



## 2014 Great Chase Race SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### **FLEETS:**

The Race Committee will adjust the Fleet Splits depending on the final entry list. It is expected that there will be 4 PHRF fleets and a One Design fleet.

You must declare whether you will be Cruising (Jib and Main only) or Racing (Spinnaker) at the time of entry. Your GCR rating will be your racing rating if racing or your cruising rating (+10sec) if you are Cruising. You may change Cruising or Racing up until the Warning Signal, however, all changes done on the day of racing must be *done on-line*. ***Race committee will not accept changes by radio or in person the day of the regatta!***

The Committee will assign ratings to boats that do not have a current PHRF handicap.

### **STARTING PROCEDURE:**

All vessels should meet east of Sheep Is. at 12:30. The Race Committee will lead the fleet to the proper starting line. Boats should **NOT** check in with Race Committee. **(Please stay clear of the starting area until your start time!)**

We will try to begin the start as *close* to 13:00 as possible.

12:55	WARNING: GCR flag goes up, Horn
12:56	Radio time announcement
12:57	Radio time announcement
12:58	Radio time announcement
12:59	Radio time announcement
13:00	START GCR flag down and GUN

Your assigned start time is the amount of time **AFTER the START (GCR flag down and gun)**. The Race Committee will make an effort to announce each minute after the start. This notice is informational. Skippers are responsible for keeping track of their own starting time.

The race committee will attempt to use GPS time for all signals. In the event of a Postponement for any reason (i.e., large tanker) the race committee will still attempt to use GPS time with an exact minute delay of the start. Example: the committee will announce the new starting time is 13:45:00 PM.

You have been assigned two starting times, one for the Short - 5.5 mile course and one for the Long - 11 mile course. The race committee will post the course approximately 5 minutes before the warning.

**NOTE: ALL BOATS MUST KEEP CLEAR OF COURSE SIDE OF THE STARTING LINE FROM THE WARNING SIGNAL UNTIL ONE MINUTE BEFORE THEIR STARTING TIME. Any boat in a triangle formed by the starting marks and the first mark, before one minute prior to their start may be penalized 3 finishing places by the race committee. BE FAIR TO SMALLER BOATS. 35 footers don't need to steal the starting air for a 19 foot CAT boat 30 minutes before their start.**

**WITHDRAWAL and TIME LIMIT:**

If you are retiring from the race, please notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by hailing or calling on channel 71. The time limit for the race will be 5:00 PM.

**AWARDS:** Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 finishers in each division. We will also award the top club. The winner is the lowest finish total of the clubs first five boats.

**RADIO USE:** The Race Committee will use VHF channel 71 for communicating with the fleet.

**NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices will be posted on the Chase Race Information webpage at: [http://www.regattaman.com/def\\_event\\_page.php?race\\_id=1&yr=2014](http://www.regattaman.com/def_event_page.php?race_id=1&yr=2014) and emailed to all competitors.

**PROTESTS:**

Due to the nature of this event we would like to discourage any protests if possible. We encourage skippers to accept the alternative penalty (720) when appropriate. If a protest hearing is necessary, protests need to be submitted in writing and hearings will be held at the Hull Yacht Club following the race. Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final with no appeals.

**COURSES:**

We will be using drop marks. There could be up to two different courses for different fleets. The Green course will have marks that are Green and Triangular, and the Yellow Course will have marks that are Yellow and Round. A sketch of the intended course shape is shown below. At any particular locations both a Yellow and a Green Mark may be present.

The Starting/Finish line will be between the Race Committee boat Harbinger and the Yellow Ducky.

This course board will indicate for each fleet:

- Which course is to be sailed, (Green or Yellow)
- Long or Short Course - i.e. Whether to use your long course (11 nm) starting time or your short (5.5nm) course starting time.
- How many times around the course
- The distance and bearing to the first mark of your course

At subsequent marks, a Race Committee official boat may either; display a course board indicating the direction and distance to the next mark, or lead the first boats in the direction of the next mark.

The Race Committee may make an attempt to communicate the course information by any of the following methods; via VHF channel 71, direct email, or by posting online.

A sample course board on the committee might look like this:

A,B,OD	C,D
Green	Yellow
1 – Long	2 – Long
330 – 3.1	350 – 1.1

This would indicate that:

Fleet A, B and One Design would sail the green course once around using their long course starting time. Fleet C, D would sail the yellow course twice around using their long course starting time. The marks might be arranged as shown on the next page

Course Example

