



Event Sailing Instructions
Labor Day Pursuit Race
Monday September 7, 2009
Organized by the Boston Yacht Club

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Exchange*

This race is a qualifier for the Mass Bay Sailing Association Pursuit Race Championship.

- 1. Introduction:** The Regatta format will be a pursuit type race, open to PHRF racing, PHRF cruising and one-design class boats and will be scored using PHRF handicap ratings. For boats with valid PHRF rating certificates the race is a qualifier for the Mass Bay Sailing Association Pursuit Race Championship.
- 2. Skipper's Meeting:** Monday September 7, 0930 hrs at the Boston Yacht Club. One representative of each competing boat must attend this meeting to obtain all information provided at that time.
- 3. Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the Mass Bay Sailing Association Notice of Race and the General Sailing Instructions (GSI), Para. 3, except as modified by these Event Sailing Instructions: The alternate scoring penalty of RRS 44.3 will apply except in the case of contact between yachts racing.
- 4. Divisions:** There will be two Divisions, Spinnaker and Cruising Canvas. The Spinnaker Division must fly code flag "A" from their backstay at all times while racing.
- 5. Entries:** Entries must be submitted at the Boston Yacht Club, 1 Front St, Marblehead, MA 01945 no later than 1700 hrs Friday, September 4th. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Entries must include a valid 2009 PHRF-NE rating certificate, or information on boat design and type, division entered (Spinnaker or Cruising Canvas), largest headsail (in percentage of "J"), if an inboard, type of propeller (fixed, folding or feathering) and, if in the Spinnaker Division, the largest spinnaker (in percent of "J").

The entry fee for all boats is \$50. Contributions by check should be made to "M.A.R.E." (Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange: Tax-exempt number 042-227-431).
- 6. Notice to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Committee notice board adjacent to the Main Lounge of the Boston Yacht Club.
- 7. Signals Made Ashore:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the BYC flagpole.
- 8. Schedule of Races:** There will be one race for both Divisions. The warning signal is scheduled for 1155 hrs. (See paragraph 13 below)
- 9. Racing Area:** The starting line will be in the vicinity of Tinkers Rock Gong Buoy, Mark D, List A.
- 10. Marks:** Marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 11. The Start:** Starting times will be assigned to each individual yacht based on its PHRF rating (Racing or Cruising) and will be announced at the skipper's meeting, see paragraph 2 above.
- 12. Change of Course:** There will be no change of course after the start.
- 13. Time Limit:** The time limit for both Divisions will be 3 hours after the first starting signal. The race committee reserves the right to extend or reduce the time limit at its discretion.
- 14. Scoring:** Boats will be scored in their finishing order.
- 15. Protests:** Protests must be filed on forms provided by the Boston Yacht Club and submitted no later than one hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat has docked. All protests will be heard at the Boston YC.
- 16. Trophies:** Trophies will be presented for the first through third places in each Division. Presentations will be made at the Boston Yacht Club during the after-race party.
- 17. Social Activities:** The BYC Gazebo, Yardarm and Main Lounge will be open after the race, offering BYC hospitality to all skippers, crew and their guests. Chowder and hot dogs will be complimentary for the first six sailors on each yacht, and the price for additional sailors or guests is \$4.00 each.