



Cruising Class Pursuit Races 2022
The Northeast Harbor Fleet
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation [DP] in a rule means that a protest committee has discretion in assessing a penalty for a boat which breaks this rule.

1. RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect. Changes will be posted online at the [Northeast Harbor Fleet](#) Notifications to IOD sailors will be made by email to the [IOD Class google group list](#). The Luders 16 Class changes will be made by email to the [Luders 16 google group list](#). The Cruising Class Notifications will be made by email to [Cruising Class google group](#).

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the front door at The Fleet House.
- 3.2** On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 65.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at The Northeast Harbor Fleet flagpole.
- 5.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races with starting time for the slowest eligible boat is noted on the [Northeast Harbor Fleet Calendars](#).

7. CLASS FLAGS

The Cruising Class flag is a yellow field.

8. 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. The RC Signal Boat will communicate their location to all competitors on VHF 65.

9. COURSES

Courses will 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 Mark Descriptions for Racing.

10. MARKS

Marks of the course may be Northeast Harbor Fleet letter designated buoys (white and orange torpedo with flag atop), portable yellow or orange tetrahedrons, government navigational buoys, a portable pole buoy, inflatable buoys, islands, or combinations thereof. The [Description of Marks](#) and a [Race Chart](#) may be found at the Fleet House or printed by competitors from the Fleet website.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

All government navigational buoys except those shown as racing marks E, P, I, R and Q must be observed unless they are posted as rounding marks of the course. EVERY PORSCHE IS REALLY QUICK

12. THE START

The Race Committee signal vessel will announce a competitor's start time in GPS time after a competitor checks in and declares whether or not they will sail with or without a spinnaker.

12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

12.3 Boats shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other slower boats.

12.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail the boat on VHF 65 and by a PA system. Failure to hail the boat, failure of the competitor to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.5 [NP] A boat that does not start within ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The course will not be changed.

14. SHORTENING THE COURSE

A course may be shortened if the slowest boat has been racing for more than 150 minutes.

15 THE FINISH

15.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

15.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, a competitor shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16 ALTERNATIVE PENALTY SYSTEM

PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT- Appendix V1

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

17. POST-RACE PENALTIES - Appendix V2

a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident. (b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies. (c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the race office a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

18 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

18.1 The Time Limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish shall be 17:00

18.3 The Finishing Window is 45 minutes for boats to finish after the first boat sails a 13 NM course or less and finishes. The Finishing Window is ninety minutes for boats to finish after the first boat sails a more than 13 NM course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, 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 the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

19. HEARING REQUESTS

- 19.1** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be announced by the Signal Boat on VHF 65.
- 19.2** [Hearing request forms](#) are available from the race office at The Fleet House or, you can download from the hyperlink and email to PRO, [Franny Charles](#).
- 19.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Fleet House within 24 hours.

20. SCORING

- 20.1** Race scores shall be the order which boats finish.
- 20.2** Rule A5.3 is modified and will apply as follows:

SCORES DETERMINED BY THE RACE COMMITTEE

A5.1 A boat that did not start, sail the course or finish, or comply with rule 30.2, 30.3, 30.4 or 78.2, or that retires or takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a), shall be scored one point more than the number of boats entering that race. Only the protest committee may take other scoring actions that worsen a boat's score.

A5.2 A boat that did not start or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in that race. A boat that is penalized under rule 30.2 or that takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a) shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3(c).

A5.3 If the notice of race or sailing instructions state that rule A5.3 will apply, rule A5.2 is changed so that a boat that came to the starting area but did not finish or retired shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished the race.

21 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 21.1** [DP] Prior to the first race of the day a boat shall check in with the race committee signal boat with a hail of boat name and helmsperson's name. A boat leaving the race course prior to the finish of the last race of the day shall notify the race committee on VHF 65.
- 21.2** [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 21.3** A boat may choose to sail without a spinnaker at any point during a race as long as a spinnaker has not yet been flown in the race.
- 21.4** [DP] All competitors shall wear personal floatation devices while racing.
- 21.5** [NP] If an entry has only one person aboard, they shall have an operable VHF radio attached on their clothing.

22 REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- 22.1** [NP] All competitors are required to carry on board a means of retrieval for a person overboard.

22.2 [NP] All entries must carry an operable VHF radio at all times and monitor VHF 65.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support vessels.

24 PRIZES

Each Pursuit Race has a separate perpetual trophy for the winners. It will be awarded at the Northeast Harbor Fleet after each race is completed.

25 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.