

Gloucester Ocean Pursuit Race

Sponsored by Eastern Point Yacht Club

Gloucester, MA

Sunday, August 1st, 2021

- 1.1 **Event:** The Gloucester Ocean Pursuit Race will be held on August 1, 2021. The organizing authority is the Eastern Point Yacht Club, Gloucester, MA.
- 2.1 **Eligibility:** The race is open to all boats with a valid PHRF handicap.
- 2.2 **Registration:** Simply go to the Regattaman website <https://www.regattaman.com>. The registration deadline is 5PM, Saturday, July 31st.
- 2.3 **Fees:** Entry fee is \$60, minus \$5 for US Sailing Membership and \$5 for MBSA membership
- 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 9:00AM the day of the race on this site. Please contact the Race Committee on VHF Channel 73 with questions, starting at 11:00AM the day of the race, or call 978-879-7951 before then.
- 7.1 **Schedule of Races:** There will be one race for all boats. 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.
- 7.2 **Warning Signal:** There will be no warning signal. The first boat may start no sooner than 12:00PM (GPS time).
- 10.1 **The Course:** The coordinates of the start/finish line are near Kettle Ledge at 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 the starting mark. Mark 1 is the government mark at Newcomb Ledge (G1) and Mark 2 is a race buoy set the same distance away from the start/finish line, 90 degrees counter-clockwise at N 42 30.527 and W 70 38.886. The second part of the course will be out to either Mark 1 or 2 and back to the start/finish line. The race will proceed clockwise (course A, all buoys to starboard) or counter-clockwise (Course B, all buoys to port). The race committee will announce the course no later than 11:30AM, designating either A or B and Mark 1 or 2 to use for the second part of the course. The length of this race is about 15.58 nautical miles. In the event of light air, the race committee will designate a shorter course.
- 14.2 **Recalls:** Boats that cross the starting line 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:** Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place. **Social Activities:** All captains, crews, and their guests are invited to Eastern Point Yacht Club after the race where there will be a cash bar and light refreshments. Participants are respectfully requested to state their intention to attend to the race committee before the race. **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.