



Notice of Race and Event Sailing Instructions (ESI)

2024

EYC SUMMER PURSUIT RACES

EASTERN YACHT CLUB, Marblehead, MA

June 21 (Fri), July 12 (Fri), August 9 (Fri), 2024



Pursuit racing is simple and fun. Boats start in reverse order according to their ratings with the slowest boats starting first. The first boat around the course wins. Give it a try! First-time as well as experienced racers are all welcome.

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing & MBSA GSI except as changed by these ESI.
- 1.2 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules (Changes RRS 44).
- 1.3 Contact between boats is grounds for disqualification of both boats (Changes RRS 14).
- 1.4 All boats shall only use sails per their PHRF rating or Class Rules.

2. REGISTRATION

- 2.1 Open to all PHRF (both Racing and Cruising), and one-design boats. If you do not have a 'PHRF rating certificate' the Race Committee (RC) will assign one. Register at www.regattaman.com/calendar.php?reg=MBSA|MBSA-N. The RC may adjust handicaps to facilitate competition.
- 2.2 Registration must be before 2100 hours the day before the race. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the RC. See Regattaman.com for an up-to-date scratch sheet and start time - click on 'View Current Race Entries'. There is **NO FEE** required to register for this race.
- 2.3 At registration select the Division either Cruising (JAM – jib/main only) or Racing (Spinnaker) you wish to be scored in.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The first start shall be approximately 1800 hours for June and July races, and 1730 hours for the August race.

4. THE COURSES

- 4.1 The description of the possible course will be provided in an Addendum to the Sailing Instructions. Copies will be available at the EYC Sailing Center and on the Regattaman website at www.regattaman.com. The course length will range from 2 nm to 10 nm. The course to be sailed will be signaled by flags on the RC signal boat.
- 4.2 The starting area shall be between the mouth of Marblehead Harbor and Children's Island.
- 4.3 Shortening of a race shall be between a blue flag on a race committee boat and the nearest mark of the course.

5. MARKS

Marks shall be government navigation buoys or orange tetrahedrons or MarkBot.

6. THE START

- 6.1 The starting line shall be between a staff on ETO bearing an orange flag and a green tetrahedron or a MarkBot. The mark may be replaced by another RC boat bearing an orange flag.
- 6.2 A code flag 'W' will be raised with one sound signal at the beginning of the start time sequence.
- 6.3 Each boat will start according to her rating with slower boats going first. Copies of the starting times will be available on the www.regattaman.com website.
- 6.4 The RC will attempt to do a countdown (at 1 min. and 10 sec.) for each boat's start - broadcast on VHF 72.
- 6.5 OSC boats that start prematurely shall restart by rounding either end of the starting line – no dip restarts are allowed.

7. THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between a staff on an RC boat bearing a blue flag and a green tetrahedron or a MarkBot.

8. TIME LIMITS

For the Friday races - 15 minutes before sunset. Time may be extended by a broadcast from the RC on 72.

9. SCORING

Boats shall be scored based on their finishing position.

10. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Since this is informal racing, competitors are urged to avoid possible protest situations. If this is not possible, you are encouraged to take a One-Turn Penalty as per 1.2.

11. SAFETY

- 11.1 All boats shall have a working VHF radio, navigation lights in accordance with USCG regulations, current distress flares, an operational flashlight, and an engine or designated tow line.
- 11.2 A boat retiring from racing or in distress shall notify the RC on VHF channel 72 at the earliest opportunity.

12. POST-RACE

Come socialize and enjoy **COMPLIMENTARY FOOD** and a chit / credit card bar at the EYC Sailing Center post-race.