

Finch Cup Pursuit Race

Malletts Bay Boat Club
Colchester, VT

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 1.1 Open to all member and non-member monohull keelboats with a Lake Champlain PHRF Certificate.
- 1.2 **EACH BOAT SHALL BE HELMED BY EITHER A WOMAN OR A JUNIOR SAILOR.**
- 1.3 CLASSES:
Class JAM: Non-spinnaker PHRF Handicap (all)
- 1.4 Registration Online using the link on the MBBC-VT.org race calendar or at the MBBC clubhouse between 1000 & 1100.
- 1.5 Before the warning signal, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Signal Boat and hail her sail number and boat name until acknowledged by the RC repeating her number and name.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 If code flag "Y" is displayed, lifejackets are required to be worn.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online at the link on the MBBC-VT.org race calendar.
- 3.2 The Race Committee (RC) will monitor VHF marine radio frequency channel 72.
- 3.3 The RC intends to broadcast courtesy information to competitors.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 Verbal changes on the water are allowed if the RC flies the "L" flag and announces the change on VHF 72.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the MBBC main flagpole or the Signal Boat.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes "Race Signals".

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES & CLASS FLAGS

Class	Flag	Warning	1 st boat(s) Start
All	White	1155	1200

7 RACING AREA & COURSES

- 7.1 Inner Malletts Bay.
- 7.2 Course length 5nm:
 - 1 - Start in inner Malletts Bay east of MBBC near Bayside Park
 - 2 - Portable mark in Niquette Bay to port
 - 3 - Beer Can Island to port
 - 4 - Finish near the vicinity of the start
- 7.3 The race may be shortened at any mark of the course. No time adjustment will be made!

8 MARKS

- 8.1 All marks will be orange, yellow or green shapes or islands.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using rule 26.
- 9.2 Starting times are assigned based on the boats time-on-distance PHRF Handicap.
- 9.3 The starting line will be between an orange flag displayed on the Signal Boat and the course side of a nearby mark to port of the Signal Boat.

10 RECALLS

- 10.1 The RC may use VHF channel 72 to broadcast race information. The race committee may attempt to hail each boat that is determined to be on course side (OCS) using VHF radio. The failure to hail, the order of hail, the hail of some but not all, or the untimely hail of OCS boats, all will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line will be between a blue flag displayed on the Signal Boat and the course side of a nearby mark to the Signal Boat.

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12 TIME LIMITS & FINISHING WINDOW

- 12.1 The time limit shall be 3 hours for the first boat to finish.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes of the first boat to finish, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for their finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the time limit.
This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 The protest and redress time limit is 60 minutes after the Signal Boat arrives at the dock, signaled by a sound. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the RC. This changes RRS 61.2(b)(1).

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Appendix A. Low point.
- 14.2 All Classes will use PHRF time-on-distance.
- 14.3 RRS A5.3 will be used.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Each boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to government regulations, class rules, and US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 17.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support boats and race committee boats.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Awards will be presented at the MBBC Annual Banquet.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.