

# Wickford Yacht Club



## NOTICE OF RACE 2024 DUTCH ISLAND" PURSUIT RACE September 21, 2024

### 1. Organizing Authority

The Wickford Yacht Club pursuit race is sponsored by the Wickford Yacht Club (WYC). The Wickford Yacht Club is the race organizing authority. This race is open to WYC members and guests.

### 2. Rules

- 2.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021 – 2024, except as modified by this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any Amendments to the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 All yachts must have the safety equipment on board as required by the US Coast Guard and the State of Rhode Island.
- 2.3 US Sailing Rule 82 is waived for this event.

### 3. Eligibility

Each yacht sailing must submit their latest PHRF. If you do not have one, one will be assigned to you. Failure to either submit or request to have one assigned will result in the yacht being scored DNC. Rating changes will not be made retroactive to the Race. PHRFs may be left in the Rear Commodore's mailbox, sent via email ([suzythoms@gmail.com](mailto:suzythoms@gmail.com)), or indicate that we already have it if you are a Wednesday Night racer.

3.1 Classes: All Yachts will race in Cruising Class. PHRF Certificates may be obtained by applying to:

*PHRF-NB  
PO Box 0073  
Bristol, RI 02809-0073  
401-253-0207  
401-254-1495 fax  
Web Site - [www.phrf-nb.org](http://www.phrf-nb.org)*

### 4. Owner and Person in Charge

4.1 The term "Person in Charge" means the person who is designated in the Entry Form who will act as Captain of the yacht during the series.

### 5. Responsibilities of Competitors

As a condition precedent to his or her participation in the Dutch Island Pursuit Race (including without limitation all activities relating to events sponsored by the Wickford Yacht Club), each participant assumes any and all risks associated with such participation and each yacht and each participant waives and releases any and all claims, including those of negligence or equivalent

conduct against the host, its directors, members, employees, representatives, and associated volunteers.

## **6. Race Procedures**

The race chair must receive a registration from each Owner or Person in charge of each participating yacht by noon September 20, 2024. All Notices are available at:

[www.wickfordyc.com](http://www.wickfordyc.com) under the racing tab.

A completed registration means that you have registered using the link below and submitted your current PHRF or asked for one to be assigned:

## **7. Sailing Instructions**

The 2024 Pursuit Race Sailing Instructions will be available September 18th, online at [www.wickfordyc.com](http://www.wickfordyc.com). BE SURE TO BRING THEM WITH YOU WHEN RACING.

## **8. Course**

The race will be held in the vicinity of Wickford Harbor and Dutch Island in Narragansett Bay. There will be a long course A for medium to heavy wind and a short course B for light wind. The courses will be posted on [www.wickfordyc.com](http://www.wickfordyc.com) under the racing tab. Both Courses will be using Government US Government Navigation Aids which appear on all Narragansett Bay Charts. The actual course to be sailed by all boats will be determined at the Captain's meeting at the WYC at 0930 on Saturday 9/21.

## **9. Dispute Resolution**

The Procedures outlined in the RRS 2021-2024 shall apply except as modified by this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any Amendments to the Sailing Instructions.

## **10. Radio Communications**

All Boats will attempt to monitor Channel 78 throughout the racing series. Except in an emergency, boats shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **11. Social Activities and Facilities**

12.1 There will be a BYOB gathering at WYC post race.

12.2 Dock usage at the Yacht Club is for loading and unloading only. The main loading dock is reserved for the specific use of the Race Committee.

12.3 Parking at the Wickford Yacht Club is limited, and the parking lot is reserved for club members only. Please car-pool if possible. The East Side of Pleasant Street near the Yacht Club is a NO PARKING ZONE to establish a fire lane. The end of Pleasant Street is a public boat ramp, DO NOT PARK IN THE LOADING RAMP AREA. The Town will ticket and tow violators. If members park in the Yacht Club parking lot, leave your keys in the car so as not to block others. Many children, walkers and bikers use Pleasant Street so please travel slowly, let's be good neighbors!

12.4 Competitors, crew, and their guests will comply with the rules of the Wickford Yacht Club while on the premises. Any damage or theft may result in an assessment of the registrants.

**13. Changes to the Notice of Race**

The Wickford Yacht Club reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Any such changes will be made prior to the Saturday, September 21st race and will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board at Wickford Yacht Club.

**14. Inquiries**

Please address all inquiries concerning Wickford Yacht Club's Dutch Island Race to:

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