



DOWNEAST RACE WEEK (END) XVII

August 12-14, 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the current PHRF-NE Rules, as adopted and amended by these Sailing Instructions, and the safety regulations and equipment requirements of the USCG unless modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio and GPS receiver and shall monitor VHF 65 from 0900 to 1800 on days of racing.
- 1.3 All boats shall be sailed by at least 2 persons.
- 1.4 Life Jackets - Youth age 12 and under shall wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) at all times while racing. If the Race Committee hoists flag "Y" (red & yellow diagonal stripes) prior to the Attention gun, all competitors shall wear USCG approved PFDs while racing. It is not otherwise required to wear life jackets at the start and finish of each race
- 1.5 A 2011 PHRF-NE Certificate is required for Cruiser/Racer boats for the event. Apply on-line at www.phrfne.org. The Race Committee reserves the right to assign a rating, for which a \$25 fee may be charged.
- 1.6 Use of electric winches is permitted. This modifies RRS 52.
- 1.7 All Competitors must complete and sign the Downeast Raceweek (End) XVII Entry Form & Waiver .

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors including race results, emergencies, social schedule, amendments, individual recalls, rendezvous locations and protest hearing schedules will be announced on VHF 65. Scratch sheets, excluding late entries will be available on line at: <http://nehfleet.org/> or <http://kollegewidgwokyc.com/>

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions, or special instructions to apply to the race that follows, may be signaled by the Race Committee by flying code flag "L" (black & yellow squares) and announced on VHF 65 prior to the Attention Signal of each race, except that any change to the schedule of races will be announced by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SCHEDULE & RACE COURSE DESCRIPTION

- 4.1 One race is scheduled for each day. The Rendezvous Mark is the planned Starting Mark. Depending on wind conditions, however, the Race Committee boat may hoist code flag "L" and proceed to a new starting mark.
- 4.2 Division I-III rating breaks for the purpose of trophies shall be indicated on the Scratch Sheet.
- 4.3 The Race Committee will announce courses, when possible, 30 minutes prior to the Attention Signal.
- 4.4 The Race Committee shall read the course over VHF 65 and/or request confirmation of receipt from each entrant.
- 4.5 The Race Committee may announce course changes and/or shortening on VHF 65. This modifies RRS 32 & 33.
- 4.6 There is no restriction on how boats may proceed through intervening islands.
- 4.7 Government marks may be disregarded at the contestant's peril.
- 4.8 Consult navigation charts for precise mark locations.

4.9 SCHEDULE and COURSE Options

Friday, August 12– August Cruise Race 1

1130 Begin VHF Announcements Channel 65
1200 Rendezvous and check in at MDI Long Ledge G “1” Fl 4s GONG (44.13; 68.170)
1230 Attention Signal - Race 1

Course A – Long Island

Start MDI Long Ledge
Long Island to STBD (44.06; 68.21) around Richs Head
FINISH between RC Boat and Inflatable Mark at Folly Island at entrance to Pretty Marsh Harbor

Course B – Great Duck

Start MDI Long Ledge
Great Duck to STBD (44.08; 68.15)
Placentia to STBD (44.11; 68.22)
FINISH between RC Boat and Inflatable Mark at Folly Island at entrance to Pretty Marsh Harbor

Raft up and get together at Birch Cove, Bartlett’s Island. Hal Kroeger is bringing refreshments and food for all to enjoy.

Saturday, August 14 – Nevin Cup Race 1 & August Cruise Race 2

0815-0830 Competitors requesting a ride to their anchored boats must arrive at dock in Pretty Marsh Landing prior to 0830. RC Boat DRIFTWOOD will arrive to ferry you out. Directions are as follows:

Take the Pretty Marsh Road in Somesville, West, past Long Pond until you get to the Pretty Marsh/Indian Point intersection. Go right on Indian Point road, ~ 1 mile until you approach a "Y". There is a sign for Bartlets Landing to the left. Take that to the end, which is Bartletts Landing. Parking is limited/creative, but it will work to get folks off or on your boat .

