

Savin Hill YC invites all sailors to the Boston Light Pursuit Race!

Event: The Boston Light Race, First warning at 1155, Saturday, October 5, 2024. The Organizing Authority is Savin Hill Yacht Club.

1 Rules

1.1 This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Mass Bay Sailing Association General Sailing Instructions and ORR-ez bylaws except as changed by these Event Sailing Instructions.

1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.

1.3 RRS 52 is deleted

1.4 This event is open to all vessels with a valid 2024 ORR-ez rating. If a vessel does not have a valid ORRez rating, a rating for this race only will be assigned. Assigned ratings cannot be appealed.

2 Notices to Competitors Notices to competitors will be emailed no later than 1000 on October 5, 2024.

Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be emailed before 1000 on October 5, 2024. Changes will also be posted on regattaman.com

4 Signals Made Ashore

No signals will be made ashore. The Race Committee will monitor and make announcements on VHF channel 68. This is also the VHF channel for the Savin Hill Launch, post-race.

5 Schedule of Races

5.1 Only one race is scheduled. The format is a pursuit race.

6 Class flags are not required

7 Racing Area

The racing area is in and around the Boston Harbor Islands. Attachment 1 shows the courses to be used and the location of the racing area.

8 The Courses

8.1 Attachment 1 outlines the courses.

8.2 The Race Committee will announce the course at least 15 minutes before the first warning.

8.3 Courses will not be shortened. This changes rule 32.

8.4 Courses 1 and 2 may be sailed in either a "clockwise" or "counterclockwise" direction at the discretion of the skipper. Course 3 shall be sailed only in a clockwise direction. See appendix 1 for the rounding directions for each course.

9 Marks

9.1 The start line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and G1.

9.2 "Standoff" marks may be deployed to define the starting box.

9.3 All other marks shall be government marks.

10 Areas that are Obstructions

Refer to the MBSA GSI's for a list of obstructions in Boston Harbor and Mass Bay.

11 The Start

11.1 The warning signal shall be made 5 minutes before the first boat's assigned starting time.

11.2 Boats must start at or after their assigned starting time.

11.3 Boats not within 5 minutes of their starting time shall avoid the starting area.

11.4 Boats shall be considered to be Racing from 4 minutes before their assigned starting time.

11.5 The first warning is scheduled for 1155 with the first start at 1200.

13 The Finish

13.1 The finish will be between a flag on the committee boat and G1 northeast of Spectacle Island. If the committee boat is not on station, the finish will be to the south of G1 when a vessel sites a bearing of 010 degrees Magnetic between the vessel and G1.

15 Time Limits

15.1 The time limit for all boats shall be 1600 hours. If the committee

boat is not on station, skippers shall take their own time and report it to the race committee on VHF 68 or via email at their earliest ability – djstevek@aol.com

16 Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1 An electronic protest must be filed before 1630 or ½ hour after the last finish, whichever is earlier. If the RC is on station, the last finish will be announced on VHF 68.

16.2 Protest forms are available at the US Sailing website.

16.3 Hearings will be held at Savin Hill Yacht Club.

17 Scoring

17.1 Boats will be scored in the order they finish with respect to their class in accordance with Mass Bay Pursuit Race scoring guidelines.

18 Safety

18.1 A vessel that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

27 Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

28 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at Savin Hill YC at the winter Awards Dinner. Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place in the spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions. If a class has more than 10 competitors, 3rd place will also be awarded.

29 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

30 Insurance

Participating boat shall be insured appropriately with valid third-party liability insurance.

Appendix 1 – Courses.

List of Marks and approximate locations	Mark Description	Location (approx.)
G17 FI G 2.5s North of Long Island	42 19.960 N 070 57.524 W	
C5 C "5" Nubble Channel	42 19.860 N 070 57.039 W	
G5 FI G 4s ENE Graves Light	42 22.548 N 070 51.474 W	
RN6 R N "6" Boston Ledge	42 20.076 N 070 51.816 W	
CHS GR C "HS" Hospital Shoal	42 18.720 N 070 56.244 W	
R2 R "2" Kelly Rock	42 19.237 N 070 54.700 W	
G1 G "1" Northeast of Spectacle Island	42 19.883 N 070 58.734 W	
RN2 R N "2P" South of Quarantine Rocks	42 17.950 N 070 57.168 W	
N6 R N "6" South of Long Island	42 18.394 N 070 58.559 W	
G3 G "3" Q G North of Spectacle Island	42 19.875 N 070 59.467 W	
Hypocrite Channel Between Calf I and Green I	42 20.919 N 070 53.692 W	

Unless otherwise noted, courses may be sailed “clockwise” or “counterclockwise”. Start and finish lines must be honored.

Course 1 (Clockwise) – 14.0 nm:

Start – G17(S) – G5(S) – RN6(S) – R2(S) – G17(P) – Finish (G1)

Course 1 (Counterclockwise) - 14.0 nm:

Start – G17(S) – R2(P) – RN6(P) – G5(P) – G17(P) – Finish (G1)

Course 2 (Clockwise) – 11.0 nm:

Start – G17(S) – Hypocrite Channel – RN6(S) – R2(S) – G17(P) – Finish (G1)

Course 2 (Counterclockwise) – 11.0 nm:

Start – G17(S) – R2(P) – RN6(P) – Hypocrite Channel – G17(P) – Finish (G1)

Course 3 (Clockwise Only) – 7.0 nm:

Start – G17(S) – C5(S) – CHS(S) – RN2(S) – N6(S) – G3(S) – Finish (G1)