

2024 Great Chase Race

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FLEETS: There will be FIVE fleets. Your division will be determined by your Great Chase rating (GCR). Fleet are as follows; A, B, C, D, One Design (Rhodes 19, J-24, Thunderbird, 110, etc). The Race Committee may create new fleets or adjust the Fleet Splits depending on the final entry list. You must declare whether you will be Cruising (Jib and Main only) or Racing (Spinnaker) at the time of entry. You may change Cruising or Racing up until the Warning Signal, however, all changes done on the day of racing must be *done on-line*. ***Race committee will not accept changes by radio or in person the day of the regatta!***

The Committee will assign ratings to boats that do not have a current ORR-Ez certificate.

STARTING PROCEDURE: All vessels should meet east of Sheep Is. at 12:30. The Race Committee will lead the fleet to the proper starting line. Boats may check in **on-line** but should **NOT** check in with Race Committee. **(Please stay clear of the starting area until your start time!)**

12:55	WARNING: PREP flag goes up, Horn
12:56	Radio time announcement
12:57	Radio time announcement
12:58	Radio time announcement
12:59	Radio time announcement
13:00	START PREP flag down, GCR flag UP and GUN

Your assigned start time is the amount of time **AFTER the START (GCR flag UP and gun)**. The Race Committee will make an effort to announce each minute after the start. This notice is informational. Skippers are responsible for keeping track of their own starting time.

The race committee will attempt to use GPS time for all signals. In the event of a Postponement for any reason (i.e., large tanker) the race committee will still attempt to use GPS time with an exact minute delay of the start. Example: the committee will announce the new starting time is 13:45:00 PM.

You will be assigned two starting times, one for the Short - 5.5 mile course and one for the Long -11 mile course. The rating used to establish your starting times will be determined the day before the race at approximately Noon time. The race committee will post the course approximately 5 minutes before the warning.

NOTE: ALL BOATS MUST KEEP CLEAR OF COURSE SIDE OF THE STARTING LINE FROM THE WARNING SIGNAL UNTIL ONE MINUTE BEFORE THEIR STARTING TIME. Any boat in a triangle formed by the starting marks and the first mark, before one minute prior to their start may be penalized 3 finishing places by the race committee. BE FAIR TO SMALLER BOATS. 35 footers don't need to steal the starting air for a 19 foot CAT boat 30 minutes before their start.

AWARDS: Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 finishers in each division. We will also award the top club. The winner is the lowest finish total of the clubs first five boats.

RADIO USE: The Race Committee will use VHF channel 68 for communicating with the fleet.

WITHDRAWAL and TIME LIMIT: If you are retiring from the race, please notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by hailing or calling on channel 68. The time limit for the race will be 5:00 PM.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices will be posted on the Chase Race Information webpage at: http://www.regattaman.com/def_event_page.php?race_id=1&yr=2024 and emailed to all competitors.

PROTESTS: Due to the nature of this event we would like to discourage any protests if possible. We encourage skippers to accept the alternative penalty (720) when appropriate. If a protest hearing is necessary, protests need to be submitted in writing by 18:00 the day of the race. A hearing will be held at the Hull Yacht Club following the race. Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final with no appeals.**COURSES:** We will be using drop marks. There will be one course (11nm) for all fleets. This course will use marks that are Green and Triangular. A sketch of a possible course setup is shown on the next page. The actual shape depends on the winds and the topography of the bay. All marks of your course will be left to port.

The Starting/Finish line will be between the Orange Flag on the Race Committee boat Harbinger and the Yellow Ducky.

STARTING TIMES: There will be two starting times listed on the scratch sheet for each boat. These two times will be list in two column with the headings Medium and Heavy. (see note 1 for more details. Sailors will use the start time that is indicated on the Course board. RC will decide which start time is to be used before the warning signal.

COMMUNICATIONS: The course board on the bow of the RC boat will show for each fleet:

- L or S - i.e.. Whether to use your long course (L) starting time or your short course starting (S) time. M or H – i.e. Whether to use your Medium(M) starting time or your Heavy(H) starting (S) time
- How many times around the course indicated by the number inside the circle.
- The distance and bearing to the first mark of the course

At subsequent marks, a Race Committee official boat may either; display a course board indicating the direction and distance to the next mark, or lead the first boats in the direction of the next mark.

The Race Committee may make an attempt to communicate the course information by any of the following methods; via VHF channel 68, direct email, or by posting online.

A sample course board on the committee might look like this:

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330
3.1

SHORTEND COURSE: The RC may at their discretion shorten the course any time 2 hours after the first gun. No time adjustments will be made for the reduced distance sailed.

Note 1: Rationale for two starting times for the same physical course. The forecast for the race indicates a wind speed somewhere in the 14-25 knots during the race. The rating system we use has the ability to give a rating that is based on Wind Speed and expected performance of different boat types. We are confident that all boats will be able to finish the long course well within the time limit.

Course
Example

