



HORATIO BREWSTER MEMORIAL PURSUIT RACE
New Bedford Yacht Club Regatta Association (OA)
Saturday, June 15, 2024
Dartmouth, MA

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. GENERAL
 - 1.1. The event will consist of a pursuit race which will leave Padanaram Harbor & finish at Cuttyhunk Island.
2. RULES
 - 2.1. All races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
 - 2.2. No spinnakers or other free flying headsails are allowed.
3. NOTICES
 - 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Committee bulletin board located near the Commodores' parking area.
 - 3.2. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0830 hours.
 - 3.3. The Race Committee will endeavor to decide no later than 0900 hours whether to run the race. All competitors are encouraged to contact the NBYC to learn the status of the day's race.
4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
 - 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the NBYC flagpole indicating postponement or abandonment of the day's racing.
 - 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than sixty (60) minutes" in the race signal AP.
5. SCHEDULE OF RACES
 - 5.1. Warning signal for the first boat will be at 0955 hours Saturday, June 15th.
6. CLASS FLAG
 - 6.1. CLASS III PHRF Cruise Class flag is Numeral Pennant 3
7. RACING AREA
 - 7.1. Racing will take place in Buzzards Bay south of the Padanaram breakwater and extend to Bell R "6" of the mouth of Cuttyhunk Harbor.
8. COURSES AND MARKS
 - 8.1. The course will start at Mark "Z" approximately 0.6m south of the Padanaram breakwater and finish in the vicinity of Bell R "6", off the mouth of Cuttyhunk Harbor. Distance is 8.6 miles.
9. RESTRICTIONS
 - 9.1. All yachts must pass east of C1 (Hussey Rock) and east of G5 (Dumpling Rock).
10. THE START
 - 10.1. The start is a pursuit start. Using RRS 26.
 - 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the starting mark.

- 10.3. A horn will be sounded at the start of each subsequent boat.
- 10.4. [NP][DP] Skippers must obtain their starting time at the club office prior to the start of the race
11. THE FINISH
 - 11.1. The finish will be between a staff on the committee boat displaying a blue flag and the finish mark in the vicinity of Bell R "6" off the mouth of Cuttyhunk Harbor.
12. TIME LIMIT
 - 12.1. The first boat must finish within four hours of the warning signal. The last boat must finish within six hours of the warning signal.
13. SCORING
 - 13.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
 - 13.2. Handicaps for start time will be the allotted time.
14. PENALTIES WHILE RACING
 - 14.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply for penalties at the time of the incident. The penalty will be 10% with a minimum loss of one place. However, when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be 20% with a minimum loss of two places. A yellow flag or streamer must be attached to the backstay of the boat accepting fault promptly after the incident to indicate her desire to take a penalty. Notify the Race Committee at the finish.
 - 14.2. Rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply.
15. POST RACE PENALTIES
 - 15.1. A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty as stated below:
 - (a) 20% or a minimum loss of two places, if taken before the protest time limit, or
 - (b) 30% or a minimum loss of three places, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.
 - (c) Inform the Race Committee in writing.
16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS
 - 16.1. A yacht that intends to protest another yacht shall display her protest flag for one hour after the incident. This changes the third sentence of RRS 61.1(a).
 - 16.2. Requests for Hearings shall be delivered two hours after the time that the yacht finishes by email to racecommittee@nbyc.com
 - 16.3. Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform competitors when & where there is a hearing in which they are parties or witnesses; the weekend following the race. 16.4 The Protest Committee may assess time penalties in lieu of disqualification. Such penalties will be applied to the corrected time.
17. SAFETY REGULATIONS
 - 17.1. [NP] A boat shall check in before her first race of each day by hailing the race committee signal vessel with her sail number and the number of souls on board. Check in is not permitted by VHF. A boat is not considered check-in until she receives an acknowledgement from the signal vessel. A boat failing to check in will receive a 20% scoring penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3.
 - 17.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity by VHF radio or hail.
 - 17.3. Boats requiring emergency assistance shall first contact the US Coast Guard with the sail number, location, and nature of the emergency including description of any injuries and then the NBYC support vessel.
 - 17.4. Boats requiring nonemergency assistance shall contact the NBYC support vessel.