

# Gloucester Ocean Pursuit Race

Sponsored by Eastern Point Yacht Club

Gloucester, MA

Sunday, August 4, 2019

- 1.1 **Event:** The Gloucester Ocean Pursuit Race will be held on Sunday, August 4, 2019. The organizing authority is the Eastern Point Yacht Club, Gloucester, MA.
- 2.1 **Eligibility:** The race is open to all boats with a valid ORRez handicap.
- 2.2 **Registration:** Simply go to the Regattaman website <https://www.regattaman.com>.
- 3.0 **Fees:** Entry fee is \$60, minus \$5 for US Sailing Membership and \$5 for MBSA membership, for registrations no later than noon, Saturday, August 4, 2018 and \$85 (with no discounts) for late registrations.
- 2.4 **Handicap System:** The ORRez handicap system will be used, and Regattaman will compute the starting times. In registering for the race, boats should declare whether they want to use their racing (SPIN) ratings or cruising (JAM) ratings. Boats can change their choice of rating up until 8a the morning of the race. In ORRez terminology, this will be a "Random Leg" race. The wind range (in ORRez terminology) The initial starting times will be calculated using a "medium" range.
- 3 **Rules:** This Event will be governed by the Mass Bay Sailing Association General Sailing Instructions including the MBSA ORR-ez bylaws, except as changed by these Event Sailing Instructions. Use of electric winches is permitted in this race; this changes RRS 52.
- 4 **Notices to Competitors:** Notices will be posted on the Regattaman website <https://www.regattaman.com>, and emails will be sent to registrants from the Regattaman website. Starting times for each boat, notices of cancellation/postponement, and any changes to sailing instructions will be available by 9:00 am the day of the race on this site. Any questions please contact Michael Connolly @ 603-203-4464 or [michaelconnolly1@comcast.net](mailto:michaelconnolly1@comcast.net) All boats must check in by passing by the Committee boat prior to the Warning signal.
- 7.1 **Schedule of Races:** There will be one race for all boats. There will be no Skippers Meeting.
- 7.2 **Warning Signal:** Warning signal will be @ 11:55
- 10.1 **The Course:** The start/finish line will be at Kettle Ledge about 2 miles SW of Groaner (R "2" Fl R 4s WHIS) which is outside Gloucester Harbor. The coordinates of the start/finish line are 42 32 600 N and 70 41 600 W. The first part of the course will be triangular beginning at the starting line, rounding two marks, and ending at a yellow turning mark near the starting line. The two marks are: the government mark at Newcomb Ledge (G1) and a race buoy set about 3.6 miles SE of the start/finish line at N 42 31.00 and W 070 37.50. The second part of the race will be a windward/leeward leg from the yellow turning mark to a windward (or leeward depending on wind direction) mark set by the Race Committee two miles from the turning mark. The finish line then will be between the yellow turning mark and the committee boat. The race will proceed clockwise (course A, all buoys to starboard) or counter clockwise (Course B, all buoys to port). The course (A or B) will be announced by the committee boat prior to the start of the race. The direction of the windward/leeward mark will be shown on the Race Committee Boat at the end of the triangular course, and the coordinates of the windward or leeward mark will be announced by the Race Committee (on Channel 72) prior to the beginning of the windward/leeward leg. The length of this race is about 15.5 miles. In the event of light air, the race committee will designate a shorter course.
- 14.2 **Recalls:** Boats that cross the starting time prior to their designated start time will be hailed by the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72.
- 17.1 **Time Limit:** The race will be abandoned if the first boat does not cross the finish line within five hours of the time of the first boat to start. Boats finishing more than one hour after the time limit will be scored DNF (did not finish).
- 24 **Prizes:** MBSA will score this race as two classes (racing and cruising). Prizes will be awarded for First, Second And Third (racing or cruising) and First, Second And Third Overall. The awards ceremony will be at the EPYC Gloucester MA after the race.
- Social Activities:** All captains, crews, and their guests are invited to the EPYC after the race (5:00 to 7:00 pm). There will be a cash bar with complimentary refreshments provided by the.
- Moorings and rooms:** Race participants may reserve moorings and rooms at Eastern Point Yacht Club (978-283-3520). Also, other moorings can be reserved at the Gloucester Harbor Master.