

29er U.S. National Championship – 2021

Selection event for the U.S. Youth Worlds Team

June 25-27, 2021
At Roger Williams University
Bristol, RI

Organizing Authority (OA) – Bristol Yacht Club,
in conjunction with the US 29er Class Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking the Sailing Instructions (SIs) noted by [NP]. The penalty for breaking those SIs noted by [DP] may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee (PC). This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 US Sailing Regulation 12.03, Protected Competitions shall apply. See Attachment A.
- 1.3 The two-turns penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty. This modifies RRS 44.1.
- 1.4 RRS 77 is changed so that a boat is not required to display national letters, however, competitors shall be required to comply with applicable class sail numbering rules.
- 1.5 In the case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments to them shall apply.

2. RECALL NUMBERS [DP] [NP]

Recall numbers will be the sail number the boat is displaying, regardless of her registration number.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors (including protest notifications) will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://29erusa.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?event=79>
- 3.2 All questions to the race committee (RC), PC, or OA must be made in writing and will be posted and answered on the official notice board with the exception of questions pertaining to instructions given orally on the water.
- 3.3 There will also be a physical notice board as a courtesy on the lower floor of the RWU Sailing Center.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the SIs will be posted no later than 0900 each morning on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1900 the day before a change will take effect.
- 4.2 Oral changes to the SIs may be given on the water. If so, the RC signal boat shall display code flag "L" and **competitors shall approach the signal boat and receive the oral change while code flag "L" is displayed.** The RC may also make a courtesy announcement on VHF channel 78A.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole at the RWU Sailing Center.
- 5.2 Code flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in the SIs or other notice to competitors has been posted on the official notice board.
- 5.3 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the warning signal for the next race will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals.

6. SAFETY [DP] [NP]

A boat retiring from a race shall notify any RC vessel before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, the protest desk immediately after arrival ashore.

7. FORMAT OF RACES

The 29ers will sail as one fleet.

8. SCHEDULE:

Friday June 25	
0730 – 0930	Competitor Check-in & Final Sail # Check
1000	Mandatory Competitors Meeting
1200	First Warning Signal
Saturday June 26	
1100	First Warning Signal
Sunday June 27	
1100	First Warning Signal
1500	Time limit for Last Warning Signal
As soon as possible	Prize Giving

9. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag is as follows:

Class	Class Flag
29er	White flag with a black 29er insignia

10. RACING AREA

Racing will be either on Mt. Hope Bay, or south of Hog Island, in Upper Narragansett Bay. See Attachment A.

11. THE COURSES

- 11.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed. All rounding marks shall be left to port, except 4S/4P which are gates.
- 11.2 If one of the gate marks is missing, the mark in position will be rounded to port.

12. MARKS

	Marks 1, 4S/4P	Start/Finishing Line marks
29er	Orange Marks	Yellow Marks

13. THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 13.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying orange flag on the RC signal boat and a mark, or the orange flag displayed from an anchored boat.
- 13.3 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

14. COURSE CHANGES

- 14.1 In the event of a course change, the RC will move the original marks, not replace them.
- 14.2 The RC may make minor adjustments in the course without signaling a change of course. This changes RRS 33.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finish line boat and a nearby mark as described in SI 12 and as shown in Attachment B.

16. TIME LIMITS (minutes)

Class	Time limit	Mark 1 time limit	Finish window
29er	45	15	10

- 16.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 16.2 Boats still racing and failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF and will be scored 2 more points than the last finisher in that race. This changes RRS 35, and A5.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms will be available at the protest desk at RWU Sailing Center.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is forty-five (45) minutes after the RC Signal boat docks.
- 17.3 The protest hearing schedule and the location of the hearings will be posted on the official notice board no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 17.4 Notice of scoring actions taken by the RC (shown in the posted results) or PC will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.5 On the last day of the regatta, a request for redress of a PC decision or scoring error shall be delivered within the protest time limit or within 30 minutes of the decision or results being posted, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes:
When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores (This changes RRS A2.) When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

Substitution of competitors, or repair or replacement of hulls, sails, or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.

