

Quincy Bay Race Week Association is Inviting all sailors to join us in celebrating sailing on the longest day of the year ! This is a Corinthian, self-adjudicated, friendly event, aimed at promoting the sport of sailing to all. Quincy Bay Race Week Association has been promoting youth sailing for over 90 years and is excited to join the global community of the “Summer Sailstice” organization. (<https://summersailstice.com/>).

While the registration is **FREE**, participants are encouraged to donate to QBRWA using this Venmo account. All costs associated with Regattaman have been generously covered by members of QBRWA.

Because this event is aimed at promoting sailing, we ask participants to have at least one crew member be a “youth sailor” (Under 18) or an inexperienced sailor.

Event: QBRWA Summer Sailstice Regatta, First warning at 1155, Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024.  
The Organizing Authority is the Quincy Bay Race Week Association.

## 1. Rules

- 1.1. This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Mass Bay Sailing Association General Sailing Instructions and ORR-ez bylaws except as changed by these Event Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. RRS 52 is deleted
- 1.4. This event is open to all vessels with a valid 2024 ORR-ez rating. If a vessel does not have a valid ORR-ez rating, a rating for this race only will be assigned. Assigned ratings cannot be appealed.

## 2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be emailed no later than 0900 on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024

## 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be emailed before 0900 on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024 and posted to regattaman

## 4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. No signals will be made ashore. The Race Committee will monitor and make announcements on VHF channel 72. This is also the VHF channel for the Wollaston Yacht Club launch, post-race.

## 5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. Only one race is scheduled. The format is a pursuit race.

## 6. Class flags

- 6.1. Class flags are not required. There are two classes: JAM (Jib And Main) and SPIN (Spinnaker)

## 7. Racing Area

- 7.1. The racing area is in Quincy Bay. The course is approximately 10 miles long, starting outside Wollaston Yacht Club, around Pedocks Island (west gut to Hull gut) to Nubble Channel Buoy GC "1" by Gallops Island and finishing at the start line. Attachment 1 shows the courses to be used and the location of the racing area.

## 8. The Courses

- 8.1. Attachment 1 outlines the course, which is shared by both classes.
- 8.2. The Course will not be shortened. This changes rule 32.

## 9. Marks

- 9.1. The start line will be between the "second red nun" at the end of the Wollaston Yacht Club Channel and the race committee boat.

## 10. Areas that are Obstructions

- 10.1. Refer to the MBSA GSI's for a list of obstructions in Quincy Bay.
- 10.2. It is the skippers' responsibility to navigate the area safely and to be aware of potential hazards.

## 11. The Start

- 11.1. The warning signal shall be made 5 minutes before the first boat's assigned starting time.
- 11.2. Boats must start at or after their assigned starting time.
- 11.3. Boats not within 5 minutes of their starting time shall avoid the starting area. The area is near an active mooring field. Participants are expected to exercise sound judgement when waiting for their start time.
- 11.4. Boats shall be considered to be Racing from 4 minutes before their assigned starting time.
- 11.5. The first warning is scheduled for 1155 with the first start at 1200.

## 12. The Finish

- 12.1. The finish will be between a flag on the committee boat and the "Second Red Nun" at the end of the Wollaston Yacht Club Channel.
- 12.2. If the committee boat is not on station, the finish will be a line between the second red nun and the closest mooring to the Southeast.

## 13. Time Limits

- 13.1. The time limit for all boats shall be 1600 hours. If the committee boat is not on station, skippers shall take their own time and report it to the race committee on VHF 68 or via email at their earliest ability. (email TBD)

## 14. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1. This is a Corinthian (Adj. involving or displaying the highest standards of sportsmanship.) event aimed at promoting and introduce newcomers the sport of sailing. The expectation is that participants understand this is a friendly, early-season event aimed at promoting the fun side of sailing.
- 14.2. Participants are asked to behave in a sportsmanlike manner and avoid situations that typically lead to protests being lodged.
- 14.3. Accordingly, any protest will be handled by the participants on the water in a friendly and courteous manner.
- 14.4. Protest forms will not be made available. Protests will not be heard after the race.
- 14.5. If the RC is on station, the last finish will be announced on VHF 68.

## 15. Scoring

- 15.1. Boats will be scored in the order they finish with respect to their class in accordance with Mass Bay Pursuit Race scoring guidelines.

## 16. Safety

- 16.1. A vessel that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## 17. Radio Communication

- 17.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 18. Prizes

- 18.1. Symbolic prizes may be awarded to the 1st place boat in each category.

## 19. Disclaimer of Liability

- 19.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 20. Insurance

- 20.1. Participating boat shall be insured appropriately with valid third-party liability insurance.

# Attachment 1 – diagram of the course

