



NOTICE OF RACE

2026 Fun Pursuit Race

1. DESCRIPTION

A pursuit race staggers boat starts by handicap instead of starting everyone together: the slowest-rated boat starts first, faster boats start later (start time based on their rating), and the fastest boat starts last — so that, in theory, everyone finishes around the same time. Whoever crosses the finish line first wins outright, with no corrected-time math afterward, which makes it easy to follow and great for mixed fleets, since slower boats often get to lead for much of the race.

2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The organizing Authority is Noroton Yacht Club and the Pursuit Race event organizer. Contact Glenn Morrison for more information.

3. RULES

- 3.1 The Pursuit Race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS).
- 3.2 The US Sailing prescriptions to rule 63.2 is deleted.
- 3.3 RRS 44.1 is not changed. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 in an incident that only resulted in contact not requiring a Two-Turns Penalty, as provided in RRS 44.1.
- 3.4 Class Rules for all fleets shall apply.
- 3.5 All boats are required to carry a VHF radio.
- 3.6 All sailors under age 12 are required to wear a personal flotation device, except temporarily while adding or removing clothing.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The Pursuit Race is open to all sailboats less than 25' LOA.
- 4.2 Helmspersons must be current Noroton Yacht Club members.
- 4.3 Entries must be received by 8:00pm Friday July 24th.

5. LOCATION

- 5.1 The race area will be in the waters within two miles of green flasher "1" at the mouth of Darien Harbor.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 One race is scheduled for July 25, 2026.
- 6.2 The warning signal for the first class or boat will be 2:30pm. The harbor start will be 2:00pm.
- 6.3 The race is expected to be 1 to 1.5 hours of duration.
- 6.4 Any changes to the schedule of racing will be determined by the event organizer and will be posted on the Race Committee Notice Board and Noroton YC online calendar at least 24 hours before the harbor start.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Noroton Yacht Club website under the Race Committee tab and will be posted on the Racing Bulletin Board located on the south-facing door of the MOD closet.

8. FORMAT AND SCORING

- 8.1 One completed race shall constitute a series.
- 8.2 Class handicaps will be assigned according to the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap scoring system.
- 8.3 Boats without a listed Portsmouth Yardstick handicap number will be provided with a number by the event organizer.

9. REGISTRATION

- 9.1 *TBD* Information on how to register will be forthcoming.
- 9.2 Entries must be pre-registered and assigned a start time to be scored.

10. EXCLUSIONS OF PARTICIPANTS: No paid skipper or crew

Noroton Yacht Club (NYC) sailboat racing is a Corinthian sport. While professional sailors (e.g. Category 3 sailors) may *freely* participate in NYC racing, no helmsperson or crew member (including professional sailors) shall directly receive payment or any consideration in exchange for their time racing a boat at Noroton events, except as stated below:

- (a) A person may receive payment for coaching, supporting, polishing, repairing... a boat so long as payment does not include racing on a boat.
- (b) Reasonable (market standard) personal expenses including travel, lodging, meals, transportation, and beverage.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded to the boat overall first to finish and to the top finisher in each class.
- 11.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of event organizer.

12. DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA 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.