



## The Northeast Harbor Fleet Cruising Class Pursuit Races

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for the 2019 SAILING SEASON

#### Organized by the Northeast Harbor Fleet

1. **Rules-**  
All races to be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. **Schedule of Races-**  
Races to be held for the various pursuit races as published on the Northeast Harbor Fleet Calendar at <http://www.nehfleet.org/pdf-calendars/> These races include the Henry Reath Trophy, the Constance Madeira Trophy races, the Great Harbor Dream Race, The Seal Harbor Race for the O'Brien Cup, the Hayward Cup, and the Max Warburg Races.
3. **Warning Signal-**  
1300 for the slowest boat on each race day unless otherwise stated on Fleet Calendars.
4. **Starting Area-**  
Unless specified on Fleet Calendar, location will be hailed verbally on VHF 65 from RC Signal Boat **Shearwater** as soon as she departs Gilpatrick Cove or before 1215 if postponement is likely.
5. **Course to be Sailed-**  
Courses shall be displayed on a rack located on the Race Committee Signal Boat prior to the Warning signal, with the first mark to be rounded on top. Marks shall be rounded to port, unless the letter "S", indicating "Round this specific mark to Starboard" is placed beside the mark letter. Courses may include turns around islands and shoals as well as government marks and/or NEH Fleet marks.
6. **Government Buoys-**  
All government buoys shall be honored except Fleet Marks E, I, P, R, Q unless they are a designated turning mark for that leg of the course. EVERY PORSCHE IS REALLY QUICK
7. **Starting and Finishing Lines-**  
Lines will be defined by the course side of the Race Committee Signal Boat mast with an orange flag and the course side of an adjacent mark.

**8. Time Limits-**

Each entry shall start within 5 minutes of their assigned starting signal unless receiving approval from the Race Committee. Each entry shall finish within 45 minutes of the first boat to finish or they shall be scored DNF.

**9. Handicap System-**

9.1 Only published current PHRF of New England Ratings shall be applied to competitors.

9.2 IOD Class ratings shall be 180 with spinnaker, 220 without spinnaker.

9.3 Luders 16 Class with MDI jib shall be 260 with spinnaker, 300 without spinnaker.

9.4 Wood Mast, Classic Luders 16 Class ratings shall be 275 with spinnaker, 310 without spinnaker.

**10. Scoring System-**

10.1 The low point scoring system shall be used. Boats shall receive points equal to the position which they crossed the finish line.

10.2 A boat that retires after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the race. This changes RRS A4.2

10.3 A boat that started but did not finish and is not being protested shall be scored one point more than the number of boats which finish in the race. This modifies RRS A9.

**11. Course Change or Shortening of Course-**

The course may be shortened (Rule 32) not sooner than 150 minutes after the start of the slowest boat or, if in the sole opinion of the RC, the fastest boat is leading the race. In addition, the RC will notify competitors via VHF 65 at the earliest possible time and the message will be repeated at least twice. Competitors are strongly encouraged to acknowledge receipt of the notification by VHF.

**12. Safety-**

12.1 All entries must continuously monitor VHF 65 throughout the race.

12.2 All personnel under the age of 18 shall wear a Type III or Type V PFD at all times while racing. All personnel who are sailing with two or fewer people on board shall wear a Type III or Type V PFD while racing.

12.3 Boats must have a means of retrieval for a person overboard.

12.4 Boats may use electric winches. This modifies RRS 52.