



Sailing Instructions for the 2017 SBYC Ocean Race

- RULES** The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of US Sailing will govern, except where specified otherwise by the PHRF Rules or these sailing instructions. Protests will be heard immediately after the race and there will be no appeal from any decision of the Protest Committee. The 720 Rule will be in effect. **NO SPINNAKERS OR FREE FLYING SAILS MAY BE USED.**
- START** **11:00 AM** between an orange flag on the SBYC Committee Boat and an inflatable buoy in Sandy Bay. Race Committee will monitor Channel 69 and may make announcements to competitors on that frequency.
- FINISH** Between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and an inflatable buoy or Mark D. If the Committee boat is not on station at the finish, competitors shall take their GPS time when the starting mark (or if the starting mark has been removed, Mark D) is abeam at a distance of 100 feet or less. Lead vessels to report to Race Committee on VHF Channel 69 approximately 30 minutes prior to finish.
- SCORING** Time on Time based on Official PHRF Cruising Rating (or most recent rating if not current, or rating assigned by the Race Committee if you have no PHRF rating).
- MARKS** Refer to Charts 13278 (old 1206) and 13279 (old 243)
Mark A: "3" Gong - Northwest end of Sandy Bay Breakwater
Mark B: R "2" Bell - Off Castle Neck/Plum Island
Mark D: Can "3" - Ninefoot rock in Sandy Bay
Mark E: R "2" Whistle - South of Eastern Point, Gloucester
Mark W: Windward drop mark, location to be determined.
- COURSES**
1. Courses will be indicated by a single letter displayed on the Committee Boat.
 2. Leave each marker on the side indicated - (Prt for Port and Stbd for Starboard) and cross the finish line in the direction from previous mark or obstruction.
- [A] D(Prt) A(Stbd) B(Prt) Finish 13.8 miles (approx.)
- [B] A(Stbd) B(Prt) Finish 13.8 miles (approx.)
- [C] D(Prt) E(Prt) Finish 17.8 miles (approx.)
- [D] E(Prt) Finish 17.8 miles (approx.)
- [E] W(Prt) Finish-Length TBD

NAVIGATION INFORMATION

1. Yachts must NOT pass inside Straitsmouth, Thacher or Milk Islands.
2. Yachts entering or leaving Sandy Bay in the vicinity of Straitsmouth Island must pass to the south of Avery's Ledge, Bell "2", and 200 yards northeast of Straitsmouth Island.
3. Yachts must NOT pass between any two of the following buoys:
Gong 3 (Mark A) - Bell 1(Flat Ground) – Flashing Bell 1 (NE of Dry Salvages)
and if any of the above are used as a turning mark in a manner requiring yachts to pass inside, it shall be rounded close aboard.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

By entry into the race, you agree that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Saturday * July 1, 2017

Skippers Meeting 10:00 a.m. at Sandy Bay Yacht Club

Warning Gun at 11:00 AM in Sandy Bay

For more information or to register contact Stephen Ouellette at smo@fishlaw.com or 978-317-2542. Register by mailing an entry form along with a \$50 boat fee to Stephen Ouellette, 127 Eastern Ave, Suite 1, Gloucester, MA 01930.

(Make checks payable to Stephen M. Ouellette.)

Fee includes awards and a beer and wine social after the race at Sandy Bay Yacht Club.

Party starts at 16:00 or 1 hour after first boat finishes, whichever is later.