20. SUPPORT PERSONS & SPECTATORS (DP)

- a) Except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger, at the boat's request or at the request of the RC, support and coach boats shall stay 50 meters outside all areas where boats are

- racing from the time the warning signal for the first class to start has been displayed until the time the last boat finishes or the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.
- b) All support persons and spectator boats shall provide their own VHF radio and monitor VHF channel 78A to receive instructions from the OA while near the racing venue. All such boats shall additionally function as Safety Boats and follow instructions from the OA.
 - c) Failure to register, failure to monitor the designated VHF channel, or failure to abide by instruction may result in operating restrictions being placed up on the support person, spectator, or their boat(s) during the regatta.

21. DISPOSAL OF TRASH [DP]

Boats shall not purposefully discharge trash into the water.

22. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION [DP]

A competitor shall not send or receive electronic communications from the time he or she leaves the dock until after the last race of the day.

23. PRIZES

- 23.1 Prizes will be awarded to first through third place. Additional awards may be presented.
- 23.2 U.S. Competitors who are under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2021 (Born after 31 December 2002) may be eligible to qualify for the US Youth World Team to compete at the 2021 World Sailing Youth World Championships.
See <http://www.ussailing.org/olympics/selection/youth-worlds/>
- 23.3 Additional US Youth World Team Representatives may be decided according to US Sailing Regulation 12.01

24. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT

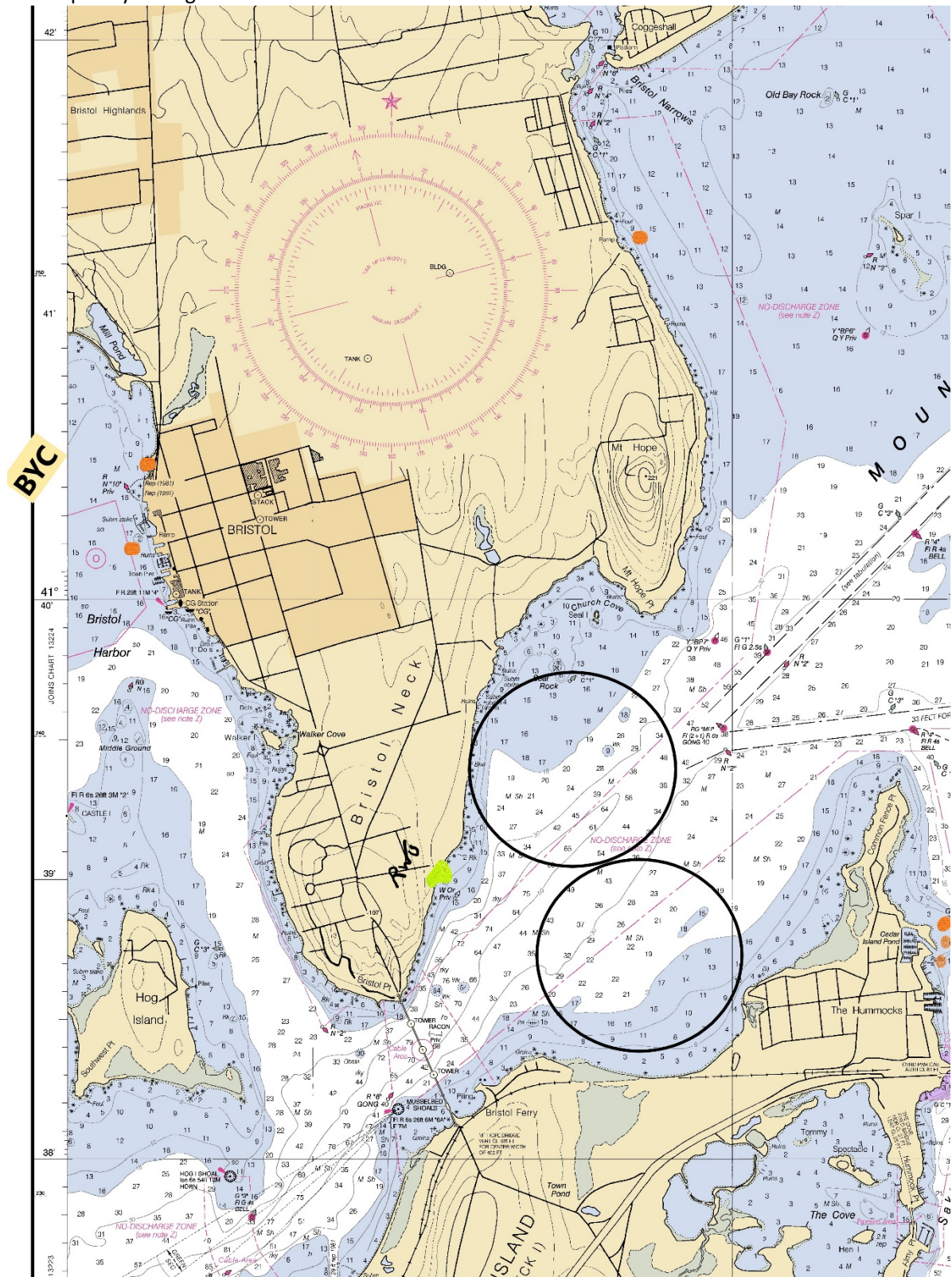
- 24.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 (Decision to Race). The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 24.2 The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.
- 24.3 All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per RRS 69.1, the Championships' Code of Conduct and/or the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

