



Quissett Yacht Club

Quissett Harbor
Falmouth, Massachusetts

64th Annual QYC Round the Bay Race

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Pursuit Race, Starting and Finishing off Quissett Harbor

Open to PHRF-NE Racing and Cruising Classes

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES and REGULATIONS

1.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.1.1. There will be no limit to the number of crew or the number of sails carried or used if they conform to the boat's rating certificate.

1.1.2. Each boat must have a minimum of two people on board.

1.1.3. Power winches are permitted.

2. ENTRY

2.1. Eligible boats may enter by: Completing the online registration form at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/12882>, and uploading or mailing the boat's PHRF-NE certificate according to the instructions on the online registration form and paying the required fee to Quissett Yacht Club by September 8, 2016. The fee can be paid by check mailed to Quissett Yacht Club (PO Box 681, Falmouth, MA 02541) or can be paid by credit card through the Regatta Network site.

2.2. Late entries, received after the due date specified on the race registration form, *may* be accepted by the Race Committee up until the Committee Boat leaves the Harbor House dock. A late fee will be assessed for all late entries. Late entries may not be listed on the Scratch Sheet and may be assigned a starting time already on the scratch sheet, which may be later than their rating would call for.

2.3. Entry for the QYC Round the Bay Race is \$50 for US Sailing Members and \$55 for Non-Members.

2.4. An additional \$25 will be charged for all late entries.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Prior to September 10, all notices will be posted on the Regatta Network Site:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/12882>

3.2. On the day of the event (September 10), notices will be posted on the message board on the Quissett Harbor House Dock in Quissett Harbor.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be flown from the flagpole adjacent to the Quissett Harbor House Dock in Quissett Harbor.

5. RACING AREA

5.1. The race will be sailed in Buzzard’s Bay.

5.2. The start will be located off of Quissett Harbor. Approximate starting pin location: lat. 41.32.9, long. 70.40.2.

5.3. All vessels registered and participating in the race must check in with the Race Committee either at the Quissett Harbor House dock or on the water.

6. COURSES AND MARKS

6.1. The Round the Bay Race is a pursuit race. Because of the pursuit start, the handicaps will be calculated ahead of time. In order to give maximum flexibility in setting a course best suited to the prevailing conditions, the handicaps, and therefore the starting times, will be calculated for courses of different lengths, designated as Starting Time W, X, Y and Z on the Scratch Sheet.

Starting Time	Courses	Approximate course length in nautical miles
W	DE or ED or EG or GE	16
X	FG or GF	19
Y	BF or FB or CE or EC or HC or CH	20
Z	BD or DB	23

6.2. The following marks are used for the courses:

Mark Name	Description	Latitude/Longitude
B	Lone Rock green flasher (north of Quicks Hole)	41 27.7 70 51.1
C	Bell Buoy "BB" , approximately 4 miles NE of Quicks Hole	41 30.6 70 49.9
D	West Island Bell Buoy R "2SE"	41 34.1 70 48.8
E	Nye Ledge Bell Buoy G "1"	41 37.0 70 46.2

F	G "9" Fl G Bell approximately 5 miles WNW from Quissett	41 32.8 70 46.4
G	Centerboard Shoal red flasher R "2" , Sippican Harbor entrance buoy	41 39.8 70 43.6
H	R "2" Fl R Bell approximately 4 miles NNW from Quissett	41 36.7 70 41.9

