

MATTAPOISETT YACHT CLUB 2023
Chowder cup / Boat parade

Notice of Race

ELIGIBILITY:

Current MYC members (do not need to be an active boat owner.)

BOATS AND SAILS:

Pearson Ensigns: Non-spinnaker event, CALLING ALL ENSIGN OWNERS Goal is to get as many Ensigns and people on the water for a fun day event. Even if they are not active racers

RACES AND RULES

Only the Ensign owner / skipper are allowed in their boats.

Regular ensign crew will be assigned by RC to opposing boats

All other participants will be randomly assigned to a boat. (schoolyard pick)

If 6 or more Ensign are participating A team scoring format could be used.

Where conflicts occur among the rules, the MYC Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

SCORING:

The Low-Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be made available the morning of the event at the yacht club.

NOTE: On-the-water activities will conclude with a PARADE of SAILS around the Harbor. Around 1700 hrs MYC members will gather around Racing Mark H for a Sail by Ned Point, into Molly Cove then turning to the town pier/Boat Ramp and finishing in front of the town beach.

ENTRY:

6.1. Ensign skipper registration/participatiing are due no later than Aug 25 th, 2023. This is so we know how many boats and spots there will be for participates.

6.2 Crew / participate sign up are in-person to the Race Committee at the yacht club the morning of the event

6.3 All Skippers are to provide a phone number to be used by the Race Committee to notify them of any cancellations or any other relevant changes for that afternoon's events.

PRIZES:

7.1 The top three finishing competitors will receive a prize glass.

7.2 The top team competitors will receive awards. (if team racing is held)

7.3 Special awards can be given by the discretion of the race committee and could include
Best Looking Boat

Best Looking Crew
Best Party Boat
Most improved

SCHEDULE OF RACING:

1300 hrs All competitors will meet at MYC for Skipper meeting and crew assignments
1400 hrs 1st Preparatory Signal off Ned's point Racing mark H
Scheduled to run 3-4 races for the day
1700 hrs Parade of Sails (open to all MYC members)
1800 hrs Awards and social gatherings at the yacht club.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021 - 2024, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), the prescriptions of your Class Association, and by these sailing instructions. Where conflicts occur among the rules, these sailing instructions shall take precedence.

2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats any Ensigns including those only used for rec conditional use, Ensigns that are in Tuesday Night Series will be auto entered

6. COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will notify all skippers with a group text of any cancellations or relevant changes to the day races by 1200hrs.

All Skippers are required to provide a phone number to receive these notifications on their entry forms. –

The Race Committee will announce all ' on the water ' announcements on VHF Channel 71. –

All vessels must have a VHF radio on board. –

Any and all Race Committee broadcasts will not be grounds for redress.

9. RACING AREA AND MARKS

The racing area will be in the outer Mattapoisett Harbor and drop marks will be used.

10. THE COURSE

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be displayed on the Race Committee Course Board before or with the warning signal for the first start.

NOTE THESE WILL NOT BE TYPICAL RACES.

– The Race Committee will display “W”, for windward/leeward course followed by a number which denotes the number of legs of the course to be sailed.

These courses will be sailed around drop marks.

The Leeward mark will be the pin end of the starting line.

– The Race Committee will display “WX “ for a windward/leeward course, in which the leeward mark is a drop buoy placed downwind of the start/finish line. This course will also be followed by

a number which denotes the number of legs of the course to be sailed. This course may be used for an upwind finish option. (Example WX4).

– The Race Committee shall also show the approximate compass bearing and the estimated distance to the windward mark, on the course board

• Example: “WX 4” 1.5 245 M – A windward / leeward course.

– 4 legs long (windward / leeward / windward / finish downwind)

– The leeward mark is leeward of the starting line.

– The windward leg is an estimated 1.5 nm from the starting line, And the compass bearing to the windward mark is 245 degrees magnetic.

Chowda cup amendments to Ensign courses.

The Race Committee may display “**AROUND WE GO**” This course amendment will require all competitors to perform a 360 on each leg. Boats may choose to do this at any time during the leg but must complete the 360 before each mark.

The Race Committee may display “**FIRST TO LAST?**” This course amendment will require the 1st boat around each turning mark to perform a 360.

The Race Committee may display “**MUSICAL HELM**” This course amendment will require any crew member to helm one complete leg. Skippers may choose to do this on any of the legs.

The Race Committee will display “**TAG YOUR IT**” This course amendment states if you are tagged during any part of the race course your boat must go to the end of the fleet. Getting Tag is defined as any crew member that is hit with over 2 cups of water by another crew member. (Super Soakers maybe?)

The Race Committee will display “**BACK ASS-WOULD**” This course amendment states the finish line will be determined by the first crew member “Buttocks” is the first to cross.

11. THE START – First Gun at 1400hrs

11.1 Races shall be started using the following signals.

Times shall be taken from the visual signals,
the absence of a sound shall be disregarded.

5 Minute Starting Sequence Warning -
Class Flag(s); One Sound (5 min. to start) Preparatory
- "P" Flag; One Sound (4 min. to start)
One Minute - "P" Flag Lowered;
One Sound (1 min. to start) Start -
Class Flag Lowered; One Sound (START)

11.1.1 The Race Committee shall attempt to make five sound signals approximately one minute before the warning of each race. Failure to do so does not give grounds to a redress.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat on the starboard end of the line, and the port end starting mark.

12. RECALLS

12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with racing rule 29.1 as a Courtesy. The Race Committee may attempt to call premature starters by broadcasting their sail numbers on CH 71. Failure of a yacht to see, hear or interpret a recall notification shall not relieve her of her obligation to properly start, nor shall it be grounds for redress under RSS 62.

12.2 When a general recall has been signaled, a new preparatory signal will be made one minute after the lowering of the code flag "First Substitute" with one sound signal.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the designated mark.

14.2 A yacht that starts a race but fails to finish must report to the race committee as soon as possible.

14.3 The time limit is two hours. Yachts failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes, will be considered "DNF" (Did Not Finish).

14.4 If no boat rounds the first windward mark within 45 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.

15. PROTESTS (there is no protest hearing in a event like this)

15.1 A yacht intending to protest shall notify the race committee upon finishing or retiring. For yachts sailing single-handed, racing rule 61.1 (a) is modified to delete the requirement to fly a protest flag.

15.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the MYC clubhouse and delivered to the Race Committee no later than 1630hrs on the day after the race.

15.3 Skippers will be notified of time and place of hearing in accordance with Rule 63.2.

16. SCORING

16.1 The series score for each boat will be the sum of her scores. If a series consists of six or more races, one race will be discarded for scoring purposes. If a series consists of eight or more races, two races will be discarded for scoring purposes.

16.2 Low Point System to be used (RRS-A 4). A boat penalized under rule 30.2 or 44.3 shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3.

16.3 Series ties shall be broken in accordance with RRS A8.