



Dry Pants Model Yacht Club

2026 DF 95 New England Spring Ranking Regatta Saturday April 25, 2026 Deep River, CT

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 *Racing Rules of Sailing*, Appendix E for RC sailing, prescriptions of US Sailing, the DF 95 class rules and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Rule 31 is changed to Boats may touch marks without penalty, with EXCEPTION of the Starting and Finishing marks which may NOT BE TOUCHED while Starting or Finishing.
- 1.3 Any boat touching a start or finish mark shall complete a penalty turn (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) clear of other boats and start/finish correctly.
- 1.4 All DF 95's must adhere strictly to all Class Rules. The race committee and/or RD reserves the right to confirm any or all boats meet Class Rules.
- 1.5 A boat gone ashore or aground or become entangled with another boat or a mark, may be freed and re-launched by anyone.
- 1.6 While ashore or at the water's edge, boats may be adjusted, drained or repaired. They may have entangled objects removed and batteries may be changed. A damaged sail and/or equipment may be repaired or replaced with the approval of the Race Director (RD).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be given verbally by the RD and may be posted on an official notice board if available.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Verbal changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made at any time by the Race Director. The RD shall attempt to notify all competitors of verbal changes. This changes rule 90.2(c).

4 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Saturday xxxxx, 2026

0900	Registration/Practice
1015	Skippers Meeting
1030	First Warning Signal
1230 approx.	Lunch Break
1300 approx.	Afternoon Racing Begins
1530	No New Warning Signal
1545	Trophies (time approx.)

5 **RACING FORMAT**

The racing format will be a single fleet unless the RD determines HMS will be used.

6 **THE COURSE**

The Course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left, will be given verbally by the RD and for reference may be posted on a course board if available. The RD may change the racecourse between races.

7 **CONTROL AREA**

The control area is unrestricted with the exception that while racing sailors shall not stand on the rocks, launch dock, spillway or anything that would provide a visual advantage.

8 **LAUNCHING/HAULOUT AREA**

The area is unrestricted except as noted in 7. CONTROL AREA. Please make way ASAP for others.

9 **THE START**

- 9.1** Races and/or heats will be started as required by rule E3.4, two minute-start sequence.
- 9.2** Prior to the Preparatory signal, a boat may request the RD to postpone the starting sequence for five minutes for the repair of a technical problem or breakdown. When such a delay is granted, it will be announced, and the starting sequence will be re-started after the completion of the five-minute delay. Each boat may be granted one such delay for the day. Delays for tuning, adjusting sails or changing sails due to weather will not be granted.
- 9.3** Rule 29.1 (Individual Recall) will be amended as "no flags will be shown." If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at the START signal, the line judge will attempt to hail that boat and will be OCS for the race until restarted and clear. Failure of the skipper to hear such a hail will not be grounds for redress. Skippers will be on their honor to restart the race if no hail is given and the boat has not started correctly.
- 9.4** Round the End Rule (30.1) is in effect for ALL races. In rule 30.1 change (the last minute before her starting signal) to the "last 30 seconds before her starting signal".

10 **FINISH**

- 10.1** Boats that have finished must stay clear of the racecourse and boats still racing.
- 10.2** The RD may award a finishing position to any boat(s) that lag behind the balance of the fleet in finishing to promote more races/heats sailed.

11 PROTEST

- 11.1** A boat protesting another boat, while sailing, shall hail the other boat, as required by rule 61.1a as modified by rule E6.3.
- 11.2** Boats filing a protest with the protest committee must notify the RD immediately following the relevant heat. A protest form is not required. The protest hearing will be conducted using the "Five minute format". One minute for the person lodging the protest, one minute for the offending boat to rebut and three minutes for the protest committee to issue its finding. The finding of the protest committee is final and cannot be appealed. This modifies Rule 61.1.
- 11.3** The protest will be heard at the lunch break or at the completion of the last race unless the HMS is used in which case they will be heard immediately.

12 REDRESS

- 12.1** Boats requesting redress must notify the RD immediately following the relevant race or heat. A redress form is not required, this changes rule 62.2. The redress hearing will be conducted using the "Five Minute Format".

13 SCORING

- 13.1** The Low Point System described in Appendix A shall be used with the following modification: The score for one race shall be discarded after completing 4 races, two discards after completion of 8 races, three discards after completion of 16 races and four discards after the completion of 24 races, and so on.
- 13.2** A disqualification (DSQ) may not be discarded.
- 13.3** Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

14 AWARDS

Awards will be awarded to First thru Fifth place. Additional awards may be given based upon the Race Committee's recommendation.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 3, Decision to Race. Sailing is an activity that has risk of damage and injury. Dry Pants Model Yacht Club as the Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after sailing for both on-the-water and on-land activities. By participating in the Dry Pants Model Yacht Club regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers and all persons from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16 FAIR SAILING

Rule 2 Fair Sailing Sailors will exhibit sportsman-like behavior at all times during this regatta. Any sailor deemed to be in violation of Rule 2 may be issued a warning by the Race Committee. Second infractions may result in disqualification from the event and points earned will be revoked.