



2024 RACER-CRUISER WEEKEND PURSUIT RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Beverly Yacht Club (BYC)

Saturday, June 15, 2024

Marion, Massachusetts 02738

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Notation '[DP]' means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. In the event of any conflict between the *Notice of Race* and the *Sailing Instructions*, the *Sailing Instructions* will prevail.

1. RULES

The event is governed by the rules defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024 (RRS), except as changed by the Notice of Race or by these Sailing Instructions.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted, at least 24 hours prior to the first scheduled warning signal, on the Official Notice Board located on <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27916>
- 2.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water by the race committee on the boat prior to the warning signal and after displaying signal flag "L" and a radio announcement by the race committee on VHF CH 72.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27916>
- 3.2. Scratch sheets including start times will be available through the registrant's email, no later than 0900 on the day of the race.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF CH 72.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP]Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the BYC flagpole.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. COURSES

Courses are as described in the *Notice of Race*.

7. START AND RECALLS

- 7.1. The start will be in the vicinity of Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (Fl R) at Centerboard Shoal (BYC mark "G")
- 7.2. Boats will be allocated a start from 11:00:00 relative to their handicap and those times will be listed on the scratch sheet.
- 7.3. The first boat(s) to start will be allocated 11:00:00 and will start in accordance with RRS 26.
- 7.4. For subsequent boats, their preparatory signal and their one-minute signal shall be deemed to have been made at four minutes and at one minute respectively before their nominal starting time. Their starting signal will be the start time announced with a single sound. This changes RRS26.
- 7.5. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).
- 7.6. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other boats.
- 7.7. **INDIVIDUAL RECALLS**
 - 7.7.1. Boats starting early by one minute or more shall have that amount of time added to their elapsed time and then a further 10% elapsed time penalty added. No recall signal shall be made. This changes RRS 29.1.
 - 7.7.2. Boats starting early by less than one minute: The race committee shall promptly display code flag 'X' accompanied by one sound signal. The flag will be displayed for a period of 30 seconds or until all such boats have completely returned to the prestart side of the line by rounding one of the ends, whichever is earlier. A 10% elapsed time penalty shall apply to boats that fail to return to the pre-start area and start correctly. This changes RRS 29.1.
- 7.8. **GENERAL RECALLS**

There shall be no general recalls. This changes RRS 29.2.

8. POSTPONING PURSUIT RACES

Postponement of pursuit races shall be in accordance with RRS 27.3. In the event of postponement, the starting minutes allocated will remain the same. Yachts will start at their allocated number of minutes after the rescheduled start time. The start sheet will not be reprinted. Yachts will be advised of the rescheduled start time via VHF CH 72.

9. FINISHING

The finish line will be between the staff from which a blue flag is displayed on the finish boat and the course side of the nearby mark.

10. TIME LIMITS

The Racer Cruiser Weekend Pursuit Race has a time limit of five (5) hours from the first start.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1. Protests must be handwritten in quadruplicate and submitted to the race chair, not before the first cocktail is served, and no later than 17:00, at the party in Cuttyhunk.
- 11.2. A boat requesting redress based on her scores shall do so within seven days of the posting of the scores. This changes RRS 62.2. Requests for redress shall be written or filled-in on hearing request forms available in the BYC Protest Box located on the wall to the left of the clubhouse door on the porch and from US Sailing. The form shall be completed, photographed (if on paper) and emailed to protest@beverlyyachtclub.org.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Scoring is as described in the *Notice of Race*.
- 12.2 Scores will be posted on the Racer Cruiser Weekend Pursuit Race site on <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27916>.

13. SAFETY

- 13.1. [DP] When Code Flag “L” is displayed on the race committee signal boat before a warning signal, boats shall check in by sailing past the signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their numbers until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 13.2. Every competing boat is required to carry a VHF radio and monitor VHF radio CH 72 from the preparatory signal and while racing.
- 13.3. A boat that retires shall notify the race committee by text message at their earliest convenience. Cell numbers will be provided on the scratch sheet.

14. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.** 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 racing.

15. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Competitors may contact the following individuals for additional information:

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