



**2026 Double-Trouble Pursuit Regatta for The Tom Morris Trophy
August 2nd, 2026**

**Northeast Harbor Fleet
NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)**

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

1.1 All events are governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing For 2025-2028.

1.2 [NP] Competitors shall wear a personal floatation device while racing.

1.3 [NP] Each entry shall have a device easily accessible to retrieve a person overboard.

1.4 [NP] If an entry has only two or fewer persons aboard, they shall have an operable VHF radio attached or on their clothing.

1.5 Starting Times shall be communicated orally by the Race Committee Signal Boat over VHF Channel 65 for each competitor in the race area.

1.6 When rule 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by hailing loudly.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The SIs will be available before June 22, 2024 at The Northeast Harbor Fleet House or online at nehfleet.org.

2.2 The SIs will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix J, Standard Sailing Instructions and instructions that will be available from the Race Committee Signal Boat, The Shearwater, or a substitute as specified to the competitors from the Race Committee.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official online notice board is located on each [NEHF Clubspot Event or Series Page](#). Race scheduling, postponement and series score information shall also be communicated electronically by all of our NEHF Class Google Groups, which can be found on our [Fleet Information & Resources](#) page online at [nehfleet.org](#).

3.2 *[DP]* All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 65 and monitor that channel while racing.

3.3 On the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.

3.4 *[DP]* While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make voice or data transmissions nor receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Tom Morris Trophy is open to all keelboats 18' and larger with a valid PHRF New England 2024 certificate, which should be emailed to our Fleet Manager [Nick Johnstone](#) at nehfgeneralmanager@gmail.com. Prior to racing, Luders Class and IOD Class entries shall specify whether they have a wood or aluminum set of spars, are racing with or without spinnaker and whether they are using an MDI jib or a genoa. All competitors shall indicate to the Race Committee whether they intend to use a spinnaker or not. The Race Committee may alter a boat's handicap rating prior to the start of each Pursuit Race at their discretion. Each entry must have at least one NEHF member aboard.

5. SERIES

The schedule for racing series will be published on the [NEHF Monthly Calendars](#). Help registering can be found on the [2024 Race Registration Guide](#) online at [nehfleet.org](#).

6. VENUE

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.

7. COURSES AND MARKS

Courses and marks will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 *APPENDIX V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT*

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.’

8.2 *APPENDIX V2 POST-RACE PENALTIES*

(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 Principal Race Officer a written statement that she accepts the penalty, identifies the race number, where and when the incident occurred.

9. SCORING

9.1 Race scores shall be the order in which boats finish. The use of & number of drops for a series that involves Pursuit Racing will be decided by the Principal Race Officer.

9.2 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 accordingly by the Race Committee without a hearing. 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.

10. 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.

11. PRIZES

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

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Principal Race Officer Nick Johnstone via email at nehfgeneralmanager@gmail.com.