

Gloucester Ocean Pursuit Race

Sponsored by Eastern Point Yacht Club and the Rhumb Line Restaurant

Gloucester, MA

Sunday, August 6, 2017

- 1.1 **Event:** The Gloucester Ocean Pursuit Race will be held on Sunday, August 6, 2017. The organizing authority is the Eastern Point Yacht Club, Gloucester, MA.
- 2.1 **Eligibility:** The race is open to all boats with a valid PHRFNE handicap.
- 2.2 **Registration:** Simply go to the Regattaman website <https://www.regattaman.com>.
- 2.3 **Fees:** Entry fee is \$60, minus \$5 for US Sailing Membership and \$5 for MBSA membership, for registrations no later than noon, Saturday, August 5, 2017 and \$85 (with no discounts) for late registrations.
- 2.4 **Handicap System:** PHRF Time on Distance will be used.
- 3 **Rules:** This Event will be governed by the Mass Bay Sailing Association General Sailing Instructions except as changed by these Event Sailing Instructions. Use of electric winches is permitted in this race. This changes RRS 52.
- 4 **Notices to Competitors:** Notices will be posted on the Regattaman website <https://www.regattaman.com>, and emails will be sent to registrants from the Regattaman website. Starting times for each boat, notices of cancellation/postponement, and any changes to sailing instructions will be available by 9:00 am the day of the race on this site. Please contact the Race Committee on VHF Channel 73 with questions, starting at 11:00 am the day of the race, or call 617-407-2632 before then.
- 7.1 **Schedule of Races:** There will be one race for all boats. The first boat will leave the starting line at 12:00 noon. Starting times for all entries will be set according to PHRF handicap. The boat with the highest PHRF rating will start first; the boat with the lowest rating will start last. Racing handicaps will apply unless the cruising handicap is selected at registration. There will be no Skippers Meeting.
- 7.2 **Warning Signal:** The first boat will start at 12:00 noon (GPS time). The Race Committee will announce the starting time for each boat on VHF Channel 73.
- 10.1 **The Course:** The start/finish line will be at Kettle Ledge about 2 miles SW of Groaner (R "2" Fl R 4s WHIS) which is outside Gloucester Harbor. The coordinates of the start/finish line are 42 32 600 N and 70 41 600 W. The first part of the course will be triangular beginning at the starting line, rounding two marks, and ending at a yellow turning mark near the starting line. The two marks are: the government mark at Newcomb Ledge (G1) and a race buoy set about 3.6 miles SE of the start/finish line at N 42 31.00 and W 070 37.50. The second part of the race will be a windward/leeward leg from the yellow turning mark to a windward (or leeward depending on wind direction) mark set by the Race Committee two miles from the turning mark. The finish line then will be between the yellow turning mark and the committee boat. The race will proceed clockwise (course A, all buoys to starboard) or counter clockwise (Course B, all buoys to port). The course (A or B) will be announced by the committee boat prior to the start of the race. The direction of the windward/leeward mark will be shown on the Race Committee Boat at the end of the triangular course, and the coordinates of the windward or leeward mark will be announced by the Race Committee (on Channel 73) prior to the beginning of the windward/leeward leg. The length of this race is about 15.5 miles. In the event of light air, the race committee will designate a shorter course.
- 14.2 **Recalls:** Boats that cross the starting time prior to their designated start time will be hailed by the Race Committee on VHF Channel 73.
- 17.1 **Time Limit:** The race will be abandoned if the first boat does not cross the finish line within five hours of the time of the first boat to start. Boats finishing more than one hour after the time limit will be scored DNF (did not finish).
- 24 **Prizes:** MBSA will score this race as two classes (racing and cruising). But in the Cape Ann tradition, prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third overall. There will also be an award for first in the class (racing or cruising) for the boat that does not win first overall, and this boat will not be eligible for an overall award. The awards ceremony will be at the Rhumb Line Restaurant (40 Railroad Avenue in Gloucester) after the race.
- Social Activities:** All captains, crews, and their guests are invited to the Rhumb Line Restaurant after the race (5:00 to 7:00 pm). There will be a cash bar with complimentary refreshments provided by the Rhumb Line Restaurant.
- Moorings and rooms:** Race participants may reserve moorings and rooms at Eastern Point Yacht Club (978-283-3520). Also, other moorings can be reserved at the Gloucester Harbor Master.