



Notice of Race and Event Sailing Instructions
FIRECRACKER PURSUIT RACE
EASTERN YACHT CLUB
Marblehead, Massachusetts
Friday – July 3, 2020



Pursuit racing is simple and fun. Boats start in reverse order according to their ratings with slowest boats starting first. The first boat around the course wins. Come have FUN! First time and experienced racers are all welcome.

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules (changes RR 44).
- 1.3 Contact between boats is grounds for disqualification of both boats (Changes RR. 14, 18.3).
- 1.4 All boats shall only use sails per their PHRF or Class Rule cruising rating without spinnakers or genakers.
- 1.5 NOTE - This is a jib and main (JAM) only event.

2. REGISTRATION

- 2.1 Open to all PHRF, one design, and cruising boats. If you do not have a 'PHRF rating certificate' the Race Committee (RC) will assign a rating. Register at www.regattaman.com/calendar.php. There is **NO FEE** required to register for this race. The RC may adjust handicaps to insure competition.
- 2.2 On-line Registration shall be done no later than 2100 hours the day before the race. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee. The Regattaman website shows an up-to-date scratch sheet & start time - click on 'View Current Race Entries'.
- 2.3 The RC may adjust handicaps to facilitate competition.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACE

Only one race will be held for each Class. The first start will be approximately 1430 hours local time.

4. COURSE

- 4.1 The course will be provided in an Addendum to the Sailing Instructions. Copies will be available at the EYC Sailing Center and on the Regattaman web site at www.regattaman.com/calendar.php.
- 4.2 The starting area shall be at the mouth of Marblehead harbor adjacent to green GM C"1".
- 4.3 Shortening of a race shall be between a blue flag on a race committee boat and the nearest mark of the course. The RC boat will also display an 'S' flag.

5. MARKS

Marks shall be government marks (GM) navigation buoys or orange tetrahedrons.

6. THE START

- 6.1 The starting line shall be between a staff on a RC boat bearing an orange flag and a government mark C"1". The mark may be replaced by another RC boat bearing an orange flag.
- 6.2 A blue flag will be raised with one sound signal at the beginning of the start time sequence.
- 6.3 Each boat will start according to her rating with slower boats going first. Starting time information will be available at the EYC Sailing Center, or the web site www.regattaman.com/calendar.php.
- 6.4 The RC will attempt to do a countdown (at 1 min. & 10 sec.) for each boat's start - broadcast on VHF channel 72.
- 6.5 Any boat identified as OCS shall not dip the line to restart. An OCS boat shall restart by rounding either end (Signal boat or GM) of the starting line then cross the starting line.

7. THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between a staff on a RC boat bearing a blue flag and government mark C"1".
The mark may be replaced by another RC boat bearing a blue flag.

8. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the race is 4 hours from the first start.

9. SCORING

Boats shall be scored based on their finishing position.

10. PROTESTS

Since this is informal racing, competitors are urged to avoid possible protest situations. If this is not possible, you are encouraged to take a One-Turn Penalty as per 1.2.

11. SAFETY

A boat retiring from racing or in distress shall notify the RC on VHF channel 72 at the earliest opportunity.

12. POST RACE

The COVID-19 guidelines limit the size of gatherings therefore there will not be a get together post-race at the Clubhouse. We will publish the results to facilitate bragging rights.