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2021 Great Chase Race
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

OVERVIEW: With the current public health conditions the GCR committee has decided to run the GCR using the same method we used in 2020. On the morning of the race, all boats will receive a notification of what the course will be. Each boat will be assigned a 20 minute time slot during which it can start sailing the course. The 20 minute time slots will be between 1:00 and 3:00PM. For example, if you are assigned a time slot of 1:00PM to 1:20PM, you can start anytime during that time period. When your boat crosses the starting line, you should record that time. When you have completed the course, record your finish time. You can then go online and enter your start time and finish time. Based on your handicap and elapsed time on the course, we will then calculate your adjusted time and place in the race.

FLEETS: There will be FOUR fleets based on your boats Medium Wind, Random Leg course Time on Distance (TOD) ORR-Ez rating. One of the fleets will be a One Design Fleet that will be made up of boats that traditionally sail in races against the same boat type.

FLEET	START BETWEEN	RATING
A	14:01 to 14:20	R - Up to 600.0
B	13:41 to 14:00	R - 600.1 to 675.0
C	13:00 to 13:20	C - 675.1 and above
OD	13:21 to 13:40	R - All Ratings

The splits between divisions may be adjusted by the GCR committee at any time up to 20:00:00 Friday September 10th

STARTING LINE: The starting line will be in the vicinity east of Sheep Island, between a small Yellow Duck (pin) and a LARGE Yellow Duck. Boats will start in the direction of the first mark leaving the small duck to port and the large one to starboard.   Boats can start any time in their Fleet's Time Window. Upon crossing the starting line boats shall take note of their exact start time to the nearest second. GPS time or Cell phone time is recommended, (you may need to download a phone App with a clock that shows seconds).

> *NOTE: Boats in the starting line area when NOT their Fleet's Time Window may be penalized (corrected time penalty of 5 min) by the Committee without warning.*

COURSE(s): By 20:00:00, Friday September 10th a list of possible courses and marks wi ll be published on the GCR website and emailed to all competitors. The courses will be identified by the names of fictional cartoon duck characters e.g.: Donald, Huey, Louie….

By 12:00 on the day of the race the Race Committee will select a course from the list for each fleet (Yes it is possible different fleets will sail different courses). These course choices will be communicated to the competitors in 3 ways.

- Posting on the GCR website using the phone web app. (link to be provided Friday Night).
- Email and/or text to the person who registered for the race.
- VHF Radio channel 68 at the following GPS times: 12:30, 12:45, 13:20, 13:40, 14:00. *Requests for course information at other times via VHF will be ignored.*

FINISH LINE: The finish line will be at the same place as the starting line. Boats will cross the line in the direction from the previous mark. Upon crossing the finish line boats shall take note of their exact finish time to the nearest second using the same clock source they used for the starting time.

TIME REPORTING: Competitors must report their starting and finishing times to the GCR Committee by 20:00:00. One of the following methods maybe used to report the times.

- Using the online Web App link provided. (Preferred)
- Email to greatchaserace@gmail.com
- Voice mail or text to 339-337-9850

*The GCR Committee **will NOT** accept times by VHF or by paper at the Hull YC.*

TIME LIMIT: 17:00, The finish line marks will be removed when it is clear that no more boats will finish before the time limit.

RESULTS: A boat's corrected time will be calculated using the Elapsed Time (Finish- Start) and the TOD rating for the wind speed and course type selected by the GCR committee observing actual race conditions. Since TOD rating number is the predicted seconds it should take your boat to sail 1 Mile, it will be multiplied by the length(nm) of the course.

Results will be available at 2021 GCR results as the data is entered into the system and approved. Once all results are entered they will be marked as Preliminary and under Review.   Skippers will have until 20:00 Sunday after the race to review the data for errors in data entry. After that time the results will be final.

Recognition (no trophies) will be given to the best finishers in each fleet and the fastest competitors using Correct Seconds per mile around their course.

In addition, recognition of the fastest tech savvy competitors will be given to the boats that successful enter all of their times directly with no intervention by the GCR committee.