

Boston Youth Sailing Foundation

*August 13, 2016
Pursuit Race*

REGATTA INVITATION



The once & future Flip Flop Regatta

Welcome Sailors!

The Boston Youth Sailing Foundation, and the Founders of the Flip Flop Regatta, invite all sailors to participate in this 13th annual open ocean regatta, and a Mass Bay Pursuit Series Qualifier. The **SAIL FOR A CHANGE REGATTA** will take place at 12 pm on Saturday, August 13, 2016 and will be a pursuit race starting outside Boston Harbor, with each boat starting on her own time. The race will be open to all mono-hull racing/cruising boats holding a current 2016 PHRF New England certificate. ***The Regatta is a Qualifying Race for the Mass Bay Pursuit Series.***

A private skippers' meeting will be held at the Courageous Sailing Center at 7:00pm on Friday, August 12th, 2016. Each registered skipper is allowed to bring one guest. A public party and Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday evening, August 13th after racing. Festivities will take place under the Mount Gay Rum Tent on Pier 4 at the Courageous Sailing Center at 6pm Saturday, and will be open to racers and guests who have purchased identification bracelets. Refreshments and live entertainment will be on hand.

The **Boston Youth Sailing Foundation** has a Steering Committee that includes the Flip Flop Regatta Founders, volunteers from Constitution Yacht Club, and other representatives from Courageous Sailing and the New England sailing community.

Funds raised from the **Boston Youth Sailing Foundation Regatta** will go to support nonprofit inner-city youth sailing programs in and around Boston, such as Courageous Sailing, Piers Park Sailing, and others.

For more information regarding online registration and obtaining an application for a PHRF certificate, please call 617-843-5477.

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NOTICE OF RACE

Boston Youth Sailing Foundation is the organizing authority for the 2016 Regatta, a pursuit race to be held inner and outer harbor waters of Boston Harbor.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governing by:

- A. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (RS).
- B. The PHRF of New England Rules & Regulations
- C. Rule 52 is deleted.
- D. If there is a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
- E. Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skipper's Meeting. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the notice board at Courageous Sailing no later than 9am on the day of the race.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Regatta is open to mono hull cruising/racing boats which;

- A. have a 2016 PHRF NE handicap assigned by PHRF NE; and
- B. conform to the ISAF Special Regulations Governing Minimum Standards for a Category 4 race.

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to accept entries that do not

comply with all of the criteria specified above.

3. ENTRY PROCEDURES

Online registration will be available on the website.

- An email will be sent to all participants to verify receipt of application.
- Online registration must include: regatta fee and a copy of a valid 2016 PHRF certificate. If you are participating in this event as part of the Mass Bay Pursuit Race Championship, you must also provide your Mass Bay Membership number.
- No entries will be accepted after 6pm on August 6, 2016.

4. FEES—SAILBOAT ENTRIES ONLY

Entry Fees must be received by 6pm August 6, 2016. (Entry fee includes \$60.00 race fee, and 2 bracelets at \$70.00 each for admission to tent activities.) Skippers are permitted to purchase additional crew bracelets with their entry fees.

- * Additional means of registering are available below, and through Skipper Sponsorship packages described online.
- * Additional bracelets for the tent will be available at race registration for \$100.00, or CREW tickets can be purchased by the skipper online for \$75 until August 10th.

5. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third party Hull and adequate liability insurance.

6. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk and must sign a Waiver of Liability form. See RRS 4, decision to race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta (including on-shore regatta events).

7. EQUIPMENT

The PHRF Fleet must comply with all of the ISAF Special Regulations for a Category 4 race. Please pay special attention to Regulation 1.02 regarding Owner's Responsibility, as well as, but not limited to the following provisions of the regulations:

- A. We reserve the right to allow specific one-design classes to be exempt from Section 3.14;
- B. All boats must carry a marine radio in accordance with Section 3.29; and
- C. All boats must have sail numbers (not manufacturers numbers or logos) in accordance with Section 4.01.

8. RATING

All boats racing the Regatta must have a valid 2016 PHRF NE Handicap rating.

