



Mattapoissett Yacht Club Commodore's Pursuit Race

Saturday, July 5, 2008 Sailing Instructions

ELIGIBILITY

The "Pursuit Race" is open to single hulled yachts with a 2008 PHRF-NE Certificate.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The race will be sailed under *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2005-2008, including US SAILING Prescriptions* and supplemented by these sailing instructions and amendments thereto.

Time allowances will be determined by the Race Committee based on a yacht's 2008 PHRF-NE rating:

Racing rating: Use of an asymmetrical spinnaker as per PHRF-NE By-Laws.

Cruising rating: Use of any type of spinnaker (incl. "cruising" spinnakers), double-headed headsail combinations (luffs attached to the forestay), or mizzen staysails are not permitted.

For the Commodore's Pursuit Race, both Race and Cruise yachts will be combined and start times will be published accordingly. Entrants must note on entry form which rating they are participating in.

SCRATCH SHEET:

A Scratch Sheet (listing yacht names, sail numbers, ratings and starting time) can be picked up in the MYC clubhouse at the Mattapoissett Boat Yard, after 0900 EDT, July 5th, or from the Race Committee boat on station. Late entries will not appear on the scratch sheet.

START / FINISH:

The "Pursuit Race" has a staggered start. Yachts will start in order from the highest PHRF-NE rating on down as indicated on the Scratch Sheet.

THERE WILL BE A RACE STARTING SEQUENCE - WARNING SIGNAL AT 11:20 AM EDT, to establish the official race time. If the start is postponed, the listed starting order and time differences between each start shall be maintained when the starting sequence is resumed.

The finish position of a yacht is the actual order of finish, except for a shortened race or protest.

THERE WILL BE A SOUND SIGNAL AT EACH LISTED START. Because of the staggered starts, the handicaps will have been figured out ahead of time.

COURSE MARKS

The area for the START/FINISH Line is located in Mattapoissett Harbor approximately 0.5 NM SE of Ned's Point. The START/FINISH Line shall be between an Orange Flag on the Committee Boat and a MYC Mark "H".

The following government aids to navigation and landmarks are referred to by the letter preceding them.

A - N2 Angelica point

B - Cormorant Rock

C – G9 Buzzards Bay

D - R2 Centerboard Shoal

L - Can 3 Mattapoissett Ledge

Course Z: Marks L B C D A

Course Z-R: Marks A D C B L

The Course chosen will be posted on the Committee boat.

AWARDS

First, Second, and Third Place. - There will be no separate awards for individual classes. The Race Committee reserves the right to add, limit or combine awards.

Awards will be presented at the MYC Annual Dinner, or arraignments can be made to pick them up by contacting the Race organizer or an MYC Flag Officer. Awards will be based on entry of two or more boats. The number of awards given will be as follows;

4 or more boats: First, second and third places

3 boats: First and second place only

2 boats: First place only.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will monitor **VHF channel 71**. Any yacht deciding to retire or having information to transmit to the Race Committee should use this frequency. In the event of cancellation of the race, an announcement will be made on this frequency in addition to displaying the appropriate visual signal.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

In addition to the prescribed racing rules, yachts prior to their start are to stay clear of the immediate vicinity of the starting line after the warning signal except those yachts within 5 minutes of their starting signal. Any yacht, prior to 5 minutes of her start, obstructs a starting yachts progress in the immediate vicinity of the starting line (30 yards directly behind it) can be protested. If upheld, a penalty of 30 minutes shall be added to the protested yachts finish time.

In the event of fog, all turning marks must be sighted during their rounding and time of rounding entered in a log.