

# Wickford Yacht Club



## Sailing Instructions 2024 DUTCH ISLAND PURSUIT RACE September 21, 2024

### 1.0 GENERAL

- 1.1 The event will consist of a pursuit race on Saturday, September 21, 2024.
- 1.2 Pursuit races are designed to encourage participation—and for fun. There will only be one class; Non -Spinnaker. All participants may engage in “trash talk” and use water cannons and other non-incapacitating items provided safety is not compromised. Cheating is frowned upon but may be tolerated depending on the donation. Adjustments to PHRF handicaps may be purchased (cash only!) through the Rear Commodore.

### 2.0 RULES

- 2.1 All races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing. The races will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions and any Amendments to the Sailing Instructions. US Sailing Rule 82 is waived for this event
- 2.2 It is the sole responsibility of each Owner or Person in Charge to decide whether to start or continue to race and to make certain that their yacht, equipment, and crew are seaworthy for the conditions which may be encountered.
- 2.3 All Yachts (Owner or Person in Charge) must have a waiver completed or on file and turned in prior to the Captain’s meeting (see 7.2) or they will not compete. Please see the [www.wickfordyc.com](http://www.wickfordyc.com) web page under ‘racing’ for the waiver form.

### 3.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Open to WYC members and guests.

### 4.0 ENTRIES

- 4.1 Race entry fee is \$00.00. (zilch)

### 5.0 NOTICES

- 5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Wickford Yacht Club. Notices and results may also be posted at [www.wickfordyc.com](http://www.wickfordyc.com).
- 5.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900 hours the day of the race.
- 5.3 The RC will endeavor to decide no later than 1100 hours whether to run the race. All competitors are encouraged to contact the WYC to learn the status of the day’s race.

### 6.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the WYC flagpole. In the event of race cancellation, the race may be rescheduled.

## **7.0 SCHEDULE**

7.1 The first boat will start 1100 hours Saturday September 25, 2021. Boats will be given staggered start times with the slowest boats starting first progressing to the fastest starting last based on their PHRF. Start times will be determined by the boats PHRF rating.

7.2 There will be a Captains' meeting Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 0900 on the WYC patio.

## **8.0 RACING AREA**

8.1 The race will be held in Narragansett Bay. The starting line will be abeam Red Gong "2" right outside the harbor. All marks to be rounded are government buoys prominently displayed on the charts

## **9.0 COURSE AND MARKS**

There are two courses depending on wind direction and speed.

9.1 Course A will start abeam Red Gong "2" at right outside of Wickford Harbor at their assigned starting time. Yachts will then proceed to G"5" NW of Conanicut Point (N on the Wed Night course chart) and round it to Starboard. Yachts will then proceed southbound and pass underneath the Jamestown Bridge using any one of the three highest spans. Yachts will continue rounding Dutch Island to Port or Starboard, then proceed back through any of the 3 center spans of the Jamestown Bridge to Red Gong "2" outside of the harbor, record your time.

9.2 Course B will start abeam Red Gong "2" outside of the harbor, proceed to the Red Green Government mark at the south end of Prudence Island, rounding it to Port. Yachts will then proceed to Hope Island, rounding to Port, then proceed to the finish line at Red Gong "2" outside Wickford Harbor and record your time.

## **10.0 RESTRICTIONS**

10.1 All boats will pass through any of the three center (highest) spans of the Jamestown Bridge.

10.2 Obey all Government Marks.

## **11.0 STARTING**

The start is a pursuit start. As this race may include yachts and crews new to racing, veteran racers are asked to exercise both caution and discretion throughout the race. SKIPPERS MUST OBTAIN THEIR STARTING TIME PRIOR TO THE START OF THE RACE.

11.1 The starting area will be a point abeam Red Gong "2" right outside the harbor.

11.2 Each yacht will pass abeam Red Gong "2" at their assigned starting time, no earlier.

11.3 Yachts shall stay clear of the starting area unless within three minutes of their start time

## **12.0 FINISH**

12.1 The finish will be abeam Red Gong "2" outside Wickford Harbor and record your GPS time.

## **13.0 TIME LIMIT**

13.1 The first boat must finish 4.0 hours after their start.

## **14.0 SCORING**

14.1 For all boats a PHRF rating is needed. If you do not have one, one will be determined for you. If a yacht in this class has a recent PHRF certificate, please provide it along with your waiver. There will be no protest allowed for assigned PHRF ratings.

14.2 All boats will be scored in the order of finish. The results will be posted on the WYC notice board.

## **15.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protests are discouraged. Race participants are encouraged to rectify rule infractions by executing a 360 degree turn on the racecourse as soon as practical avoiding other boats

(see 16.4). If you are over early at the start, return to the start side of the starting line while avoiding other boats and 'restart'.

15.2 INFORMING THE RACE COMMITTEE: A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform Rear Commodore (Suzanne Thoms) after the race of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee. A boat shall confirm her intent to protest with the Rear Commodore within 30 minutes of the last finish.

15.3 EXPEDITED HEARINGS: THREE MINUTE JUSTICE

- All protests shall be delivered, in writing, to the Race Chair within 30 minutes after the last racer finishes.
- A protest committee consisting of three individuals will be quickly formed. A member of the Race Committee is not required.
- All parties must be present.
- The protestor will have one minute to present the protest.
- The protestee will have one minute to defend.
- The Protest Committee will have one minute to reach a decision.
- Three Minute Justice hearings apply to all hearings except hearings under RRS 69.

## **16.0 OPTIONAL PENALTIES**

16.1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the three-boat length zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

16.2 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE: After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Scoring Penalty. Rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply when such a penalty is taken. Rules 44.3(a) and (b) are deleted and replaced by: 'A boat takes a Scoring Penalty by informing the race committee in writing when and where the incident occurred.'

16.3 The Scoring Penalty for a class:

- with less than 5 boats shall be 1 place
- with 5-10 boats shall be 2 places
- with over 10 boats shall be 3 places

The Scoring Penalty shall be calculated as stated in Rule 44.3(c).

## **17.0 LEAVING THE RACECOURSE/EMERGENCY**

17.1 Any participant of this WYC-sponsored race that leaves the racecourse after starting must notify the Rear Commodore as soon as possible: she will be monitoring VHF Channel 78.