



28TH PAT WEST 28TH

GAFF RIG & SCHOONER RACE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2016

IN HONOR OF FRANCIS (PAT) WEST JR.

BENEFITTING SAIL MARTHA'S VINEYARD

RACE CIRCULAR

PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICERS: NAT BENJAMIN (508) 360-1837 & SCOTT DIBIASO (508) 560-0972

SKIPPER'S MEETING: FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2016, 1730 @ TISBURY WHARF ON SCHOONER ADVENTURE.

SCRATCH SHEETS AND RACE INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS POTENTIAL CREW.

SKIPPER'S RECEPTION: HOSTED BY "ADVENTURE" / SPONSORED BY COLE POWERS TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING

AWARDS RECEPTION: SATURDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER - 1700 @ GANNON & BENJAMIN

COURSE 1

DISTANCE: 12.6 NM

START OFF: EAST CHOP.

LEAVE C "15" (West End of L'Hommedieu) to STARBOARD.

LEAVE R "22" (East End of Hedge Fence) to STARBOARD

FINISH - EAST CHOP

COURSE 2

DISTANCE: 15 NM

START OFF: EAST CHOP.

LEAVE C "15" (West End of L'Hommedieu) to STARBOARD.

LEAVE R "22" (East End of Hedge Fence) to STARBOARD

LEAVE R "2" (Off Edgartown) to STARBOARD

FINISH - EAST CHOP

COURSE 3

DISTANCE: 16.6 NM

START OFF: EAST CHOP

LEAVE C "15" (West End of L'Hommedieu) to STARBOARD

LEAVE R "12" (Succonnesset Shoal) to STARBOARD

LEAVE R "22" (East End of Hedge Fence) to STARBOARD

LEAVE BELL GR (East End Of Squash Meadow) TO STARBOARD

FINISH: EAST CHOP

COURSE 4/TARPS

DISTANCE: 17.8 NM

START OFF: EAST CHOP

LEAVE CAN C1 in Tarpaulin Cove to PORT

FINISH: OFF EAST CHOP

COURSE 5/THE WEE ONE

DISTANCE: 10.3 NM

START OFF: EAST CHOP

LEAVE R26 (Red Bell off Nobska) to STARBOARD

LEAVE R16 (Red Bell off Falmouth HB.) to STARBOARD

FINISH: OFF EAST CHOP


C "23A" AND "N4" OFF WEST CHOP ON PROPER HAND AT ALL TIMES

WATCH FOR REVERSE COURSE "R" FLAG

***Tide Goes EBB AT 10:24 AM - POLLOCK RIP CHANNEL**


(Over)

RULES: The race will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules (as amended) of Sailing, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (USSA) and by the Race Circular.

The Race Committee may issue oral instructions by flying code flag "L"  (yellow and black squares on the diagonal) in accordance with Rule 90.2c.

All racing entrants must carry all Coast Guard required safety equipment.

Children must wear PFDs in accordance with the law. Wearing of PFDs is urged for all participants.

REVERSE COURSE: Code flag "R"  (red with yellow cross).

START AND FINISH: Lines will have the committee boat at one end and an inflatable mark at the other, unless otherwise stated over radio or at briefing.

ALTERNATE RACE DAY: Sunday, September 18th. Check Saturday for a code flag "C" (blue/white/red/white/blue horizontal stripes on the rigging pole at Gannon and Benjamin) 


POSTPONEMENT AND RESTART:

Will be signaled by two guns and the display of the "Answering Pennant":  (red/white/red/white/red).

RESTART will be signaled by lowering "AP" with one gun.

One minute after the removal, there will be a warning signal to begin the normal starting sequence.


RECALL: Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Racing Rule 29

(display of Code Flag "X"  (blue cross on white background).

The Race Committee will endeavor to hail the boat name. The penalty for an improper start is 15 minutes.

CANCELLATION: Will be signaled with three guns and the display of the

Code Flag "N"  (blue and white checkered) over "H"  (white and red vertical).

All races are abandoned (Code Flag "C")  on the rigging pole at G&B.

DROPOUTS: If you drop out of the race, please let the Race Committee know either by radio (CH.73 VHF) or sailing by the committee boat.

TIME LIMIT: If no yacht has finished five hours after the start, the race is abandoned.
The Race Committee may shorten the course.

RUNNING OF ENGINES: Running of engines after the preparatory signal will disqualify a yacht.

PROTESTS: To be made in accordance with USSA instructions.

STARTING SIGNALS:

1050	Yellow Shape Or Flag	Warning Gun
1055	Blue Shape Or Flag	Preparatory Gun
1100	Red Shape Or Flag	Starting Gun

(START TIME MAY BE AMENDED AT BRIEFING.)

2016 RACE COMMITTEE: PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICERS: NAT BENJAMIN & SCOTT DIBIASO
PRIMARY RECORDER: DOUG HEIL / COMMITTEE BOAT : VHYC "VIGILANT II"

RACE COMMITTEE: The committee boat will fly the Race Committee flag.
The committee is in complete command of the race at all times.

BEFORE THE RACE: SAIL PAST THE COMMITTEE BOAT ON STARBOARD TACK
CALL OUT YOUR BOAT'S NAME.

THE RACE COMMITTEE WILL MONITOR CH.73 VHF.

Please try not to ask questions of the committee at this time.

ENTRY FORM: ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2016

DROP OFF Entry Form, Signed Release, and check for US \$42.00 **MADE OUT TO: SAIL MV**
To: Gannon and Benjamin, 30A BEACH RD. Vineyard Haven, MA 02568.

REGISTER ONLINE:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=13263