

# **RACE INSTRUCTIONS**

## **21<sup>th</sup> Annual BassAckwards Race**

**Saturday July 28, 2018**

**Red Brook Harbor, Cataumet, MA**

**Starting Sequence Begins at 11:50AM**

The race is an informal, friendly sailing competition designed to present a sporting challenge to experienced and novice racers alike. There will be a Racing (spinnaker) and Cruising (non-spinnaker) with trophies awarded for each class.

The race will be managed by the Old Sigh Race Series who will have the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the race, and to reject the entry of any boat at any time prior to the preparatory signal for the start of the race that, in their opinion, is not seaworthy or does not comply with the spirit of the rules and conditions of the race.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The race will be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing, including US SAILING Prescriptions and supplemented by these sailing instructions.

Time allowances have been determined by the Race Committee based on a yacht's PHRF-NE rating, or as assessed by the Race Committee.

### **OWNERS' AND SKIPPERS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The safety of the boat and her crew is the sole responsibility of the skipper, who must assure that the boat is seaworthy and manned by a competent crew. The skipper must assure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and that the crew knows where it is kept and how to use it. Neither the establishment of equipment regulations nor any inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities 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 the race. The Old Sigh Race Series are 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 BassAckwards Race.

## **RACE COURSE, START AND FINISH**

The race will start and finish in the vicinity of Eustis Rock RG"ER" in Outer Red Brook Harbor, between Scraggy Neck and Wings Neck in Bourne, MA. **Start/Finish Line will be between the committee boat and a race marker – NOT THE "ER" BUOY.** The race will follow the traditional BassAckwards course, with 4 marks:

1. First Mark: Bird Island – KEEP G"3" GREEN CAN to PORT – RN"2" off SW Ledge on the way to PORT
2. Second Mark: Cleveland Ledge – AROUND LIGHTHOUSE, KEEPING IT TO PORT
3. Third Mark: PASS CHANNEL MARKER R"8", KEEPING IT TO PORT
4. Fourth Mark: KEEP G"1" GREEN CAN TO STARBOARD AND RETURN TO START/FINISH LINE

The BassAckwards Race is a pursuit race of all boats on the same course, with a staggered start in order from the highest rating on down as indicated on the Scratch Sheet.

There will be a race starting sequence:

1. 11:50 (GPS TIME) – one long blast from the committee boat
2. 11:54 – clearing signal (multiple short blasts)
3. 11:55 – 5 minute signal (one long blast)
4. 11:56 – 4 minute signal (one long blast)
5. 11:59 – 1 minute signal (one long blast)
6. 12:00 – RACE START (for first boat) signal (one long blast).

**After 11:50AM, registered boats are required to keep away from the starting line area until five minutes prior to their start time.**

**The race will use GPS time** – The Committee Boat will intermittently call out actual GPS time.

Starting time on the scratch sheet is the time that your boat should cross the starting line – **not early!** If a boat crosses the starting line early the Committee Boat will call the boat OCS (On Course Side) on the radio and the boat will need to restart. If the boat does not respond and restart, ten minutes will be added to its finish time.

Check in with the Committee Boat as your boat crosses the starting line, and about 200 yards before your boat will cross the finish line, ie: "Sleigh Ride has started/finished."

**All race communication will take place on VHF 78.**

The finish position of a boat is the actual order of finish.

## **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

If any boat is observed by the Race Committee to obstruct a starting boat's progress in the immediate vicinity of the starting line, the Committee may add up to thirty minutes to the obstructing boat's finish time.

Port/Starboard rules must be observed at the line and at all marks.

**COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC (tugs, barges, ships, etc.) HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY IN ALL CASES.**