9. MANAGEMENT

The Race Committee shall have the authority to interpret the rules governing the race, and to decide protests. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat anytime before and after the race.

10. DIVISIONS and STARTING TIMES

The Regatta will be sailed in one or more divisions depending on the number of entries and will be a pursuit race, with each boat starting at a designated time. The initial warning signal is scheduled for 12pm on August 13, 2016. Starting times will be assigned by the Race Committee and published with the Sailing Instructions.

11. CONDUCT

The boat owner or skipper will be responsible for the conduct of the crew offshore and onshore. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any boat, skipper, or crew from this race and/or future races in the event of a serious breach of conduct.

Reasonable safety and environmental measures mandate no water balloons, water fights or firecrackers, or other inappropriate conduct.

12. IDENTIFICATION

A Race Weekend Identification Bracelet will be required for admittance into the Mount Gay Rum Tent. Bracelets are available for crewmembers and guests over 21 years of age.

Picture ID's are mandatory for admittance to the Mount Gay Rum Tent. Children will not be allowed in the tent.

Skippers are responsible for all crew and guests for whom they purchase bracelets. All Skippers and crew participating in the Regatta must complete the Waiver of Liability prior to the Skippers meeting. Waivers will be available through the online registration process.

13. DOCKAGE

Dockage is available on Pier 4 next to the Regatta Tent for \$50/night on a reservation basis only. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Shore power will not be available in the "bullpen". Portable facilities will be available on the premises. Skippers rafted in the "bullpen" are responsible for ensuring they have adequate fender support for docking/rafting. The race committee reserves the right to place and move docked boats as necessary, and at their discretion.

Alternatively, you may contact the following marinas to reserve dockage.

Constitution Marina
28 Constitution Road
Boston, Massachusetts 02129
phone: (617) 241-9640

VHF: Channel 69
www.constitutionmarina.com

Charlestown Marina
1 Pier Eight
Charlestown, MA 02129
Phone: (617) 242-2020
VHF: Channel 71
www.charlestownmamarina.com

Boston Yacht Haven
87 Commercial Wharf
Boston MA 02210
Phone: (617) 367-5050
Email: contact@bostonyachthaven.com
www.thebostonyachthaven.com

Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina
256 Marginal Street
East Boston. MA 02128
Phone: (617) 561-1400
VHF: Channel 9
www.seachain.com/bostonharbor.shtm

For more information on the *Boston Youth Sailing Foundation*, including online registration, Sponsorship, and ticket purchasing, please call 617-843-5477.

Boston Youth Sailing Foundation is a Massachusetts not-for-profit corporation, organized under article 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Funds raised through BYSF events are distributed to not for profit Inner-City Youth Sailing Programs.



Please help support the cause by becoming a Racing Sponsor!

Admiral Sponsor \$ 1,200

- 1 Yacht Entry and 2 Regatta Tickets
- 2 Invitations to the Skipper's Meeting BBQ
- 6 Additional Event Tickets for Saturday Mount Gay Rum Tent Party
- Dockage Friday & Saturday evening at Courageous
- Special Recognition on Scratch Sheets and Results Page of Website
- Special Recognition in the *Sail For A Change* Commemorative Booklet

Captain Sponsor \$ 800

- 1 Yacht Entry and 2 Regatta Tickets
- 2 Invitations to the Skipper's Meeting BBQ
- 4 Additional Event Tickets for Saturday Mount Gay Rum Tent Party
- Special Recognition in the *Sail For A Change* Commemorative Booklet

Skipper Sponsor \$ 500

- 1 Yacht Entry and 2 Regatta Tickets
- 2 Invitations to the Skipper's Meeting BBQ
- 2 Additional Event Tickets for Saturday Mount Gay Rum Tent Party
- Boat Name Recognition in the *Sail For A Change* Commemorative Booklet

Auction Donors

Sail For A Change is looking for Silent & Live Auction Items to help us raise funds for the Inner-City Youth Sailing Programs. Items valued at \$100 to \$10,000 are gratefully accepted.

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