0900 VHF Check in and Announcements Channel 65
1000 Attention Signal – Race 2

Course C –Hanus Ledge, Wooden Boat School

Start between RC Boat and Inflatable Mark at entrance to Pretty Marsh Harbor
Cow & Calf Ledge R N “8” to Port
R N “2” Pond Island Passage to STBD
Hanus Ledge R G N ‘HL’
Finish between RC Boat and Inflatable Mark at Babson Island

Course D – Egg Rock, Wooden Boat School

Start between RC Boat and Inflatable Mark at entrance to Pretty Marsh Harbor
Cow & Calf Ledge R N “8” to Port
R N “2” Pond Island Passage to STBD
Egg Rock R “8A” to STBD
Finish between RC Boat and Inflatable Mark at Babson Island

Course E – Halibut Rocks, Wooden Boat School

Start between RC Boat and Inflatable Mark at entrance to Pretty Marsh Harbor
Cow & Calf Ledge R N “8” to Port
R N “2” Pond Island Passage to STBD
Halibut Rocks to Stbd
Finish between RC Boat and Inflatable Mark at Babson Island

1800 Catered Dinner at shorefront facility of Wooden Boat School with beer, wine, and non alc.beverages. BYOB liquor. KYC is organizing a boat to shuttle people to/ from their boats on Sat evening/ Sun morning.

Sunday, August 15 – Nevin Cup Race 2 & August Cruise Race 3

0800-0830 Arrive at Wooden Boat School for launch and shuttling to boats as organized by KYC.

0900 VHF Check in, Channel 65

1000 Attention Signal – Race 2

Course F- Swans Island, Ships and Barges

Start between RC Boat and Inflatable Mark at Babson Island

Swans Island to Port

Finish at “47” Bell G”3” Ship & Barges Ledge

Course G- Egg Rock, Ships and Barges

Start between RC Boat and Inflatable Mark at Babson Island

Egg Rock R “8A” to Port

Finish at “47” Bell G”3” Ship & Barges Ledge

Final Results will be posted on both KYC and NEHF web sites ASAP.

6 MARKS

6.1 Courses are selected from the list above.

6.2 Additional Marks: The Committee may select alternate government marks or use an inflatable mark which will be announced by VHF radio and confirmed by all competitors.

7 CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

7.1 Prior to the Attention signal, all boats shall check-in with, and be acknowledged by, the Race Committee Signal Boat by passing close astern or by hailing on (VHF 65)

7.2 A boat which fails to check in for a race may be scored DNS (This modifies RRS 35).

7.3 Boats retiring shall immediately inform the Race Committee on VHF 65 or Yacht Club phone numbers until acknowledged.

8 THE START

8.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the following addition: An attention signal (flag F – White with Red Diamond) will be flown with a horn blast, five minutes before the warning signal. Flag F will be removed one minute before the warning signal. (This modifies RRS 26).

8.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby mark.

8.3 There will be one starting sequence for all Cruiser-Racers in Divisions I-III.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag & Sound</u>	<u>Minutes before Start</u>
Attention Signal	Code Flag F (WHITE w/RED DIAMOND)) Horn Blasts	10
One Minute to Warning	Attention (WHITE w/RED) Flag Drop Only with; No Sound	6
Warning Signal	YELLOW Flag, 1 Sound	5
Preparatory	P (BLUE w/WHITE SQUARE), I, Z, or Black; 1 Sound	4
One Minute to Start	Prep Flag (BLUE w/WHITE) or other Dropped; 1 long sound	1
Start	YELLOW Warning Flag Dropped 1 Sound Boat(s) Over Early - Flag "X", (white w/Blue Cross) 1 Sound	START

8.5 Individual Recalls. The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each premature starter either by voice or on VHF 65. Failure to make such an announcement, to hail some but not all premature starters, or the untimely hail of premature starters, shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

8.6 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall radio the RC boat when passing within one boat length of the starting mark when passing the starting mark.

9 FINISH

9.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the Race Committee Boat and nearby finishing mark.

9.2 When finishing at an island, the finish line shall be between the Race Committee Boat and the inflatable buoy anchored near the island.

9.3 The **time limit** for the first boat shall be 1700 hours, except that on Sunday, August 15th, it shall be 1500 hours. The time limit for all boats shall be one hour after the first boat to finish. Boats not finishing within these limits shall be scored DNF and scored 1 point more than the last finisher (modifies RRS Appendix A).

