

# NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## *Twenty-Ninth Annual Cape Ann Challenge*

*Saturday, June 23, 2018*

*Sponsored by Annisquam and Eastern Point Yacht Clubs*

- 1.1 **General:** Each participant is solely responsible for determining that his or her yacht is seaworthy for any and all conditions that might be encountered and for the safety of his or her boat, crew, and guests.
- 2.1 **Eligibility and Entry:** Yachts will be handicapped according to their 2018 PHRF Rating. **All registered yachts must have an official PHRF rating.** Yachts will be presumed to be competing under their racing rating unless they have (1) indicated that they will be competing under their Cruising Rating on the registration form or (2) notified the Annisquam or Eastern Point Yacht Club race committee prior to the Warning Signal. Yachts competing under the Cruising Rating may not fly a spinnaker or similar headsail. Failure to comply with this restriction will result in disqualification. Submit registration form, entry fee, and copy of current, valid handicap certificate to the Annisquam Yacht Club no later than Friday, June 22, 2018.
- 2.2 **Fees:** \$40, minus \$5 for US Sailing members and \$5 for MBSA members
- 3 **Rules**
- 3.1 The *Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-2020)* as adopted by the US Sailing Association will govern this event except where specified otherwise by the PHRF Rules or the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2 RRS 52, Manual Power, shall be amended to allow the use of stored power for the adjustment or operation of running rigging.
- 4.1 **Notices to Competitors:** Notices will be posted on the AYC website [www.annisquamyc.org](http://www.annisquamyc.org). Please contact the Race Committee on VHF Channel 71 with questions starting at 10:00 a.m. on the day of the race. Prior to the day of the race, please contact Paul Horovitz, Governor, at the AYC, 978-283-4507.
- 5.1 **Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Any changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the AYC website before 9:00 a.m. on the day of the race.
- 6.1 **Warning Signal:** 12:00 p.m. All yachts will start at the same signal and compete for the same prizes.
- 7.1 **Racing Area:** Race will start at Eastern Point and end at Annisquam.
- 8.1 **Course:** The course is approximately 15 nautical miles. Cape Ann must be left to port. In addition, the following buoys and aids to navigation must be left to port:  
Salt Island Nun #4                      Londoner Day Beacon (east of Thatcher's Island)  
NE of Dry Salvages Bell #1              Flat Ground Green Bell #1  
Lanesville Can #1  
  
*Additional instructions:* Yachts must not pass inside Straitsmouth or Thatcher Islands. Yachts must not pass between any 2 of the following buoys: Gong 3 (NW end of Sandy Bay Breakwater), Bell 1 (Flat Ground), Bell 1 (NE of Dry Salvages) and Bell 2 (Avery's Ledge).
- 9.1 **Start:** The race shall be started using RRS 26. The starting line will be in the vicinity of "Groaner #2," between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Eastern Point Yacht Club committee boat and the starting mark. Class flag is flag E.
- 10.1 **Recalls:** The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF channel 71.
- 11.1 **Changes:** The Race Committee may shorten the course (code flag S) by finishing the race at any of the marks listed as part of the course in section 8.1.
- 12.1 **Finish:** Annisquam in the vicinity of Red/White Bell #AR. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Annisquam Yacht Club Committee boat and the port end finish mark. The Annisquam Yacht Club Committee Boat is the Great Blue.
- 13.1 **Time Limit:** The time limit shall be 5 hours after the first warning signal. The finishing window shall be one hour. Yachts failing to finish within the finishing window will be scored DNF. The time limit may be extended by the Race Committee via announcement on VHF Channel 71. This changes RRS 35.
- 14.1 **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 or the EPYC within 1 hour after the Race Committee signal boat docks.
- 15.1 **Scoring:** The RRS low point system will be used.
- 16.1 **Safety:** Yachts withdrawing from the race are to notify the Race Committee boat as soon as practicable.
- 17.1 **Prizes:** There will be 3 prizes.

**Post-Race Activities:** Prizes will be awarded at the Annisquam Yacht Club following the race. Complimentary refreshments will be provided. Some moorings may be available; check with AYC. After the event, sailors are invited to remain and enjoy the amenities of the Annisquam Yacht Club at their own expense. Please call in advance for dinner reservations.