7. STARTING AND FINISHING

- 7.1. The Start and Finish of the race will be located off of Quissett Harbor. The Start / Finish line will be marked by an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a portable mark in the vicinity of: lat. 41.32.9, long. 70.40.2.
- 7.2. As noted in 6.1, the Round the Bay Race is a pursuit race. Finish position is the actual order of finish, except in the case of a shortened race or protests. Rule 26 is not in effect. The first warning signal will be at 1200; the highest handicapped boat will start at 12:05 PM, unless postponed. There will be a horn at each listed starting time if one or more boats starting at that time have checked in. Late entries will be assigned a starting time already on the scratch sheet, which may be later than their rating would call for. Boats will start in order from the highest PHRF rating.
- 7.3. A scratch sheet giving boat names, ratings and starting times will be emailed by 5PM Friday September 9, or can be picked up at the Quissett Harbor House dock before 10:30 AM on Saturday September 10, or from the Committee Boat at the starting line before 11:45 AM. Please note that late entries or boats changing class may not be listed.
- 7.4. The starting times chosen (W, X, Y, or Z) will be posted at the TOP of the course board on the Committee Boat. The order of rounding marks for the course will be displayed at the BOTTOM of the course board.

8. TIME LIMIT

- 8.1. In the event that no boat finishes within six hours of her start, the race will be abandoned. If any boat finishes within the time limit, the time limit for all other boats will be two hours after the finish of the first boat. Boats not finishing within the time limit may be scored *Did Not Finish*.

9. PROTESTS

- 9.1. The provisions of USSA Rules Part 5 – Protests, Hearings, Misconduct and Appeals will be followed. The default two-turn penalty will be in effect.
- 9.2. We strongly suggest that a boat intending to protest notify the committee boat upon finishing.
- 9.3. A protest must be postmarked or picked up for delivery no later than the Monday following the race.
- 9.4. Penalties may include adding 30 minutes to a boat’s elapsed time or disqualification.

10. RACE TIME: GPS Time will be used by the Race Committee.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 11.1. The Race Committee will monitor **VHF channel 77**. Any boat deciding to retire or having any information to transmit to the committee should use this frequency. In the event of abandonment of the race or a change of course, an announcement will be made on this frequency.

12. SIGNALS

- 12.1. Postponement:** Code flag **AP** (Answering Pennant) and two sound signals. Postponements will be for 15 minute intervals. The Warning Signal will be made 1 minute after lowering of the AP signal. The number of minutes added to all starting times will be posted in the middle of the course board.
- 12.2. Abandonment:** Code flag **N** and two sound signals. The race will not be re-sailed.
- 12.3. Come Within Hail:** Code flag **L**.
- 12.4. Change of Course:** Code flag **C** and new course displayed before the new leg. Radio notification may serve instead.
- 12.5. Recall:** Code Flag **X** and a distinctive sound signal for each boat over early. The Race Committee will endeavor to call the sail number and/or name of each boat which starts prematurely and will broadcast the sail number and/or name of premature starters, but it is the responsibility of each boat to make a proper start. A boat that makes a reasonable attempt to start properly but fails to start properly will have 30 minutes added to her elapsed time.
- 12.6. Shorten Course:** Code flag **S**. Finish between the committee boat and the nearby mark.

13. SHORTENED OR CHANGED COURSE

- 13.1.** If the Race Committee Changes or shortens the course it will announce the change by radio. It may not be possible to notify all boats by flag signal. The Race Committee will re-compute handicaps and email results and post results on QuissettYachtClub.org and on the Regatta Network website.

14. ENGINES

- 14.1.** Within five minutes of a boat's start until a boat has finished or withdrawn, engines may only be used in emergencies or to assist another vessel in distress. The Race Committee will make allowances for such engine use provided proper log entries are submitted.

15. OWNERS', SKIPPER'S AND CREWS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- 15.1.** The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole responsibility of the skipper, who must assure that the boat is thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a competent crew. The skipper of a boat must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. The skipper must assure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.

Neither the establishment of equipment regulations nor any inspecting of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of a boat's skipper. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the skipper and crew of a boat to decide whether or not to start or continue in a race.

The Quissett Yacht Club is in no way responsible for accidents or injury to boats or personnel suffered in any way or from any cause during or related to the QYC Round the Bay Race.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1.** Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4. Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1.** For further information, please contact the Race Chair:

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