

**PISCATAQUA SAILING ASSOCIATION
2020 PHRF TUESDAY EVENING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Rules: The Series will be governed by the rules, as defined in 2017-2020, “The Racing Rules of Sailing”, (RRS), and their Prescriptions, as well as the PHRF “Bylaws & Ethics” as outlined by PHRF New England.

Entries: PSA PHRF Tuesday Evening Series is open to current members of the Piscataqua Sailing Association (PSA). A current member is defined as one who has registered a yacht with the PHRF fleet and whose yacht has been assigned a PHRF fleet with all applicable PSA fees paid. A PHRF yacht will not be scored until fees are paid. Up to date PHRF Certificates are required and need to be on file with PSA for the yacht to be scored. *J24 boats are allowed to race in this series due to Covid-19 canceling of Thursday Nights and maybe scored as their own class with 3 or more boats consistently racing.*

Insurance: All PHRF Racing or Cruising Fleets yachts must provide proof of liability insurance, at a minimum of \$300,000 and present such proof to fleet captains prior to the yacht’s first race in order to participate.

Covid-19 Recommendations:

Safety tips for boating and social distancing:

- Follow state and local guidance for outdoor recreation.
- Share a float plan with a family member or friend with the details of your trip in the event of an emergency.
- Carry all required boating safety equipment such as flares, navigation light, a horn or whistle, and a first aid kit.
- Limit the people aboard your boat to people in your immediate household and maintain a crew list each week.
- Stay at least six feet away from other people who do not live in your house. Maintain safe distance at the fuel dock or loading up at the marina.
- Wash hands frequently or use a hand sanitizer, such as after touching a marina gate or fuel pump.
- Go right from your house to the boat and back so that you don’t have unnecessary contact with anyone.
- Pack food, water, and other things you may need as restaurants and marina stores may not be open.
- Have more than one communication device that works when wet.

Changes to this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions: Any change to this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be made either by email to the Skipper of each registered yacht by Friday the week prior, or through hails made on VHF Channel 68 prior to the first Warning Sound the day of the race.

Fleet, Class & Class Flags: First Start Class Flag shall be signal flag F, foxtrot. Second Start Class Flag shall be signal flag D, Delta.

Racing Fleet:

“CLASS A” PHRF Racing <= 150, “CLASS B” PHRF Racing >150

Cruising Fleet:

“CLASS A” PHRF Cruising

Cruising Classes must notify RC of an intention to use a spinnaker at the onset of the season, and in so doing shall be scored according to her Racing Rating all season regardless of actual spinnaker use. Race course use of a spinnaker shall be notification of same.

Check in Before Start. Yachts new to PSA please try to check in by sailing past Race Committee prior to their warning signal. Boats that withdraw from a race or decide not to start after coming into the racing area, must so advise Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible on VHF channel 68.

The Start.

The first start will be for the Racing Fleet Class A.

Second start will be Racing Fleet Class B Cruising Fleets.

Classes may be started together at RC discretion when fleet size warrants.

RC generally uses rolling starting sequences, any change will be announced prior to the first warning.

First Start – Racing A

Second Start – Racing B and Cruising Fleet

The starting line will be between the orange post on the Race Committee Boat on the starboard end of the line and the nearest mark on the port end of the line.

Practice race: Tuesdays June 16 & June 23; First signal/first race will be 18:00.

Summer Series Races: Tuesday June 30, through September 15, 2020; First signal/first race will be 18:00. Starting Tuesday August 25; First signal/first race will be 17:30 for the remainder of the series. Last Series Race – Tuesday, September 15.

Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made shall remain well clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.

The Race Committee may deploy a small orange inflatable buoy at a distance of eight to ten feet from the transom of the committee boat, the purpose of which will be to keep starting yachts well clear of the Committee Boat. Such a buoy and its painter, if deployed, will be deemed to be an extension of the Race Committee Boat.

A yacht starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS 4.

Courses utilizing inflatable marks are shown in Illustration A. Each course is assigned an identifying numeral and all roundings are to be left to port as shown in each diagram.

The Course.

Note: Racing and Cruising courses will usually be different (Racing course will usually be windward/leeward with a longer windward leg, while Racing B & Cruising windward/leeward course will be comprised of a shorter windward leg. A triangle course with a reaching mark may be used for either fleet incorporating their specific windward mark.

Courses are announced by RC on VHF channel 68 prior to the first warning.

See Addendum A for course diagrams.

Courses generally use inflatable marks, however government aids to navigation may be used if needed.

Recalls

Individual and General Recalls will be handled in accordance with RRS 29.1 and RRS 29.2. Race Committee will try to hail Individual premature starters. Race Committee will endeavor to broadcast OCS Yacht(s) name and/or sail numbers. Failure to do so by RC shall not be grounds for redress.

