

Sailing Instructions (Short Form)
Pequot YC Extended Wednesday Evening Series
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General:

- 1) Skippers Meeting will be held on the deck of the Junior Clubhouse at 17:20 hrs.
- 2) Courses and designation of the Rabbit will be determined by consensus of competitors at the Skippers Meeting.
- 3) **Races will start at 18:00 hrs.** from either mark "A" or "P". **This is a change from the 2016 Race Calendar**
- 4) The "Rabbit Start" format will be used – see description below.
- 5) Time limit for each Division is 20:00 hrs.
- 6) All communications will be made on channel 69.

Pre-Start:

- 5) The name of the Rabbit boat will be announced by radio along with the course for Divisions I & II at approximately ten minutes prior to the start. Divisions I & II will start together.

Warning: 5 minutes before the start - 1 long horn blast
Start: When the Rabbit's bow passes the Pin Mark - 1 long horn blast
Line Closed: 2 minutes after the Start – 1 long horn blast

The Rabbit boat will be responsible for making the foregoing announcements and sound signals and recording the GPS start time.

Finish:

- 6) All boats will finish leaving the Pin Mark on the same side it was left to at the start and within two of her own boat lengths, unless prevented from doing so by other boats finishing. Each boat will record her GPS finish time when crossing an imaginary line from the Pin Mark perpendicular to the last rounding mark.
- 7) Competitors must email their recorded GPS finish times, together with confirmation of the Division in which they were racing, to Gary Grant (gary@grantllc.com) no later than 10:00 hrs the morning after the race in order to be scored. In addition, the Rabbit must email to Gary the start time. The results will be posted online in due course. Awards **will not** be presented for the Extended Series.

Description of a Rabbit Start:

One boat is designated to serve as the "Rabbit". All other boats are to stay downwind of the "Rabbit" prior to the start. The "Rabbit" blows a long horn blast 5 minutes before the start. The "start" occurs when the Rabbit passes a designated "Pin Mark" (either "A" or "P") and then proceeds to sail close-hauled on a port tack. The Rabbit will blow a long horn blast when her bow passes the pin mark. The Rabbit, on PORT TACK WILL HAVE RIGHT OF WAY and is required to protest any boat that interferes with her until the "line closed signal is given two minutes after the start. (NB See requirements below for boats that have not "started" before the "line closed" signal is given)

The starting line is defined on one end by the Pin Mark and on the other end by the aft-most point on the "Rabbit". All other boats cross this starting line and once across, have started. Once all the other boats have started, but no later than 2 minutes after the Rabbit sails past the Pin Mark, the "Rabbit" is free to tack to starboard if the skipper so chooses. Boats that find themselves unable to cross the line behind the "Rabbit" before the "Rabbit" signals the line is "closed", must pass the starting mark to port within three boat lengths in order to be counted as a starter. During this maneuver, they must keep clear of all boats that have properly started.

Elapsed time starts when the Rabbit sails past the Pin Mark.

