

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

2019

EYC SUMMER PURSUIT RACES

EASTERN YACHT CLUB
Marblehead, Massachusetts

Friday, June 14, July 5, August 9, 2019



Pursuit racing is simple and fun. Boats start in reverse order according to their ratings with slowest boats starting first. The first boat around the course wins. Give it a try! First time as well as experienced racers are all welcome.

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules (changes RR 44).
- 1.3 Contact between boats is grounds for disqualification of both boats (Changes RR. 14, 18.3).
- 1.4 All boats shall only use sails per their PHRF or Class Rule cruising rating without spinnakers or genakers.

2. REGISTRATION

- 2.1 Open to all PHRF, one design, and cruising boats. If you do not have a 'PHRF rating certificate' the RC (Race Committee) will assign one. Register at www.regattaman.com/calendar.
- 2.2 Registration must be before 2100 hours the day before the race. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee. The Regattaman website shows an up-to-date scratch sheet - click on 'View Current Race Entries'. There is NO FEE required to register for the race.
- 2.3 The RC may adjust handicaps to insure competition.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The first start shall be approximately 1800 hours on June 14, 1800 hours on July 5, and 1730 hours on August 9.

4. COURSE

- 4.1 The description of the possible course will be provided in an Addendum to the Sailing Instructions. Copies will be available at the EYC Sailing Center and on the Regattaman web site at www.regattaman.com/calendar.php. The course length will range from 2 nm to 10 nm. Course to be sailed will be signaled by flags on the RC signal boat.
- 4.2 The starting area shall be between the mouth of Marblehead harbor and Children's Island.
- 4.3 Shortening of a race shall be between a blue flag on a race committee boat and the nearest mark of the course.

5. MARKS

Marks shall be government navigation buoys and/or orange tetrahedrons.

6. THE START

- 6.1 The starting line shall be between a staff on a RC boat bearing an orange flag staff and a green tetrahedron mark. The mark may be replaced by another RC boat bearing an orange flag.
- 6.2 A blue flag will be raised with one sound signal at the beginning of the start time sequence.
- 6.3 Each boat will start according to her rating with slower boats going first. Copies of the starting times will be available on the www.regattaman.com web site.
- 6.4 The RC will attempt to do a countdown for each boat's start to be broadcast on VHF channel 72.

7. THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between a staff on a RC boat bearing a blue flag and a green tetrahedron mark.

8. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the race is 15 minutes before sunset. Time may be extended by a broadcast from the RC on 72.

9. SCORING

Boats shall be scored based on their finishing position.

10. PROTESTS

Since this is informal racing, competitors are urged to avoid possible protest situations. If this is not possible, you are encouraged to take a One-Turn Penalty as per 1.2.

11. SAFETY

- 11.1 All boats shall have a working VHF radio, navigation lights in accordance with USCG regulations, current distress flares, an operational flashlight and an engine or designated tow line.
- 11.2 A boat retiring from racing or in distress shall notify the RC on VHF channel 72 at the earliest opportunity.

12. POST RACE

Please come to socialize and enjoy FREE FOOD & a chit/cash bar at the EYC Sailing Center post-race.