

## The Northeast Harbor Fleet Cruising Class Pursuit Races

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for the 2016 SAILING SEASON

Organized by the Northeast Harbor Fleet



1. **Rules-** All races to be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. **Schedule of Races-** 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.
3. **Starting signal for the slowest boat and starting area.**

<i>Reath Trophy</i>	1230	Fleet Mark Q
<i>Constance Madeira Trophy</i>	1430	<i>Baker Island</i>
<i>Great Harbor Dream Race</i>	1300	<i>Fleet Mark Q</i>
<i>The O'Brien Cup</i>	1330	<i>Fleet Mark S</i>
<i>The Hayward Cup</i>	1300	<i>Old Location Fleet Mark R</i>
<i>The Max Warburg Races</i>	1000	<i>Fleet Mark GL</i>
4. **Course to be Sailed-** Courses shall be displayed on a rack located on the Race Committee Signal Boat prior to the Warning signal, with the first mark to be rounded on top. Marks shall be rounded to port, unless the letter "S", indicating "Round this specific mark to Starboard" is placed beside the mark letter. Courses may include turns around islands and shoals as well as government marks and/or NEH Fleet marks. See Addendum A.
5. **Government Buoys-** All government buoys shall be honored **except** Fleet Marks E, I, P, R, Q unless they are a designated turning mark for that leg of the course. (Every Porsche Is Really Quick)
6. **Starting and Finishing Lines-** Lines will be defined by the course side of the Race Committee Signal Boat mast with an orange flag and the course side of an adjacent mark.
7. **Starting Times-** All competitors shall check in with RC Signal Boat and confirm whether they are intending to race spinnaker or no spinnaker. Individual or groups of similarly rated boats start times will be verbally hailed and synchronized with GPS time as close as practicable.
8. **Time Limits-** Each entry shall start within 5 minutes of their starting signal unless receiving approval from the Race Committee prior to their starting signal on VHF 65. Each entry shall finish within one hour of the first boat to finish or they shall be scored DNF.
9. **Handicap System-** PHRF Time -on-Distance rating system will be applied to the length of the course and the boat's PHRF-NE rating or a rating as assigned by the Race Committee.
10. **Scoring System-**
  - 10.1 All entries shall be scored in the order which they finish.

10.2 A boat that retires 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

10.3 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.

**11. Course Change or Shortening of Course-**

11.1 The course may be shortened (Rule 32) or changed (Rule 33) after the start.

11.2 The RC will notify competitors via VHF at the earliest possible time and the message will be repeated at least twice. Competitors are strongly encouraged to acknowledge receipt of the notification by VHF. If the course is shortened approximately 150 minutes after the fastest boat starts, there shall be no adjustments in finishing position.

11.3 The RC may change and shorten the course while boats are already on that leg of the course. This changes Rule 32.

**12. Safety-**

12.1 All entries must continuously monitor VHF 65 throughout the race.

12.2 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.

12.3 Boats must have a means of retrieval for a person overboard.

12.4 Boats may use electric winches. This modifies RRS 52.

**13. 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.'