



Notice of Race and
Sailing Instructions

Sail Salem Pursuit Race

Monday, September 7, 2026

Proceeds benefit the Sail Salem Organization



- 1 **Event:** The Sail Salem Pursuit Race is a pursuit type race in which the slower boats start before the faster boats with each boat starting at an assigned time, depending on their PHRF handicap. The Organizing Authority is the Boston Yacht Club (BYC). ***This race is a qualifier for the MBSA Pursuit Series.***
- 2 **Rules:** This Event will be governed by the Mass Bay Sailing Association (MBSA) General Sailing Instructions except as changed by these Event Sailing Instructions. Children under 12 years of age must wear PFD's at all times.
- 3 **Eligibility:** Open to PHRF boats with valid PHRFNE handicap certificates. If you don't have a valid PHRF-NE certificate, including One Design, we'll assign you a rating. Indicate if racing in the spinnaker or non-spinnaker division and provide information on boat design and type, largest headsail (in percentage of "J"), if an inboard, type of propeller (fixed, folding or feathering) and, if in the Spinnaker Division, the largest spinnaker (in percent of "J"). Provide as much of this information as you can so we can give you an accurate rating.
- 4 **Registration:** Entry and payment at <https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/dWYKVnri9M/class> should be submitted before 2300 hrs on September 6, 2026. For information contact ktenenbaum@gmail.com.
- 5 **Fees:** The entry fee for all boats is a minimum donation of \$75. Contributions above this amount may be made upon entry.
- 6 **Handicap System:** PHRF Time on Distance will be used.
- 7 **Notices to Competitors:** Will be posted on (i) the official notice board located online at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/dWYKVnri9M/#notice-board> and (ii) by email to addresses supplied at registration.
- 8 **Signals Made Ashore:** Will be displayed from the BYC flagstaff.
- 9 **Schedule of Races:** There will be one race.
- 10 **Start Times:** Will be assigned after registration closes. These will be mailed to skippers electronically no later than 10:30 a.m. on the day of the race. The first start will be no earlier than 1305 hrs. A blue flag will be raised with one sound signal 5 minutes before the start time of the first boat. The RC will attempt to do a countdown for each boat's start to be broadcast on VHF channel 72, but each boat will be responsible for knowing their start time and keeping track of it.
- 11 **Racing Area:** The start will be between the mouth of Marblehead Harbor and Children's Island.
- 12 **The Course:** The course length will be either 4.9 or 6.7 miles. Course details and Mark information are provided in the Addendum to these Sailing Instructions attached.
- 13 **Recalls and Communication:** The Race Committee will use VHF channel 72.
- 14 **Time Limit:** The time limit will be 1600 hrs.
- 15 **Scoring:** There will be two Divisions: Spinnaker (SPIN) and Non-Spinnaker (JAM). Boats will be scored in their finishing order in their respective division.
- 16 **Prizes:** Trophies will be presented for first through third places in each division.
- 17 **Further Information:**
 - 17.1 For further information please contact ktenenbaum@gmail.com.
 - 17.2 Competitors are encouraged to review the Boston Yacht Club's policy statement regarding operating a Clean Regatta. This statement is found on the Notice Board for this event: <https://www.bostonyc.org/racing>

Social Activities: Prizes will be awarded at the BYC after the race. The Gazebo, Yardarm and one of the Club Lounges will be open after the race, offering BYC's hospitality to all Captains, their crew, and guests. BYC's acclaimed chowder and hot dogs will be served to all skippers and crew.