Additionally the following shall not be grounds for redress: (a) failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast (b) failure of the Race Committee to broadcast recall numbers (c) a boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.

Change of Course after the Start. A change of course after the start will be signaled on VHF channel 68 -this changes RRS 32, 33, 34 - before the leading yacht has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position. Any mark to be rounded may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration, after all the yachts on that leg have completed it.

Abandonment or Shorten Course. Race Committee may abandon the race or shorten course for any reason.

The Finish. The finish line will be between the orange post on the Race Committee signal boat and the nearby mark.

Time Limit. If any yacht in her class has finished within two hours of her starting time and before 20:30 hours, the race will be counted for that entire class. Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first yacht in their class or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish.

Cancelation: Under normal circumstance no race will be canceled before 30 minutes before the starting sequence.

Autopilot: Auto pilot permitted in single and double handed situations.

Protests. Protests will be in accordance with RRS 61 except as follows:

All scoring infractions on the race course will be negated by a single 360 degree turn by the yacht being protested. This changes RRS 44.1

Yachts intending to protest will, after finishing or retiring, notify Race Committee at the finishing line of the sail number of the protested yacht. A boat that has retired may notify Race Committee ashore if unable to do so on the water. Protest filing shall be as follows: Protests must be in writing and sent in the mail to: PSA Protest Committee, PO Box 4427 Portsmouth, NH 03802 Or, preferably, emailed to with copy attached as PDF or TIFF file to Race.Chair@SailPSA.org All protests shall be Postmarked or Emailed on the day of, or the day immediately following the protest incident. All protests that do not meet the requirements of RRS 61 will not be accepted by the Protest Committee. Upon receipt of a valid protest, the Protest Committee will contact the interested parties to schedule a protest hearing. Typically the hearing will be held the following week after racing is finished.

Scoring. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A2 & A4 will apply, except as modified herein. PHRF yachts will be scored using Time on Time, TOT, as prescribed in the New England PHRF guidelines. A race will only be started and scored for a class or division in which two (2) or more boats start.

Standings for each fleet/class will be calculated based on results from 60% + 1 of the total races sailed to date. If more than 2 races are held on a single day, only the first two will be counted. Boats that do not qualify will be removed from the overall standing so as to have no effect on seasonal results.

Ties. Per the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), section A8 SERIES TIES

Summer Series Awards:

Trophies will be presented at the end of the season as follows for the Summer Series:

- Class of 3 boats completing 60% of the races – 1st Place Award
- Class of 4 boats completing 60% of the races – 1st & 2nd Place Awards
- Class of 5 boats or more completing 60% of the races – 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Awards.

Perpetual Trophies

The two perpetual trophies are awarded to the best overall results for the 2020 Tuesday Night Season based on race results from the above percentages, "Tarbell" Race A&B Classes and Cruising Class.

Radio Communication and Emergency Conditions. The Race Committee will utilize Ch. 68 VHF for communications with competing yachts for race information, change of course, etc. Failure to do so shall not be grounds for redress. Yachts shall monitor VHF Channel 68.

Results. Results are to be posted on the PSA web site as soon as possible.

RACE COURSE DISTANCE LENGTHS IN NM									
	F	G	I	K	L	P	R	W	Y
FOSS (F)	▲	1.20	4.77	2.57	▲	▲	1.15	▲	▲
GUNBOAT (G)	1.20	▲	4.30	1.55	1.86	▲	2.25	2.25	6.26
ISLE OF SHOALS (I)	4.77	4.30	▲	5.13	5.86	▲	4.82	▲	5.92
KITTS ROCK (K)	2.57	1.55	5.13	▲	0.98	2.15	3.73	0.83	5.35
LITTLE HARBOR (L)	▲	1.86	5.86	0.98	▲	▲	▲	0.64	▲
NUN "6" (P)	▲	▲	▲	2.15	▲	▲	▲	1.32	▲
RYE (R)	1.15	2.25	4.82	3.73	▲	▲	▲	▲	8.40
WOOD (W)	▲	2.25	▲	0.83	0.64	1.32	▲	▲	▲
YORK LEDGE (Y)	▲	6.26	5.92	5.35	▲	▲	8.40	▲	▲

Portsmouth Harbor: "2", C "3", N "4"
 Little Harbor: N "2"
 Foss Ledge: C "1A"
 West Sister: N "2"
 Appledore: N "2"
 Gosport Harbor: N "4"

Addendum A

Course 1 –

Windward / Leeward

Twice Around

Course 2 -

Windward / Reach / Reach

Windward / Leeward

