



NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

THE GREAT RACE

Saturday, September 12, 2015

- 1.1 Event:** The Great Race will be held Saturday, September 12, 2015. The organizing authority is the Annisquam Yacht Club (AYC).
- 2.1 Eligibility:** The race is open to all boats with an official 2015 PHRFNE certificate. Boats will be presumed to be competing under their Racing Rating unless they have either (1) registered as competing under their Cruising Rating or (2) notified the AYC Race Committee of their intention to compete under their Cruising Rating. Said notification must be made prior to the warning signal. Boats competing under their Cruising Rating may not fly a spinnaker or similar headsail, except where specified otherwise by the PHRF rules or sailing instructions. Failure to comply with this restriction will result in disqualification.
- 2.2 Registration:** Submit registration form and entry fee to the AYC no later than 1200 hrs. Friday, September 11, 2015.
- 2.3 Fees:** Entry fee is \$40, minus \$5 for US Sailing Membership and \$5 for MBSA membership.
- 2.4 Handicap System:** Will be announced by the race committee before the start of the race.
- 3 Rules:** This event will be governed by the Mass Bay Sailing Association General Sailing Instructions except as changed by these Event Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2** The use of stored power for the adjustment or operation of running rigging is allowed. This changes RRS 52.
- 4 Notices to Competitors:** Notices will be posted on the AYC web site www.annisquamyc.org. Please contact the Race Committee on VHF Channel 68 with questions, starting at 1000 hrs the day of the race. Prior to the day of the race, please contact Cy Bent (racesail@annisquamyc.org or 978-283-4507).
- 5 Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the AYC website before 0900 hrs. on the day of the race.
- 7.2 Warning Signal:** 1200 hrs. All boats (racing and cruising) will start at the same signal and compete for the same prizes.
- 9 Racing Area:** Ipswich Bay and Cape Ann area in the vicinity of Annisquam and Rockport.
- 10.1 Course:** The starting and finishing line will be in the vicinity of the Annisquam Bell [RW "AR" Mo (A)]. The Race Committee will announce the course on channel 68 prior to the race. As an example, in 2013, the course was from the Annisquam Bell around a moveable mark approximately 1.0 nm north and west of Halibut Point to the Ipswich Whistle [RW "MR" Mo (A) WHIS] and back to the Annisquam Bell, twice 'round.
- 13 Start:** The PHRF Class flag is E.
- 14.2 Recalls:** The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 68.
- 17.1 Time Limit:** Boats must finish within 5 hours after the first warning signal. The time limit may be extended by the Race by the Race Committee via announcement on VHF Channel 68
- 17.2 Finish Window:** 30 minutes after the first boat to finish in the class.
- 19 Protests:** Competitors must inform the Race Committee at the finish line of their intent to protest and must receive acknowledgment of said intent from the Race Committee. Protests must be filed on a protest form supplied by the AYC within 30 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks.
- 24 Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded to the first three finishers on corrected time at the AYC following the race.

Post-Race Activities: Chowder and refreshments will be served in the AYC clubhouse. (In conformance with the Club liquor license, members and guests are prohibited from bringing beer, wine, or liquor onto Club premises.) Contact the AYC in advance if you would like to reserve a mooring, as availability is limited.