The Northeast Harbor Fleet Cruising Class Pursuit Races

NOTICE OF RACE 2016 SAILING SEASON

Organized by the Northeast Harbor Fleet

1. ***Schedule-*** Races to be held for Pursuit Races as published on the Northeast Harbor Fleet Calendar at http://www.nehfleet.org/pdf-calendars/
   These races include the Henry Reath Trophy, the Constance Madeira Trophy, the Great Harbor Dream Race, The Seal Harbor Race for the O'Brien Cup, the Hayward Cup and the Max Warburg Races.
2. ***Rules-*** All races to be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
3. ***Eligibility***-
   3.1 One participant on an entry either as helm or crew must be a current member in good standing of the Northeast Harbor Fleet.
   3.2 A Helmperson age 22 or younger who is enrolled in and/or employed by any sailing club located on MDI shall be an eligible entry.
   3.3 Guest entries who are not members of the Northeast Harbor Fleet may participate in up to three pursuit races without paying a fee. If a guest entry participates in three or more pursuit races, they shall pay a fee of $300.
4. ***Types of Boats-***
   4.1 Cruising Class Keelboats 20' or longer with a valid and current PHRF-NE Rating Certificate are eligible for the Reath, Madeira, Great Harbor Dream, and Warburg Races.
   4.2 One Design Classes which have raced at the Northeast Harbor Fleet as a class are also eligible to participate in the Hayward Cup and O'Brien Cup.
   4.3 The Race Committee may assign a rating to a yacht at their sole discretion.
5. ***Racing Area-*** The waters surrounding MDI, The Cranberry Islands, The Great Harbor, and Somes Sound
6. ***Scoring-***
   6.1 All entries shall be scored in the order which they finish.
   6.2 A boat that retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the race. This changes RRS A4.2
   6.3 A boat that started but did not finish and is not being protested shall be scored one point more than the number of boats which finish in the race. This modifies RRS A9.
7. ***Safety-***
   7.1 All entries must continuously monitor VHF 65 throughout the race.
   7.2 All personnel under the age of 18 shall wear a Type III or Type V PFD while racing. All personnel who are sailing with two or fewer people on board shall wear a Type III or Type V PFD while racing.
   7.3 Boats must have a means of retrieval for a person overboard.
   7.4 Boats may use electric winches. This modifies RRS 52.

8. ***APPENDIX T – ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION*** will be in effect.

SECTION A PENALTIES WHILE RACING

If Section A applies, rule T1 shall be included in the sailing instructions.

T1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

SECTION B POST-RACE PENALTIES

T2 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

T2.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

T2.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

SECTION C EXPEDITED HEARINGS

T3 INFORMING THE RACE COMMITTEE A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.

T4 CHANGES IN HEARING PROCEDURES This rule applies to all hearings except hearings under rule 69.

T4.1 If the protest committee is able to assemble the parties to a hearing before the protest or redress time limit, it may begin the hearing and may waive the requirements of rule 61.2 or 62.2.

T4.2 Rule 63.5 is changed to: 'At the beginning of the hearing, if there is no objection, the protest or request is valid and the hearing shall be continued. If an objection is made, the protest committee shall take any evidence . . . [no further change].'

T4.3 Insert a new sentence after the third sentence of rule 63.6: 'However, the committee may limit the number of witnesses and the time during which parties may present evidence and ask questions.'

T4.4 The first sentence of rule 65.2 is changed to: 'A party to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks the protest committee for it no later than thirty minutes after being informed of the decision or coming ashore following the last race of the day, whichever is later.'

T4.5 The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

T4.6 The third sentence of rule 66 is changed to: 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'