9.4 If the Race Committee is not on station at the finish, each boat shall attempt to contact the RC on VHF 65 and record their own GPS finish time when the first part of their hull or sails, in their normal position, cross a line extending from the last mark of the course, perpendicular to the final leg.

9.5 The Race Committee may shorten a leg of the course while boats are already on that leg of the course at any government mark or an inflatable buoy which was not a designated turning mark. This will be announced by the Race Committee and confirmed by all contestants on VHF Channel 65. This modifies RRS 32.2.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one jibe, is required.

10.2 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31.2 (hitting a mark) or RRS 44.1 (part 2) shall inform the Race Committee on VHF 65 upon finishing.

12 PROTESTS

Aggressive application of the rules is strongly discouraged in favor of "giving way" in close situations, suggesting a like favor in return. Notice of protest hearings shall be announced on VHF 65 within one hour after finish of the last boat to inform involved parties or those named as witnesses of the time and place for hearings. The Protest

Committee will consist of a minimum of three persons drawn from the crew of Committee Boat, from the DERW Committee or from a boat not involved.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Three races are scheduled.
- 13.2 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A4.1 will apply. RRS 30.2 and 44.3 shall not apply. A boat's Overall DERW series score will be the sum of her placing in Fleet (combining Divisions I-II-III). For the Nevin Cup, the combined corrected time of races completed shall determine the winner in each class. For the August Cruise a boat's series score will be the sum of her placings in Fleet. Series ties shall be settled in accordance with RRS A8.
- 13.3 Cruiser/Racer Division I-III Races will be scored using PHRF Time on Distance.
- 13.4 Yacht Club Challenge (Div I-III). A yacht club may enter as many 3-4 boat teams (KYC 1, KYC 2, et al) as can be formed. The placings overall in Div I-III of the top 3 boats on each team will determine the placings of the team in each race. The sum of team placings in races sailed shall determine the winning team. A tie shall be broken in favor of the team winning the last race. If a tie remains, it shall be broken in favor of the team having the highest placing boat overall in the last race.
- 13.5 DNF shall be scored one point more than the number of finishers Overall of that race. DSQ and DNS shall be one point more than the overall number of starters in that race. (Modifies RRS Appendix A).
- 13.6 For the purposes of awarding trophies, the fleet will be divided into Divisions at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 13.7 Non-spinnaker boats will compete with spinnaker boats for Division trophies. If more than 3 entries, non-spinnaker boats will be awarded Non-Spinnaker Awards, based upon overall placings.

14 PRIZES

FRIDAY – August Cruise Race 1 – (These are traditional Day 1 NEHF August Cruise Trophies)

Division I	Schooner Race Trophy
Division II	Coxe Trophy
Division III	Constance Madeira Tray

SATURDAY – August Cruise Race 2 and Nevin Cup Race 1

Division I	J Boats Trophy
Division II	Morris Trophy
Division III	Chace Memorial Bar Graph

SUNDAY – August Cruise Race 3 and Nevin Cup Race 2 (Cumulative Corr. Time for SAT and SUN races)

Overall Div 1-III	Paul Nevin Memorial Trophy (These are KYC Nevin Cup Trophies)
Division I	Nevin Cup
Division II	Nevin Cup
Division III	Nevin Cup

OVERALL - August Cruise & DERW

Overall Div I-III -	The Max Warburg Trophy (“The Max”)
2 nd Overall Div I-III	Harry Wilmerding Tray
Division I-III	Becton Bowl – Fastest Cumulative Elapsed Time in 3 Races
Division I	Pirate Cup
Division I (Best 2/3)	Lewis K. Cherot Memorial Trophy
Division II	Arundel Plate
Division III	Michael Crofoot Trophy

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4., Decision to Race. KYC and NEHF will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 15.2 The safety of a boat and its crew, and the decision whether to start or continue in any race, is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and physically capable crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or acceptance of a boat to race in this event in any way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.
- 15.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry if, in its sole judgment, to do so is in the best interest of the regatta.

16 Divisional Splits as of August 9, 2011. This is subject to reassignment if more entries are accepted.

Division 1-	Cybele	15
	Far Out	69
	Charade	84
	Eventyr	81
Division 2-	Sidewinder	90
	Flirt	90
	Crackerjack	114
Division 3-	Rambling Rose	132
	Ariana	132

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