

Bobby Veltman Memorial Race

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Sponsored by Eastern Point Yacht Club

and The RhumbLine Restaurant

Saturday, September 2nd, 2023

- 1.1 **Event:** The Gloucester Ocean Pursuit Race will be held on September 2nd, 2023. The organizing authority is the Eastern Point Yacht Club, Gloucester, MA.
- 2.1 **Eligibility:** The race is open to all boats with a valid ORR-EZ handicap.
- 2.2 **Registration:** Simply go to www.regattaman.com. The registration deadline is 5PM, September 1st.
- 2.3 **Fees:** Entry fee is \$75 minus \$5 for US Sailing Membership and \$5 for MBSA membership
- 2.4 **Handicap System:** ORR-ez Time on Distance will be used. Participants may communicate changes between racing and cruising ratings to the Race Committee up until the warning signal.
- 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 and Skipper's Meeting:** Notices will be posted on www.regattaman.com. A brief Skipper's Meeting will be held via Zoom at 8:00AM on the day of the race. Log/dial-in instructions will be emailed to registrants after registration closes. Starting times for each boat, notices of cancellation/postponement, and any changes to sailing instructions will be available by 8:00AM the day of the race. 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.
- 7.2 **Warning Signal:** The warning signal will be no sooner 11:55AM with a 5-minute starting sequence.
- 10.1 **The Course:** The coordinates of the start line are near Kettle Ledge at 42 32.600 N and 70 41.600 W. All marks will be rounded to port. There will be no off-set marks, nor leeward gates. A change of direction to the next mark can be made at any point by the race committee signaling Code Flag C and broadcasting the new direction via VHF before the first boat rounds the prior mark. A change in distance from one mark to the next will not be made. In the event of light air, the race committee may shorten the course by signaling Code Flag S, and presenting a finish line between a committee boat and a nearby mark.

Course A - This course will be twice around a standard windward/leeward course. The race committee will broadcast the magnetic direction and approximate distance to the windward mark prior to the warning signal via VHF. Both the starting mark and the windward mark will be yellow tetrahedrons.

Course B - This course will be twice around a "modified" windward/leeward course with the start/finish line in the middle of the course. The race committee will broadcast the magnetic direction and approximate distance to the windward mark prior to the warning signal via VHF, as well as the distance from the windward mark to the leeward mark. The starting mark will be an orange ball, and both the windward and leeward marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. After the start, boats not finishing may not pass through the start/finish line.
- 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 the Rhumb Line at 40 Railroad Ave in Gloucester after the race where there will be a cash bar and light refreshments. **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.