

PYC PURSUIT RACES

June 9 and July 14, 2018

HOSTED BY THE PEQUOT YACHT CLUB

The Pequot Yacht Club is the Organizing
Authority

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* (“RRS”), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the PHRF regulations of the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound, and these Sailing Instructions.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Pequot Yacht Club Sailing Center.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted and broadcasted on VHF channel 69 at least 30 minutes before first start on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Pequot Yacht Club Sailing Center or announced on VHF channel 69.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the Race Committee will call for a skippers meeting at the Pequot Yacht Club Sailing Center in order to deliver new start times and, if applicable, revised courses to competitors at least 30 minutes prior to the first start.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Rendezvous in the waters off Southport Harbor. On both dates, the boat with the highest PHRF rating will start at 1100hrs.

6 DIVISION FLAGS

Boats racing in Division 1 shall fly numeral pennant 1. Boats racing in Division 2 shall fly numeral pennant 2. Boats in Division 2 may employ a whisker pole, spinnaker pole or boat hook, for “winging out” a single headsail.

7 RACING AREAS

Attachment A shows the starting area and the approximate location of the starting mark. The races will start at the “A” mark.

8 THE COURSES

The course to be sailed by each Division will be selected by the Race Committee and posted at The Pequot Yacht Club Sailing Center by approximately 1020hrs on the day of each race.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks are fixed buoys and government buoys of various sizes, shapes and colors.

9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be fixed marks.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

All boats must pass to the South of R “22” Fl R 4s Bell located south of Pine Creek Point (approximately 41.06.50N, 73.15.80W). All other marks not used as rounding marks above shall be left to the discretion of the skipper, consistent with good seamanship.

11 THE START

11.1 The races will be conducted in a “Pursuit” format. A list of start times for each boat will be posted in The Pequot Yacht Club Sailing Center by approximately 1020hrs on the day of each race. The start time for each boat (other than the first starter) is based on a Time-on-Distance calculation using PHRF rating and course distance. The boat with the highest handicap will be the first boat to start.

11.2 The first start is scheduled for 1100 hrs. Each boat shall start at its designated start time. GPS time shall be used for starting and finishing times and all boats are responsible for keeping track of GPS time. There will be no signals at the start.

11.3 The Starting Line will be a line extending 100’ from “A” Mark perpendicular to the course to the first rounding mark. The “A” Mark is to be left to starboard. There will be no Race Committee boat on the starting line.

11.4 Boats shall stay clear of the starting area and boats starting before them until approaching to make their own start.

12 not used

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The Finish Line will be a line extending 100' from the "A" Mark perpendicular to the course from the last rounding mark. The "A" Mark is to be passed to starboard. There will be no Race Committee boat stationed at the finish.
- 13.2 Boats shall take their own GPS-based finish time and report their finish time as soon as practicable after finishing. Finish times shall be reported by recording them on the results sheet posted in the Sailing Center. In addition, boats will announce their finish times upon crossing the finish line. Alternatively, boats not returning to Pequot after finishing shall phone in their finish time to the Club Manager on 203-255-5740 x13.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The alternative penalties under Appendix V, which is a US Sailing prescription to the RRS, shall apply.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 One boat in each division must finish before 1700hrs for the race to qualify for that division.
- 15.2 If no boat finishes inside the time limit, the race will be abandoned.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at Pequot Yacht Club in the Sailing Center or online at pequotyc.com. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Club Manager's office within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The time to file a protest ends at 1900hrs.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the Pequot Yacht Club, beginning as soon as practical after a protest is filed.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

17 ARBITRATION

- 17.1 Appendix T of the RRS applies.
- 17.2 The arbitrator shall be designated by the Pequot Yacht Club Protest Committee in its sole discretion.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Boats will be awarded finish positions based on their GPS finish time.
- 18.2 A minimum of three boats in a Division is required to start in order to score a race for

that Division.

- 18.3 The Low Point Scoring System will apply.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the fleet and race committee as soon as possible using VHF channel 69 and notify the Club Manager at 203-255-5740 x13.
- 19.2 RRS 40.1 is replaced by: "It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant. US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations."
- 19.3 Boats must comply with the Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations of the YRA of Long Island Sound Category C.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The race committee may use VHF channel 69 to broadcast courtesy information to all competitors.

21 PRIZES

At The Pequot Yacht Club Annual Awards Dinner boats owned by Pequot members will be awarded prizes in each Division as follows: First place will be awarded for a race if three boats qualify. First and second places will be awarded for a race if four boats qualify. If more than four boats qualify, first, second and third places will be awarded for the race.

22 SAILOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

By participation in racing, a sailor acknowledges that he or she is solely responsible for his or her own safety and that of the crew and boat; that he or she represents that the boat and its equipment are in sound condition and all required safety equipment is aboard, accessible for use and in operable condition; that the decision to race, not to race, or to withdraw after starting is solely his or hers; and he or she hereby releases the organizing authority, its officers, trustees, employees and all members of the Race Committee, whether or not members of the organizing authority, from any and all liability or claims for personal injury or property damage or death resulting from participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.