

**Beverly Yacht Club**  
**Van Rensselaer Pursuit Race**  
**Saturday, July 8, 2023**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Notation '[DP]' means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as changed by the Notice of Race or by these Sailing Instructions.

**2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions or schedule will be posted, at least 24 hours prior to the first scheduled warning signal, on the Official Notice Board located at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26358> and courtesy copies may be posted on the bulletin board on the BYC porch.
- 2.2. Changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water by the race committee on the boat prior to the warning signal and after displaying signal flag "L" and a radio announcement by the race committee on VHF CH 72.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26358> and courtesy copies may be posted on the bulletin board on the BYC porch.
- 3.2. Scratch sheets including start times will be available through the registrant's email and at the Beverly Yacht Club Bar, no later than 0900 on the day of the race.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF CH 72.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

**4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the BYC flagpole.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACE**

- 6.1. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1155.

**7. RACING AREA**

- 7.1. The racing area is outer Sippican Harbor and Buzzards Bay as shown in Addendum A.

**8. COURSES**

- 8.1. The selected course will be displayed on the course board on the race committee boat prior to the first warning signal.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1.** Marks are described on the attached List of Marks in Addendum A. Permanent marks are either government marks or yellow BYC buoys. When a portable windward mark is used, its approximate distance and bearing from the starting line will be displayed on the course board.
- 9.2.** Except when indicated as rounding marks, all racing boats shall pass to the east of marks "5", "3", and "E" and to the south of marks "F" and "I". All yachts must pass west of the Bully Rock marker.
- 9.3.** Portable marks will be Orange, Yellow, or Red inflatable Tetrahedrons, Cylinders, or Balls.

## **10. START AND RECALLS**

- 10.1.** The start will be in the vicinity of Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (Fl R) at Centerboard Shoal (BYC mark "G").
  - 10.1.1.** Boats will be allocated a start relative to their handicap and those times will be listed on the scratch sheet.
  - 10.1.2.** The first boat(s) to start will be allocated 1200 and will start in accordance with RRS 26.
  - 10.1.3.** For subsequent boats, their preparatory signal and their one-minute signal shall be deemed to have been made at four minutes and at one minute respectively before their nominal starting time. Their starting signal will be the start time announced with a single sound. This changes RRS26.
  - 10.1.4.** A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing and such a score shall not be grounds for redress This changes RRS A5.1,A5.2 and 60.1 (b)
  - 10.1.5.** [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other boats.

### **10.2. POSTPONING PURSUIT RACES**

- 10.2.1.** Postponement of pursuit races shall be in accordance with RRS 27.3.
- 10.2.2.** In the event of postponement, the starting minutes allocated will remain the same. Yachts will start at their allocated number of minutes after the rescheduled start time. The start sheet will not be reprinted. Yachts will be advised of the rescheduled start time via VHF CH 72.

### **10.3. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS**

- 10.3.1** Boats starting early by one minute or more shall have that amount of time, which they would otherwise have saved, added to their elapsed time and then a further 10% time penalty added. No recall signal shall be made. The addition of a penalty under this SI 10.3.1 shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 60.1 (b).
- 10.3.2** Boats starting early by less than one minute: The race committee shall promptly display code flag 'X' accompanied by one sound signal. The flag will be displayed for a period of 30 seconds or until all such boats have completely returned to the prestart side of the line by rounding one of the ends, whichever is earlier. A 10% elapsed time penalty shall apply to boats that were identified by the RC as having started early by less than one minute and who returned to the prestart side of the line. This changes RRS 29.1.

## **11. GENERAL RECALLS**

- 11.1.** There shall be no general recalls. This changes RRS 29.2

## **12. FINISHING**

- 12.1.** The finish line will be between the staff from which a blue flag is displayed on the finish boat and the course side of the nearby mark.
- 12.2.** If the Race Committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, by texting the BYC Scorer at 508-954-0906 at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **13. PENALTIES**

- 13.1.** RRS Appendix V will apply in its entirety.
- 13.2.** All post-race penalties must be taken before the protest time limit regardless of whether a protest was filed. This changes RRS V2(a).

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1.** The Van Rensselaer Pursuit Race has a time limit of five (5) hours from the start of the first boat.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1.** Protests and requests for redress shall be written on hearing request forms available in the BYC Protest Box located on the wall to the left of the Clubhouse door on the porch. The form should be completed, photographed, and emailed to [protest@beverlyyachtclub.org](mailto:protest@beverlyyachtclub.org) within two hours from the time the race committee finish boat returns to BYC. The RC docking time will be posted on the Notice Board as stated in SI 3.1.
- 15.2.** Notices will be posted and emailed no later than 1800 on July 9, 2023, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the time and location of that hearing.
- 15.3.** A boat requesting redress based on her score shall do so by 1100 on July 9, 2023. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1.** RRS A5.2, Scoring, is amended to allow for the following scoring:  
DNC, DNS, DNF, NSC, RET = Starters + 1  
OCS = Starters +1  
DSQ = Starters +2
- 16.2.** Scores will be posted on the Van Rensselaer Pursuit Race site at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26358>

## **17. SAFETY**

- 17.1.** [DP] When Code Flag "L" is displayed on the race committee signal boat before a warning signal, boats shall check in by sailing past the signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their numbers until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 17.2.** Every competing boat is required to carry a VHF radio and monitor VHF radio CH 72 from the preparatory signal and while racing.
- 17.3.** A boat that retires shall notify the race committee, or by calling the BYC Scorer at 508-954-0906, at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.4.** RRS 40.1 applies and all competitors shall wear properly fastened, USCG approved personal flotation devices at all times when on deck.
- 17.5.** When code flag "V" is displayed not later than the warning signal, spinnakers shall not be used.

## 18. RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1.** RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.** The Organizing Authority will not and does not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after racing.

## 19. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 19.1.** Competitors may contact the following individuals for additional information:

Event Chair: Craig Rowe - [craig.rowe@outlook.com](mailto:craig.rowe@outlook.com)

PHRF Chairs: Ed Dailey - [dailey@raptor205.com](mailto:dailey@raptor205.com) and Barry Steinberg – [bmjb@comcast.net](mailto:bmjb@comcast.net)

J/80 Fleet Representative: Peter Quandt - [pquandt@comcast.net](mailto:pquandt@comcast.net)

Shields Fleet Representative: Tom Evans - [tom.evans12@gmail.com](mailto:tom.evans12@gmail.com)

BYC Race Committee Chair: Tracy McNeil at [tltmcneil@verizon.net](mailto:tltmcneil@verizon.net)

Addendum A: Racing Area and Marks

