



8th Fall Round the Bay Race

Saturday September 18th 2010

Starting Sequence begins at 11:30 EDT

The race will be managed by the Mattapoissett Yacht Club Race Committee who shall have the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the race, to decide protests; and to reject the entry of any yacht at any time prior to the preparatory signal for the start of that race, that in their opinion, is not seaworthy or does not comply with the spirit of the rules and conditions of the race.

Responsibilities Owner's and Skipper's

The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole responsibility of the skipper, who must assure that the yacht is seaworthy and manned by a competent crew. The skipper must assure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used. Neither the establishment of equipment regulations nor any inspection of a yacht in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a yacht's skipper. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the skipper and crew of a yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue in the race. The Mattapoissett Yacht Club is in no way responsible for accidents or injury to yachts or personnel suffered in any way or from any cause during or related to the "Spring Round the Bay Race"

ELIGIBILITY

The "Spring Round the Bay Race" is open to single hulled yachts with a 2010 PHRF-NE Certificate with a cruising rating of **257 or less**.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The race will be sailed under **The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2011, 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 2010 PHRF-NE rating.

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

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

ENTRY & ENTRY FEE

The Entry must be received by the Mattapoissett Yacht Club, as prescribed on the race application, on or before 1600 EDT, Friday September 17th

A valid Entry requires all of the following (including for all MYC members):

- Completed and signed Entry Form or Online Registration
- Entry fee payment. Checks made payable to the Mattapoissett Yacht Club.

LATE ENTRIES

Entries received after the due date specified on the race application, Friday September 17th after 1600 EDT, shall be accepted by the Race Committee as late entries up until the Committee Boat leaves the dock. A late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for all late entries.

SCRATCH SHEET

A Scratch Sheet (listing yacht names, sail numbers, ratings and starting time) can be picked up in the MYC clubhouse at the Mattapoisett Boat Yard, after 0900 EDT, Saturday, September 18th, or from the Race Committee boat on station. Late entries may not appear on the scratch sheet.

AWARDS

First, Second, and Third Place - Racing and Cruising 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 for classes will be based on entry of two or more boats per class. The number of awards given per class 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.

START / FINISH

The area for the START/FINISH Line is located in Mattapoisett 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 "Spring Round the Bay Race" has a staggered start. Yachts in class (racing or cruising) 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 1130 EDT, to establish the official race time and the first start will be at 1135 EDT. 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 in class, 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. In order to have flexibility in setting courses suited to prevailing conditions, starting times will be calculated for 3 courses and designated as follows;

RACE "X" A,B,C,D,E,G,A

CRUISE "X" A,B,C,D,F,G,A

RACE/CRUISE "Y" A,B,D,G,A

RACE/CRUISE "Z" A,G,D,B,A

A.....G "1" Bell, Nye Ledge

B.....R "2SE" Bell, West Island

C.....pass South of Weepecket Islands

D.....G "13" Bell, Woods Hole

E.....G "9" Bell Main Channel

F.....R "2" Gong, Main Channel

G.....R "4" Gong Main Channel, Cleveland Ledge 3

Course designation will be chosen and posted on the STARBOARD side of the Committee Boat prior to the Warning Signal of the Starting Sequence

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, who 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.

POSTPONEMENT / ABANDONMENT

In the event of severe weather the race committee will postpone the race. It will be sailed at the same time the following day. If the severe weather persists the second day, the race will be canceled by the MYC Race Committee. Yachts should call the MYC Race Committee on **VHF channel 71** if there are any questions of severe weather.

The Race Committee reserves the right to abandon and shorten the race. In the event the course is shortened, the Committee will use handicaps recomputed for the shortened course. Finishing positions will not be known until some later time.

Any yacht deciding to retire shall inform the Committee Boat either by hail or VHF radio.

PROTEST

The provisions of The Racing Rules of Sailing, Part 5 - Protests, Hearings, Misconduct and Appeals will be followed except as modified by this circular. Verbal notice of intent to protest must be made to and acknowledged by the Race Committee on the Committee boat immediately after the protesting yacht has finished or retired; otherwise the protest will be invalid. Protest shall be written and deposited in the protest box at the MYC side entrance door before 1800 EDT, Sunday September 19th. Protest hearings are scheduled to begin at 1600 EDT, Saturday September 25th unless otherwise notified.

ENGINES

Engines may only be used in emergencies or to assist another vessel in distress. The Race Committee will make allowances for such engine use provided proper log entries are submitted.

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.

TIME LIMIT

The first yacht to finish at or before 1730 hours EDT will establish a time limit for all other yachts to finish by 1900 hours EDT. A yacht failing to do so will be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF).

In the event no yacht finishes by 1730 hours EDT, the race will be abandoned.

For additional information on this and any other MYC events, visit the website at www.mattapoissettyc.org