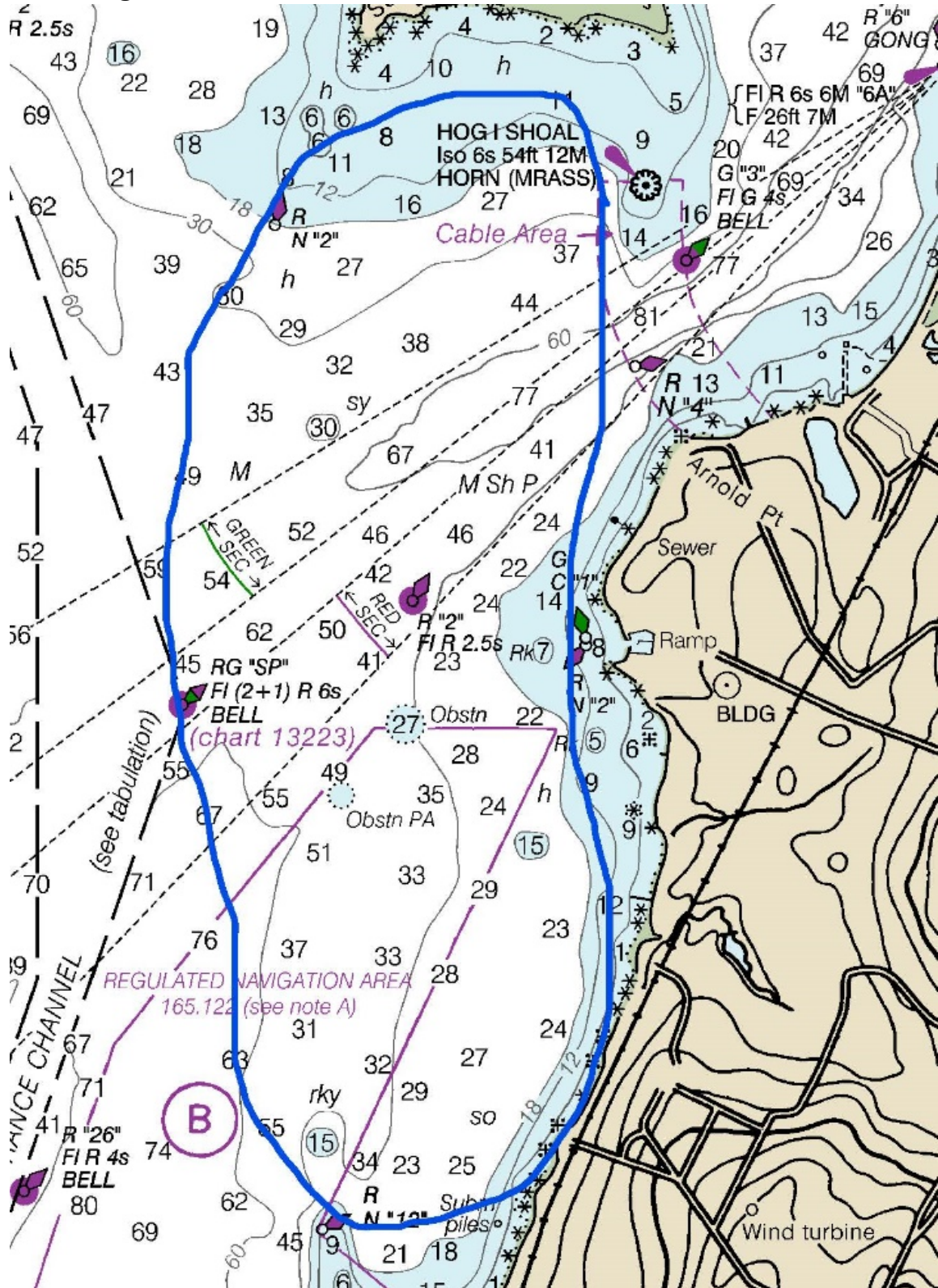
- 25.1 All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results will be posted at:
<https://29erusa.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?event=79>
- 25.2 For further information please contact Regatta Chairman Richard Feeny at Richard.feeny@gmail.com

