



Racing at Sail Nauticus

Monday Night Series: The Monday night series at Sail Nauticus will run from April until the end of October. We race every Monday night (weather permitting) except every 6th Monday which will be a bye week unless a holiday interferes with this schedule. The first Warning Signal will be at 6:15 pm. Plan to arrive early.

Frostbite Series: Racing will be held in the winter months from January through March on Saturdays. The fourth Saturday will be used as a bye week. Times for racing will be posted on the Sail Nauticus member and event calendar before the season starts in January.

Special Races:

- **The Barnacle Series**
 - This 6-week series is hosted by the Portsmouth Boat Club during the fall and spring on Friday evenings. The races are PHRF ratings and use government buoys as marks. These series are not hosted by Sail Nauticus, and small additional entry fees are required by the Portsmouth Boat Club. This series is governed by the rules followed by the Portsmouth Boat Club. Sail Nauticus members are permitted to enter this series, please reach out to staff about more info on joining this series.
- **The Cofer Cup**
 - This race is part of our annual fundraiser, *Sailfest*. In this regatta, teams will compete along the Elizabeth River in heats aboard our fleet of Harbor 20 sailboats. Teams registered for the Cofer Cup are encouraged to compete to raise the most funds *off the water*. The top three teams with the most funds raised will have the first pick of their preferred Harbor 20 sailboat to race. The team with most funds raised will also be awarded the title of Top Fundraiser. This race is open to non-members, each team must have one member acting as skipper who has passed a Sail Nauticus skipper's test

Sail Nauticus Racing Rules

Racing conducted by Sail Nauticus shall be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as adopted by the World Sailing (formerly ISAF) and the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING), including the prescriptions of US SAILING, except as changed/modified by these 'Sail Nauticus Rules':

The Racing Rules of Sailing can be found at <http://www.sailing.org/40174.php>

SN Specific Rules:

1. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) – USCG Certified Type I, II, III or V (inherently buoyant or inflatable) shall be worn by all sailors while on the water.
2. Guests of members are permitted participate in racing with approval from SN staff.
3. Crew may take the helm at the skipper's discretion. All responsibility and liability will fall onto the designated skipper or skippers.
4. Sail Nauticus race committee (RC) holds the right to disqualify competitors from a race for:
 1. Flagrant disregard for the rules or unsportsmanlike behavior
 2. Failure to avoid collision.
 3. Interference, or perceived interference, with commercial traffic.
5. The following Harbor 20 Class rules will Apply:
 1. Hiking is not permitted. All crew shall always keep their torsos within the confines of the cockpit, excepting in the need for immediate repair or for safety.

6. Scoring. Low point scoring system will be used. The following tiebreakers will be used in order:
 1. Who beat who most, if still tied
 2. Most number of firsts, seconds, thirds, etc., if still tied
 3. Who beat who in last race.

Sailing is a sport of self-regulation and requires the honesty of its competitors to resolve violations of the rules while on the water. We strive to breed this culture at Sail Nauticus and rely on our members to reinforce these values.

Exoneration:

- A competitor may exonerate themselves of a foul of another boat(s) by first getting clear of other boats then immediately performing two 360 degree turns, in the same direction, including two tacks and two Jibes. A competitor may exonerate themselves of touching a mark by first getting clear of other boats then immediately performing a full 360-degree turn, including a tack and a Jibe.

Protests, a valid protest MUST include the following:

- A loud hail of the word "PROTEST" to the infringing boat.
- The intent to lodge a protest shall be communicated to the race committee, immediately upon finishing the race.
 - *Example: "Orange protests Green"*, Be sure to receive an acknowledgement from the RC. Upon receipt of a valid protest(s), a hearing(s) will be held by the race committee ashore, at the end of racing, whereby the outcome of the protest will be determined

Courses:

A race hosted by Sail Nauticus may vary from race to race. The course will be announced by race committee prior to each start. Marks will be left port when rounding, except during a start or a leeward gate or otherwise announced by race committee. Skippers are expected to know local government marks or be able to find them using a chart.

Starting:

RC will post starting information in *Sailing instructions* (SIS).

Starts will take place between 1 floating orange mark and RC, unless stated differently by RC. All starts will follow the guidelines stated in **Rule 26** (5-minute sequence with flags) or guidelines in **Appendix U** (3-minute sequence with auditory signals).

- **Rule 26:**
 - Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
5*	Class flag	One	Warning signal
4	P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

*or as stated in the notice of race or sailing instructions

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

- **Appendix U:**

- US Sailing prescribes that when the sailing instructions so state the Audible-Signal Racing System described below shall be used. It is recommended primarily for small-boat racing or when race committee resources are limited. Rules in this appendix replace rule 26 and permit changes to Race Signals and the corresponding rules in Part 3.
 - U1 Any Race Signal may be made by hailing, in which case the corresponding visual signal may also be used, but not its designated sound signal.
 - U2 A series of short sounds may be made at any time to call attention to a hail or a visual signal.
 - U3 The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times. These signals shall be timed from their commencement and shall govern, even if visual signals are also used:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Sound</i>	<i>Time before start</i>
Attention	Series of short sounds	Before the warning
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	5 short, 1 second apart	5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1 seconds
Starting	1 long	0