



Notice of Race and Event Sailing Instructions
Hospice of the North Shore & Greater Boston
18th Annual Benefit Regatta
Sunday, June 17, 2012
Organizing Authority: Eastern Yacht Club



- 3.1 **Entries:** Entries with the fee and a valid PHRF certificate must be submitted to the Eastern Yacht Club before 1730 on June 16. You may register on-line at www.easternyc.org and view a continuously updated SCRATCH SHEET on the site.
- Classes:** The regatta is open to PHRF Racing, Cruising, and One Design Classes. For PHRF yachts this regatta is designated as a qualifier for the 2012 Massachusetts Bay PHRF Season Championship. Except for J/105's, a minimum of three One Design Class yachts of the same class will constitute a "fleet" within a PHRF class.
- 3.2 **Fees:** The entry fee is \$50 (if a check is used make it payable to Hospice of the North Shore). *Late entries may be accepted by the Race Committee and are required to make an additional donation of \$10.*
- 4.1 **Rules:** The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Mass Bay Sailing Association Notice of Race and General Sailing Instructions (GSI) will govern the regatta, except as changed by these Event Sailing Instructions (ESI). **The representative for the 2013 National Hospice Alliance Championship in St. Petersburg, FL, will be selected from the spinnaker fleets by the rules to be announced at the Skippers' Meeting.**
- 5.1 **Notice to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Race Committee Notice Board located across from the reception desk at EYC.
- 6.1 **Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Any written amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the Skippers' Meeting and will be posted as set forth above. Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be given on the water communicated on VHF Channel 72 before the Class warning signal.
Skippers' Meeting: There will be a Skippers' Meeting on June 17 at 0930 at the Eastern Yacht Club when Sailing Instructions, any Amendments and Scratch Lists will be distributed. It is the responsibility of each entrant to obtain this information at that time.
- 7.1 **Signals Made Ashore:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the EYC flagstaff.
- 8.1 **Schedule of Races:** One race is scheduled for all classes.
- 8.2 **Warning Signal:** The first warning signal shall be **no earlier than 1200.**
- 9.1 **Classes and Class Flags:** Alphabet code flags will designate classes in accordance with the MBSA class splits. Any class with less than three entries may be combined with another class for a combined start. Classes will be scored independently.
- 10.1 **Racing Area:** In the vicinity of Tinkers Rock Gong Buoy, Mark D, List A.
Check-in Before the Start: All boats must check-in by sailing past the Race Committee signal boat.
- 12.1 **Marks:** MBSA Standard Rounding Marks, Lists A & B, or MBSA Standard Courses using orange tetrahedrons. A black band will be attached to an orange tetrahedron for a change of course after the start mark. If a green flag is flown no later than four (4) minutes before the start it means "Mark 1 for the class about to start will be a green tetrahedron. This applies to each rounding of Mark 1 by this class" (changes RRS 27.1 and Race Signals).
- 14.5 **The Start:** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The time interval between the start of one class and the warning signal for the subsequent class will be at least one minute.
- 15.2 **Recalls:** The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF channel 72.
- 18.1 **Time Limit:** The time limit will be 3 hours after the start of each class.
- 20.4 **Protests:** Protests must be filed on forms provided by the Eastern Yacht Club and submitted to the Race Committee no later than one hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat has docked. Docking time will be posted as set forth under Paragraph 4.
- 21.1 **Scoring:** The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply. The alternative scoring penalty of USSA Rule 44.3 will apply except in the case of contact between yachts racing.
- 27.1 **Prizes:** Trophies will be awarded in each class with at least three registered competitors. The awards ceremony is scheduled for approximately 1700.
- Social Activities:** Sunday social activities will begin after the races. The EYC facilities will be open after the races to offer hospitality to competitors, their crew and guests. Further details may be found on the EYC (www.easternyc.org) and Hospice of the North Shore (www.hns.org/regatta) websites.