ATTACHMENT A: Course Charts

Mt. Hope Bay Racing Area - Chart



South of Hog Island Course Area

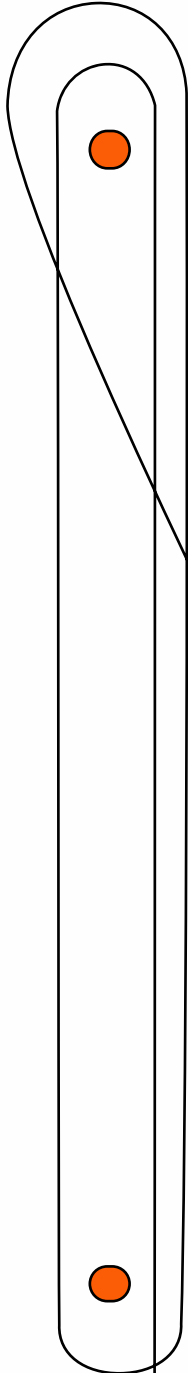


ATTACHMENT B: 29er COURSE DIAGRAM

Mark 1
(49er/FX)



Mark 1A

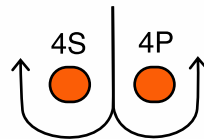


COURSE #1:

Start - 1A - 4 - 1A - Finish

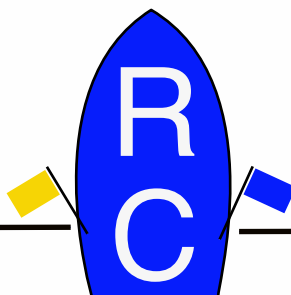
The start mark may be replaced with an orange flag in a "pin end" boat.

NOTE:
A gate may be used
in place of Mark 4.



Mark 4

Start



Finish

ATTACHMENT B (page 2): COURSE DIAGRAM

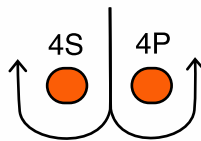
Mark 1
(49er/FX)

Mark 1A
(29er)

COURSE #2:

Start
1 (or 1A)
4
1 (or 1A)
4
Finish

NOTE:
A gate may be used
in place of Mark 4.



Mark 4

The start mark may be replaced with an orange flag in a "pin end" boat.

Start

Finish



ATTACHMENT C

PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

US Sailing Regulation 12.03 Protected Competitions will be in effect for this event. The following rules and procedures will apply:

- a) The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to RRS 63.4 are deleted.
- b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US Sailing member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by World Sailing at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
- c) The right of appeal will not be denied under RRS 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
- d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals. This changes RRS 63.3(a).
- e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

RRS R8, EXPEDITED APPEALS, will be used, <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules-and-appeals/expedited-appeals/>