

2019 Great Chase Race

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

OVERVIEW:

For 2019 we will again be using Time on Time pursuit format with just a few minor tweaks to hopefully make things easier for competitors and Race Committee. The biggest change is that the marks of the course will be pre determined as one of 3 set shown at the end of this document.

Looking forward to a great Great Chase.

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 may check in online but 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	PREP 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	PREP flag down, GCR flag UP and GUN

Your assigned start time is the amount of time AFTER the START (GCR flag UP and gun). 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. 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 by a 10% scoring penalty. 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 If you are retiring from the race, please notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by hailing or calling on channel 68.

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 68 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=2019 and emailed to all competitors.

JUDGES ON THE WATER:

A Judge boat may be on the water to watch for racing rules infractions, especially at crowded mark roundings like the first one. If the Judge observes a rules infraction, a Red flag will be hoisted and a single horn blast. The Judge may optionally alert the violating boat using VHF on channel 68. The Red Flag will be dropped after 1 min. Boats making a rule infraction will receive a 20% scoring penalty.

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 by 18:00 the day of the race. A hearing will be held at the Hull Yacht Club following the race. Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final with no appeals.

STARTING LINE:

The Starting line will be between the Orange Flag on the Race Committee boat Harbinger and the Yellow Ducky. It will be located within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of MBSA Mark 18(Bumpkin Is Shoal Bouy G "1")

COURSES:

There are three possible courses, each with a set of 4 predetermined marks. Charts of the three possible courses are attached to this document, with the 4 marks for each course, labeled A,B,C,D. The course to be used for the race will be determined by the RC sometime in the morning of the race. The race committee will indicate the letter of the first mark of the course, and its distance and heading from the starting line. The 4 marks will be Green tetrahedron drop marks

Boats will continue to round the four marks in alphabetical order (After D the next mark is A) until the Race Committee shortens the course. All marks of the course will be left to port. There will also be a large red power boat named Tips Up leading the parade around the course.

SHORTENED COURSE:

The race will be shortened at a new finish line positioned such that the first boats will cross the line 2 hrs 45 min after the starting gun. At the mark before the shortened finish line, the lead Race Committee Mark (Red boat Tips Up) will go on station at that green tetrahedron. They will announce the change of the course by; hoisting the change of course "C" flag, by sounding a horn. The heading to the finish line which will be on the rhumb line to the next mark, the Yellow Ducky and RC boat Harbinger will be posted. If available the distance to the mark will also be posted.

MARKS:

If necessary, the RC may change the shape or color of any mark without notice.

TIME LIMIT:

The Race committee will take finishers at the shortened finish line until 3hrs 45min after the start or 60% of the boats in each fleet have finished. At that point committee can at its discretion assign finishing position by going back thru the fleet for the remaining boats.

COURSES DETAILS:

The locations of the fixed course marks are shown below. The Starting mark and Finishing will be set by the committee as described in the preceding notes.

Course 1

Mark	Lat	Long
A	42.298	70.918
B	42.267	70.938
C	42.268	70.931
D	42.294	70.908

Marks	Dist	Bearing
A to B	2.09	206
B to C	0.33	77
C to D	1.87	33
D to A	0.50	299

Course 2

Mark	Lat	Long
A	42.292	70.890
B	42.297	70.898
C	42.294	70.930
D	42.287	70.927

Marks	Dist	Bearing
A to B	0.45	310
B to C	1.43	263
C to D	0.45	165
D to A	1.67	79

Course 3

Mark	Lat	Long
A	42.324	70.948
B	42.306	70.973
C	42.274	70.927
D	42.292	70.910

Marks	Dist	Bearing
A to B	1.56	225
B to C	2.81	133
C to D	1.32	33
D to A	2.54	318