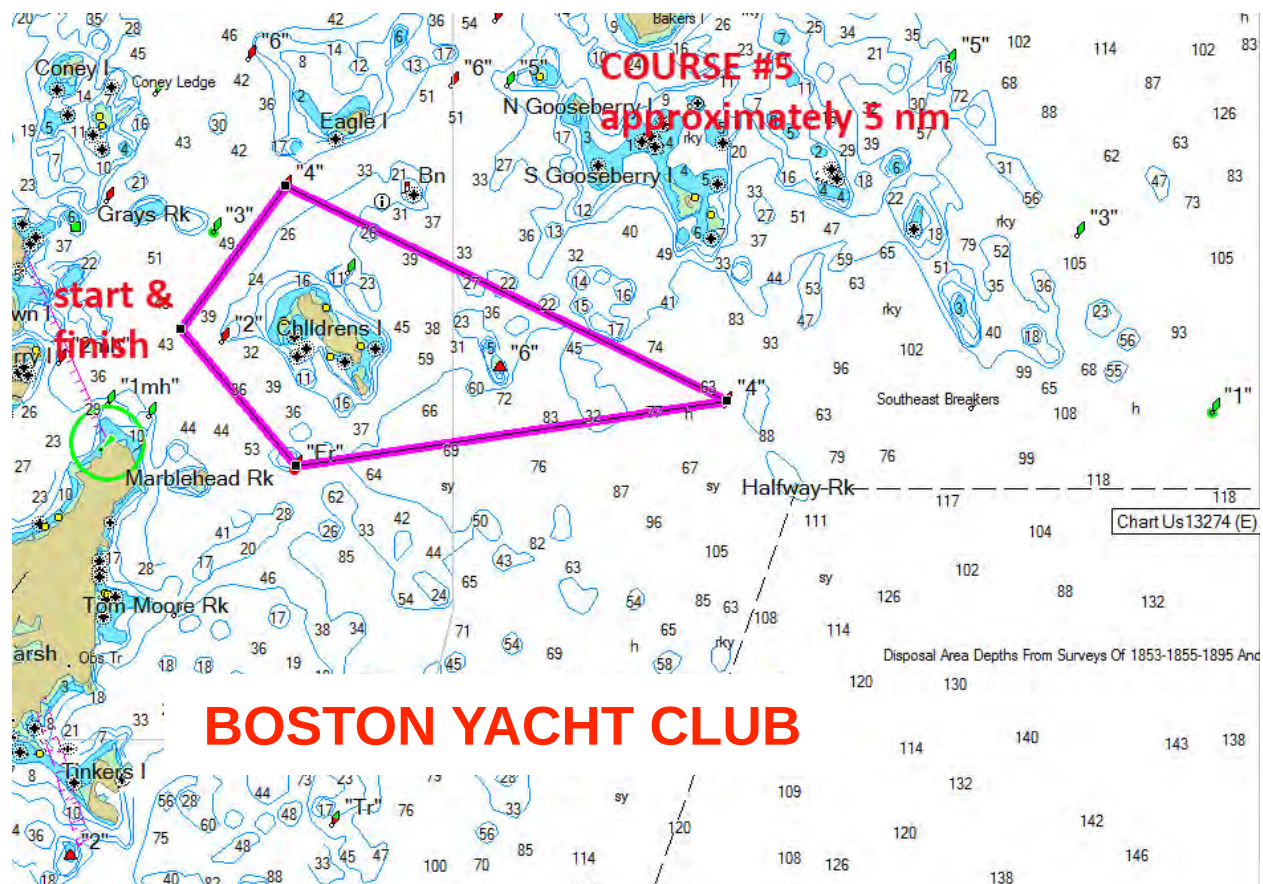
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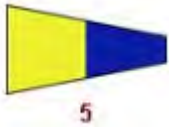
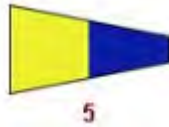
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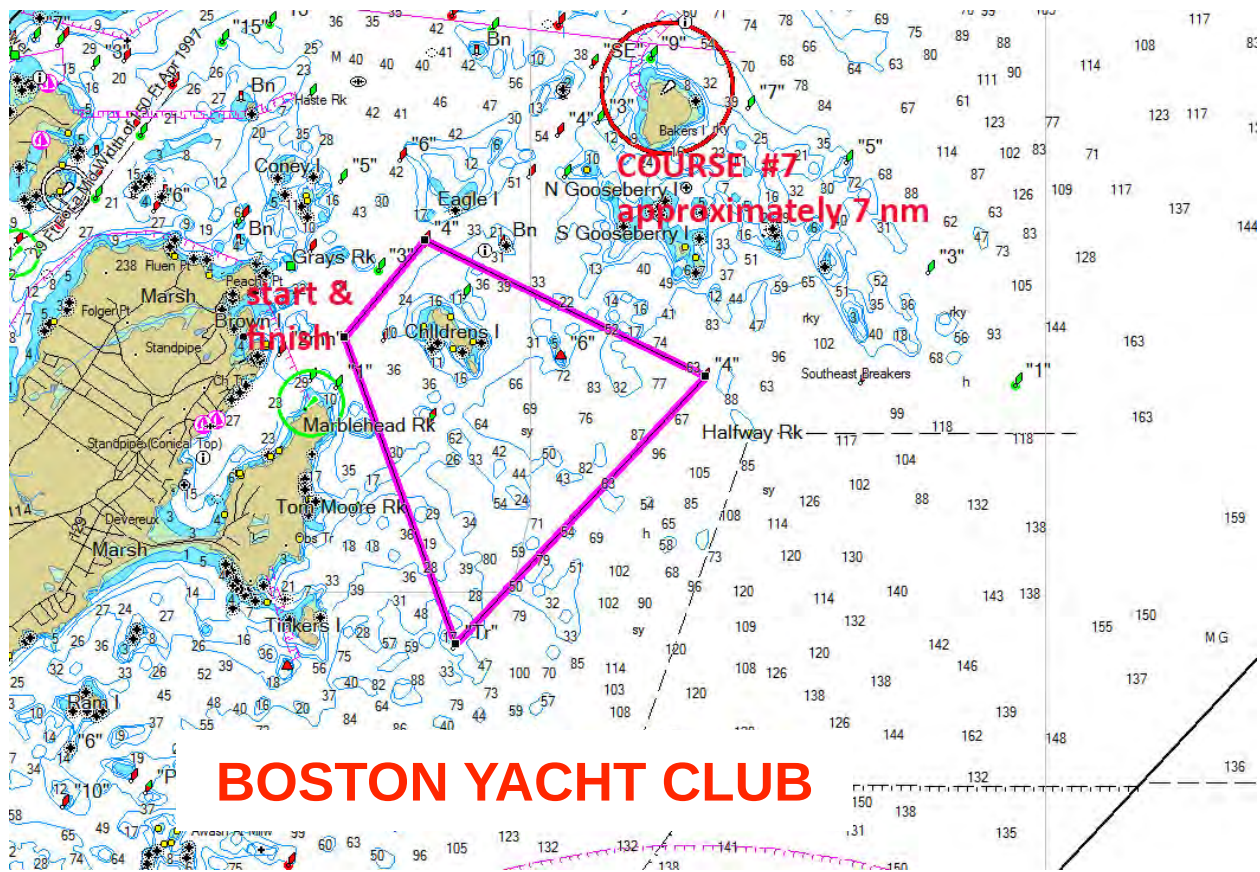
Course #5 is approximately 5 nautical miles long and will be sailed leaving all marks to either port or starboard.

Course #7 is approximately 7 nautical miles long and will be sailed leaving all marks to either port or starboard.

Flags will indicate which direction as shown below the course chart. Start & finish will be between the Signal boat's orange (start) or blue (finish) flag & a green tetrahedron.



	Number 5 flag – Sail Course #5		Number 5 flag – Sail Course #5
	Red flag – Leave all marks to Port		Green flag – Leave all marks to Starboard



	Number 7 flag – Sail Course #7		Number 7 flag – Sail Course #7
	Red flag – Leave all marks to Port		Green flag – Leave all marks to Starboard