

2018 Falmouth Yacht Club Race to Tarpaulin Cove



Sailing Instructions

1 – Racing Area

- 1.1 - The Race will start in the waters of Vineyard Sound, south of the Falmouth Yacht Club.
- 1.2 - The Race will finish in the waters of the Elizabeth Island Sound, at the entrance to Tarpaulin Cove.
- 1.3 - The distance for the race is approx. 8.1 nm.
- 1.4 - Refer to NOAA Chart #13229

2 – Race Committee Communications

- 2.1 – The Race Committee may announce starting times on VHF 71.
- 2.2 - The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF 71
- 2.3 - The Race Committee may distribute Sailing Instructions on the water for those boats that need them.
- 2.4- The Race Committee may broadcast the position of the finish line VHF 71.

3 – The Start

- 3.1 - The starting line for the Race to Tarpaulin Cove will be approximately 0.2 nm east of Falmouth Lighted Red Bell Buoy # 16, south of the Falmouth Inner Harbor entrance.
- 3.2 - All boats must pass through the starting line in a Westerly direction.
- 3.3 - The starting line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the nearby inflatable mark. If the Race Committee boat cannot be anchored, the starting line will be between a pair of inflatable marks with the Race Committee boat standing by at one end of the line to make sound and flag signals, and identify OCS penalties.

3.4 – Eastern Daylight Time will be used for all starting signals

3.5 - The warning signal will be at 1200 EDT on **Sunday July 8th, 2018**. The warning flag will be a square, red flag with the letters “PHRF”. The alternate flag for the warning signal is numeric pennant one.

3.6 - The preparatory signal will be one minute after the warning signal. The preparatory flag will be signal flag “P”.

3.7 - The first boat will start 4 minutes after the preparatory signal.

4 – Course Requirements

4.1 - The following mark must be left to port, G27 Green Red Bell Buoy

4.2 - A yacht may not sail through the area of Middle Ground GR C (N41 29.15/W070 36.42

5 - The Finish

5.1 - The finish line will be located approximately .02 nm Northeast of buoy C”1” at the entrance to Tarpaulin Cove.

5.2 - The finish line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the nearby inflatable mark. If the Race Committee boat cannot be anchored, the finish line will be between a pair of inflatable marks with the Race Committee boat standing by at one end of the line to identify finishers.

6 – Time Limit

6.1 – Tarpaulin Cove Race ends at 1500 EDT. All boats that have not finished by that time will be scored “Did Not Finish”.

7 – Protests and requests For Redress 7.1 – If you intend to protest, you must notify the Race Committee on the Finish Boat immediately after you finish and clear the finish line. No protest will be accepted after 1800 EDT on the day of the race.

7.2 Protest hearings will be scheduled at the Falmouth Yacht Club as soon as possible following the Race.

8 – Disclaimer of Liability

8.1 -Competitors participate in the Falmouth Yacht Club Race to Tarpaulin Cove entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race, in the Racing Rules of Sailing. Falmouth Yacht Club 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.

9 – Buoy positions (From USCG Light List Volume 1, Atlantic Coast) Falmouth Lighted Bell Buoy 16 (41-32-02.764 N 070-36-28.986W)

