

Gloucester Ocean Pursuit Race

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Sponsored by Eastern Point Yacht Club

and the RhumbLine Restaurant

Saturday, July 15th, 2023

- 1.1 **Event:** The Gloucester Ocean Pursuit Race will be held on July 15, 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 PHRF handicap.
- 2.2 **Registration:** Simply go to www.regattaman.com. The registration deadline is 5PM, July 14th.
- 2.3 **Fees:** Entry fee is \$75, 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 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. Starting times for all entries will be set according to PHRF handicap. Racing handicaps will apply unless the cruising handicap is selected at registration.
- 7.2 **The Start:** There will be a 5-minute warning signal no earlier than 11:55AM and the P flag will be displayed. The start signal will be made five minutes later and the PHRF flag will be displayed. The highest rated boat may start at or after the start signal, and times available at www.regattaman.com will be formatted to indicate each boat's starting time after the start signal. The race committee may attempt to make further reference signals at ten minute intervals after the start signal until all boats have started.
- 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 the RhumbLine Restaurant (Railroad Ave, Gloucester) 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.