

# Cape Ann Challenge

## NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sponsored by Annisquam and Eastern Point Yacht Clubs

**Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- 1.1 **General:** Each participant is solely responsible for determining that his or her yacht is seaworthy for any and all conditions that might be encountered and for the safety of his or her boat, crew, and guests.
- 2.1 **Eligibility and Entry:** Yachts will be handicapped according to their PHRF rating. Yachts will be presumed to be competing under their racing rating unless they have (1) indicated that they will be competing under their Cruising Rating on their registration or (2) notified the Annisquam or Eastern Point Yacht Club race committee prior to the Warning Signal. Yachts competing under the Cruising Rating may not fly a spinnaker or similar headsail. Failure to comply with this restriction will result in disqualification.  
**Fees and Registration:** \$75, minus \$5 for US Sailing members and \$5 for MBSA members. Please register on [www.regattaman.com](http://www.regattaman.com) no later than 5PM, August 25th.
- 3 **Rules**
- 3.1 The *Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024)* as adopted by the US Sailing Association will govern this event except where specified otherwise by the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2 RRS 52, Manual Power, shall be amended to allow the use of stored power for the adjustment or operation of running rigging.
- 4.1 **Notices to Competitors and Skipper's Meeting:** Notices will be posted on <https://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. Please contact the Annisquam Yacht Club Race Committee on VHF Channel 73 with questions starting at 10:00 a.m. on the day of the race. Prior to the day of the race, please contact Marc Vidal, Governor, at the AYC, 978-283-4507.
- 5.1 **Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Any changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on [www.regattaman.com](http://www.regattaman.com) before 8:00 a.m. on the day of the race.
- 6.1 **Warning Signal:** The warning signal will be given no sooner than 11:55AM. All yachts will start at the same signal after a 5-minute starting sequence and compete for the same prizes.
- 7.1 **Racing Area:** Race will start at Annisquam and end at Eastern Point.
- 8.1 **Course:** The starting line will be in the vicinity of the Annisquam Bell [RW "AR" Mo (A)]. The course proceeds around Halibut Point, the Salvages, and the Londoner to the finish line in the vicinity of the Groaner [R "2"] near the mouth of Gloucester Harbor. Boats should stay to the North and East of the Lanesville Can [CG "1"], the Flat Ground Bell [G "1"], the Dry Salvages Bell [G "1" Fl G2.5s], and the Londoner. This course is approximately 15 nautical miles.  
*Additional information:* Yachts must not pass inside Straitsmouth or Thacher Islands. Yachts must not pass between any 2 of the following buoys: Gong 3 (NW end of Sandy Bay Breakwater), Bell 1 (Flat Ground), Bell 1 (NE of Dry Salvages) and Bell 2 (Avery's Ledge). Cape Ann must be left to starboard. The following buoys and aids to navigation must be left to starboard:
  - Salt Island Nun #4                      Londoner Day Beacon (east of Thacher's Island)
  - NE of Dry Salvages Bell #1              Flat Ground Green Bell #1                      Lanesville Can #1
- 9.1 **Start:** The start line will be in the vicinity of the Annisquam Bell [RW "AR" Mo (A)] between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the AYC committee boat and the starting mark. Class flag is flag E
- 10.1 **Recalls:** The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF channel 73.
- 11.1 **Changes:** The Race Committee may shorten the course (code flag S) by finishing the race at any of the marks listed as part of the course in section 8.1.
- 12.1 **Finish:** The race shall be finished by the EPYC Race Committee in the vicinity of "Groaner #2" off of Eastern Point Light. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the EPYC committee boat and the course side of the finish mark.
- 13.1 **Time Limit:** The time limit shall be 5 hours after the starting signal. Yachts failing to finish within that time will be scored DNF. The time limit may be extended by the Race Committee via announcement on VHF Channel 73. This changes RRS 35.
- 14.1 **Protests:** Competitors must inform the Race Committee at the finish line of their intent to protest and must receive acknowledgment of said intent from the Race Committee. Protests must be filed on a protest form supplied by the AYC or the EPYC within 1 hour after the Race Committee signal boat docks.
- 15.1 **Scoring:** The RRS low point system will be used.
- 16.1 **Safety:** Yachts withdrawing from the race are to notify the Race Committee boat as soon as practicable.
- 17.1 **Prizes:** There will be 3 prizes.  
**Post-Race Activities:** Prizes will be awarded at the EPYC following the race. Complimentary refreshments will be provided. Some moorings may be available; check with EPYC. After the event, sailors are invited to remain and enjoy the amenities of the EPYC at their own expense. Please call in advance for dinner reservations.