NOTICE OF RACE – 2020 SEASON Pursuit Races
Organized by the Northeast Harbor Fleet under the auspices of
The Northeast Harbor Fleet Cruising Class

1. Rules
1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
   Cruising Class entries shall conform with US Sailing ‘Nearshore’ Safety Equipment Guidelines.
1.2 One Design Classes shall conform to their class rules and by-laws.

2 Eligibility and Entry
2.1 All Entries shall email the PRO Franny Charles a copy of their valid 2020 PHRF New England Rating Certificate prior to participation.
2.2 All entries shall have aboard a current member of the NEHF either as helm or crew.
2.3 An entry is eligible if any crew member is enrolled or is an instructor in a local MDI area sailing club.
2.4 Guest entries, who are not members of the Northeast Harbor Fleet, may participate in one pursuit race during a season.
2.5 Membership applications are available on line at The Northeast Harbor Fleet
2.6 Owners/ skippers are responsible for agreeing to the Fleet Policies and signing the most current Fleet Covid 19 Waiver which outlines responsibilities for behavior while at the Fleet. Furthermore, each crew member must also complete and submit the same form. Failure to complete this form prior to a race may be grounds for declaring the entry non-eligible.
2.7 A tracking document for each day of racing is required to be completed by the owner/skipper or their designee within 24 hours of the completion of the last race of the day. This document is a critical piece to assist the organizing authority understanding all personnel on board each boat for each race day. Local health officials may need to access this if we have a potential infection of covid among racers.
2.8 Cruising Class is limited to a crew size on board as described by the first digit of a boat’s overall length in feet plus one and must be wearing a face covering whenever closer together than 6’. If an entry is all from the same family or household, the face covering and the crew limitation are not required while racing.
2.9 Luders 16 Class entries shall be limited to two persons and must be wearing a face covering whenever closer together than 6’. If an entry is all from the same family or household, the face covering and the crew limitation are not required while racing.
2.10 IOD Class entries shall be limited to three persons and must be wearing a face covering whenever closer together than 6’. If an entry is all from the same family or household, the face covering and the crew limitation are not required while racing.
2.11 All personnel shall wear a personal floatation device.

3 Schedule
The schedule for pursuit races events will be published on the monthly calendars of the NEHF. These races include the Henry T. Reath Race, The Constance Madeira Race, The Great Harbor Dream Race and The Max Warburg Races.
4 **Sailing Instructions**

The Sailing Instructions and the Fleet Emergency Protocol will be available for download from the NEHF sites. Printed Sailing Instructions will be available from Shearwater and will not be available at Fleet House this year. All participants are strongly encouraged to download and print their own copies.

5 **Racing Area**

Racing will be conducted in the waters of the Great Harbor, the Western Way, the Eastern Way, Somes Sound, and waters surrounding Mount Desert Island.

6 **Courses**

Courses shall be described in the Sailing Instructions.

7 **Disclaimer**

Competitors participate in the race series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Northeast Harbor Fleet, its officers and employees will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race series.

8 **Scoring**

8.1 US Sailing Appendix V Alternative Penalties and Appendix T shall apply.

8.2 A boat that did not start, 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

8.3 A boat that started but did not finish and is not being protested shall be scored points equal to the number of boats that finished plus one. Modifies RRS A9.

9 **Trophies**

9.1 A Northeast Harbor Fleet trophy shall be awarded to the top boat.

9.2 Daily trophies shall be awarded for the following categories; Highest average age on board for the day; Lowest average age on board for the day; Top all family boat of the day. A max limit of only one glass per day per entry.

10 **Additional Information**

10.1 As available, regatta information, news, pictures and Cruising Class racing results will be published on the Northeast Harbor Fleet web-site and emailed to the Cruising Class email list, the IOD Class email list and the Luders Class email list.

10.2 Questions about this Notice of Race, Regatta Schedule, and Series schedule may be forwarded to the NEH Cruising Class Fleet Captain Chris Hopkins.

10.3 Questions about this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may be forwarded to the Principal Race Officer Fran Charles by email to: fcharles@mit.edu