



QUISSETT YACHT CLUB

Quissett Harbor
Falmouth, Massachusetts

58th Annual Round The Bay Race 1200 Saturday, September 11, 2010

Open to PHRF-NE Racing and Cruising Classes

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

(Forms available at www.QuissettYachtClub.org)

ELIGIBILITY

The Round the Bay Race is open to single-hulled boats with current PHRF-NE rating certificates. The race will be sailed under the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and as supplemented by these sailing instructions and amendments thereto. There will be no limit to the number of crew or the number of sails carried or used if they conform to the boat's rating certificate.

RATING CERTIFICATE

Each boat entering must have a valid current PHRF-NE rating.

ENTRY AND ENTRY FEE

The entry should be postmarked on or before the deadline on the entry form.

A valid entry consists of the following:

- a completed entry form (either the one enclosed or a copy)
- a copy of the boat's current PHRF-NE rating certificate
- entry fee, payable to Quissett Yacht Club: \$40 for USSA members; \$45 for all others

START

The Round the Bay Race is a pursuit race. Finish position is actual order of finish, except in the case of a shortened race or protests. The race will be started according to Rule 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal (start is at 1200 unless postponed). There will be a horn at each listed starting time if one or more boats starting at that time have checked in. Late entries will be assigned a starting time already on the scratch sheet, which may be later than their rating would call for. Boats will start in order from the highest PHRF rating down.

A scratch sheet giving boat names, ratings and starting times should be picked up at the Quissett Harbor House dock before 1030, or from the Committee Boat at the starting line before 1145. Please note that late entries or boats changing class may not be listed. Because of the pursuit start the handicaps all have to be figured ahead of time. In order to give maximum flexibility in setting a course best suited to the prevailing conditions, the handicaps, and therefore the starting times, will be calculated for courses of different lengths, designated **W, X, Y** and **Z**.

The starting times chosen, **W, X, Y** or **Z** will be posted at the TOP of the course board on the Committee Boat. The order of rounding of the marks for the course will be displayed at the BOTTOM of the course board. The Start and Finish are between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a portable mark, outside the entrance to Quissett Harbor.

COURSE MARKS

Approximate locations

Start **41.32.9 70.40.2**

The following government aids to navigation are referred to by the letter preceding them:

B. Lone Rock green flasher (north of Quicks Hole)	41 27.7	70 51.1
C. Bell Buoy "BB" , approximately 4 miles NE of Quicks Hole	41 30.6	70 49.9
D. West Island Bell Buoy R "2SE"	41 34.1	70 48.8
E. Nye Ledge Bell Buoy G "1"	41 37.0	70 46.2
F. G "9" Fl G Bell approximately 5 miles WNW from Quissett	41 32.8	70 46.4
G. Centerboard Shoal red flasher R "2" , Sippican Harbor entrance buoy	41 39.8	70 43.6
H. R "2" Fl R Bell approximately 4 miles NNW from Quissett	41 36.7	70 41.9

Starting Time	Courses	Approximate course length in nautical miles
W	DE or ED or EG or GE	16
X	FG or GF	19
Y	BF or FB or CE or EC or HC or CH	20
Z	BD or DB	23

CHANGE OF CLASS

Boats wishing to change class should notify the race committee before 1140 on race day.

RACE TIME = GPS time.

TIME LIMIT

In the event no boat finishes within six hours of her start, the race will be abandoned. If any boat finishes within the time limit, the time limit for all other boats will be two hours after the finish of the first boat. Boats not finishing within the time limit may be scored *Did not finish*.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will monitor **VHF channel 72**. Any boat deciding to retire or having any information to transmit to the committee should use this frequency. In the event of abandonment of the race or a change of course, an announcement will be made on this frequency.

SIGNALS

Postponement: AP Answering Pennant - Postponement Signal and two sound signals. Postponements will be for 15 minute intervals. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned. The number of minutes to be added to all starting times will be posted in the middle of the course board.

Come Within Hail: Code flag **L**.

Change of Course: Code flag **C** and new course displayed before the new leg. Radio notification may serve instead.

Race Cancelled: Code flag **N** and two sound signals. The race will not be resailed.

Recall: Code flag **X** and a distinctive sound signal for each boat over early. The Race Committee will endeavor to call the sail number and/or name of each boat which starts prematurely and will broadcast the sail number and/or name of premature starters, but it is the responsibility of each boat to make a proper start. A boat that makes a reasonable attempt to start properly but fails to start properly will have 30 minutes added to her elapsed time.

Shorten Course: Code flag **S**. Finish between the committee boat and the nearby mark.

SHORTENED or CHANGED COURSE

If the race committee changes or shortens the course it will announce the change by radio. It may not be possible to notify all boats by flag signal. The RC will recompute handicaps and email results and post results on QuissettYachtClub.org.

ENGINES

Within five minutes of a boat's start until a boat has finished or withdrawn engines may only be used in emergencies or to assist another vessel in distress. The Race Committee will make allowances for such engine use provided proper log entries are submitted.

POWER WINCHES

Power winches may be used.

PROTESTS

The provisions of USSA Rules Part 5- Protests, Hearings, Misconduct and Appeals will be followed. The default Two-Turns penalty will be in effect.

We strongly suggest that a boat intending to protest notify the committee boat upon finishing.

A protest must be postmarked or picked up for delivery no later than the Monday following the race.

Penalties may include adding 30 minutes to a boat's elapsed time, or disqualification.

AWARDS

Perpetual Trophies -please return them before next year's race

Boston Yacht Club Trophy - First finisher

Harbor Challenge Trophy- First Quissett Yacht Club finisher

Annual Trophies

Round the Bay Race Trophies - First three finishers in Racing and Cruising divisions

The Race Committee will email results to all contestants, post results online and mail prizes to winners who do not collect them after finishing. The Race Committee reserves the right to limit classes or awards based on number of entries.

MANAGEMENT

The races will be managed by the Quissett Yacht Club Inc. Round the Bay Race Committee who shall have the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the race, to decide protests and to reject the entry of any boat at any time prior to the preparatory signal for the start of that race, that, in its opinion, is unseaworthy or does not comply with the spirit of the rules and conditions of the race.

OWNERS' AND SKIPPERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole responsibility of the skipper, who must assure that the boat is thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a competent crew. The skipper of a boat must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all gear. The skipper must assure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

Neither the establishment of equipment regulations nor any inspecting of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility 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 a race.

The Quissett Yacht Club Inc. is 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 Round the Bay Race.

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