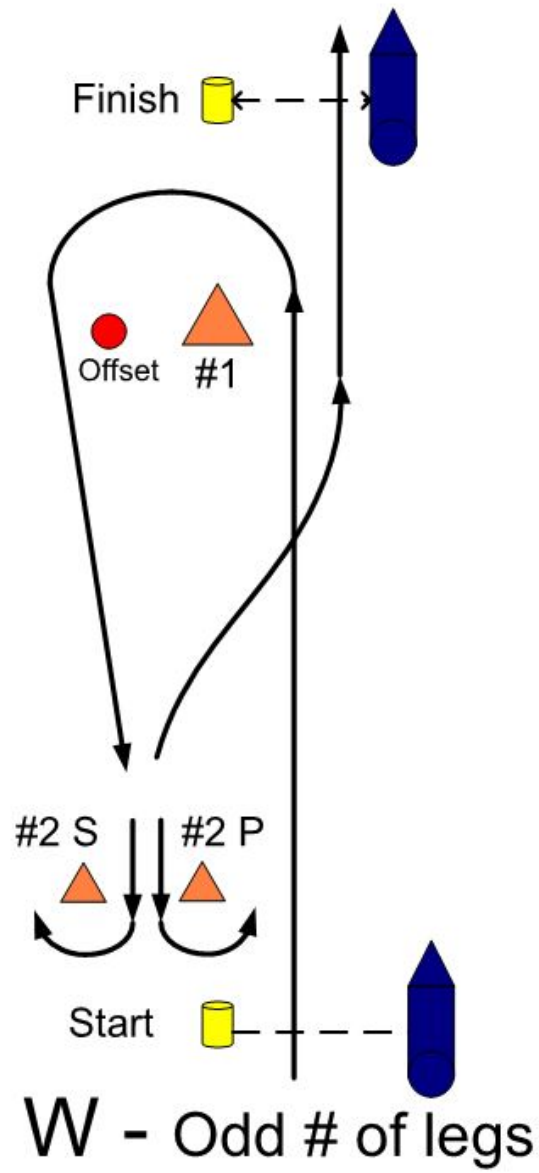
22. FURTHER INFORMATION

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SI ADDENDUM "A"



W - Even # of legs



SI ADDENDUM "B"

