

**PISCATAQUA SAILING ASSOCIATION
2023 PHRF TUESDAY EVENING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

June 6 to September 12, 2023

Rules: The Series will be governed by the rules, as defined in 2021-2024, “The Racing Rules of Sailing”, (RRS), and their Prescriptions, as well as the PHRF “Bylaws & Ethics” as outlined by PHRF New England.

Entries: PSA PHRF Tuesday Evening Series is open to current members of the Piscataqua Sailing Association (PSA). A current member is defined as one who has registered a yacht with the PHRF fleet and whose yacht has been assigned a PHRF fleet with all applicable PSA fees paid. A PHRF yacht will not be scored until fees are paid. Up to date PHRF Certificates are required and need to be on file with PSA for the yacht to be scored.

Insurance: All PHRF Racing or Cruising Fleets yachts must provide proof of liability insurance, at a minimum of \$300,000 and present such proof to fleet captains prior to the yacht’s first race in order to participate.

Changes to this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions: Any change to this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be made either by email to the Skipper of each registered yacht by Friday the week prior, or through hails made on VHF Channel 68 prior to the first Warning Signal the day of the race.

Fleet, Class & Class Flags: First Start Class Flag shall be signal flag F, foxtrot. Second Start Class Flag shall be signal flag D, Delta. Should subsequent starts be called for, the Class Flag will go back to Foxtrot, then to Delta, etc.

Racing Fleet:

“CLASS A” PHRF Racing <100, “CLASS B” PHRF Racing >=100 and <=160, “CLASS C” PHRF Racing >160

Cruising Fleet:

“CLASS A” PHRF Cruising

Cruising Classes must notify RC of an intention to use a spinnaker at the onset of the season, and in so doing shall be scored according to her Racing Rating all season regardless of actual spinnaker use. Race course use of a spinnaker shall be notification of same.

Check in Before Start. Yachts new to PSA please try to check in by sailing past Race Committee prior to their warning signal. Boats that withdraw from a race or decide not to start after coming into the racing area, must so advise Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible on VHF channel 68.

The Start.

The first start will be for the Racing Fleet Classes A & B. Second start will be Racing Fleet Class C and the Cruising Fleet.

Classes may be separated or started together at RC discretion when fleet size and/or conditions warrant.

Actual Class Starts will be announced along with Course announcements on VHF Channel 68. Rolling Starts are used. A General Recall will move the recalled fleet & start to the end of the line.

The starting line will be between the orange post on the Race Committee Boat on the starboard end of the line and the orange mark on the port end of the line.

Practice race: Practice Race May 30, 2023 – Tuesday, First Warning Signal will be 18:00.

Tuesday Evening Series: Tuesday June 06, through Tuesday, August 15, 2022; First Warning Signal will be 18:00.

Starting Tuesday August 22; First signal/first race will be 17:30 for the remainder of the series. Last Series Race – Tuesday, September 12.

Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made shall remain well clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.

The Race Committee may deploy a small orange inflatable buoy at a distance of eight to ten feet from the transom of the committee boat, the purpose of which will be to keep starting yachts well clear of the Committee Boat. Such a buoy and its painter, if deployed, will be deemed to be an extension of the Race Committee Boat.

A yacht starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS 4.

Courses utilizing inflatable marks are shown in Illustration A. Each course is assigned an identifying numeral and all roundings are to be left to port as shown in each diagram.

The Course. Courses are announced by RC on VHF channel 68 prior to the first warning.

Note: Class Courses will usually be different.

Course #1 - Racing A's course generally a longer windward/leeward while Racing B, C, and/or Cruising's windward/leeward course may be comprised of a shorter windward/leeward leg.

Course #2 - the triangle, windward/leeward course with a reaching mark may be used for either fleet incorporating their specific windward mark. This course may include a windward leeward finish as per an old school Olympic Course. Details by RC on VHF Channel 68

See Addendum A for course diagrams. Courses generally use inflatable marks, however government aids to navigation may be used if needed.

New for 2023 –

Courses run "twice around" may utilize a different weather mark than the first time around.

Example: Course 1 Twice, first the far weather mark, second the close weather mark

Courses announced on Channel 68 prior to that start's Warning Signal.

Recalls

Individual and General Recalls will be handled in accordance with RRS 29.1 and RRS 29.2. Race Committee will try to hail Individual premature starters. Race Committee will endeavor to broadcast OCS Yacht(s) name and/or sail numbers. Failure to do so by RC shall not be grounds for redress.

Additionally the following shall not be grounds for redress: (a) failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast (b) failure of the Race Committee to broadcast recall numbers (c) a boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.

Change of Course after the Start. A change of course after the start will be signaled on VHF channel 68 -this changes RRS 32, 33, 34 - before the leading yacht has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position. Any mark to be rounded may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration, after all the yachts on that leg have completed it.

Abandonment or Shorten Course. Race Committee may abandon the race or shorten course for any reason.

The Finish. The finish line will be between the orange post on the Race Committee signal boat and the nearby mark.

Time Limit. If any yacht in her class has finished within two hours of her starting time and before 20:30 hours, the race will be counted for that entire class. Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first yacht in their class or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish.

Cancelation: Under normal circumstance no race will be canceled before 30 minutes before the starting sequence.

Protests. Protests will be in accordance with RRS 61 except as follows:

All scoring infractions on the race course will be negated by a single 360 degree turn comprised of one tack and one jibe by the yacht being protested. This changes RRS 44.1

Yachts intending to protest will, after finishing or retiring, notify Race Committee at the finishing line of the sail number of the protested yacht. A boat that has retired may notify Race Committee ashore if unable to do so on the water. Protest filing shall be as follows: Protests must be in writing and sent in the mail to: PSA Protest Committee, PO Box 4427 Portsmouth, NH 03802 Or, preferably, emailed to with copy attached as PDF or TIFF file to Race.Chair@SailPSA.org All protests shall be Postmarked or Emailed on the day of, or the day immediately following the protest incident. All protests that do not meet the requirements of RRS 61 will not be accepted by the Protest Committee. Upon receipt of a valid protest, the Protest Committee will contact the interested parties to schedule a protest hearing. Typically the hearing will be held the following week after racing is finished.

Scoring. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A2 & A4 will apply, except as modified herein. PHRF yachts will be scored using Time on Time, TOT, as prescribed in the New England PHRF guidelines. A race will only be started and scored for a class or division in which two (2) or more boats start.

Standings for each fleet/class will be calculated based on results from 60% + 1 of the total races sailed to date. If more than 2 races are held on a single day, only the first two will be counted. Boats

that do not qualify will be removed from the overall standing so as to have no effect on seasonal results.

Ties. Per the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), section A8 SERIES TIES

Summer Series Awards:

Trophies will be presented at the end of the season as follows both the Summer Series First Half & the Summer Series Second Half:

- Class of 3 boats completing 60% of the races – 1st Place Award
- Class of 4 boats completing 60% of the races – 1st & 2nd Place Awards
- Class of 5 boats or more completing 60% of the races – 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Awards.

Perpetual Trophies

The two perpetual trophies are awarded to the best overall results for the combined 2021 Tuesday Night First & Second Half Seasons based on race results from the above percentages, "Tarbell" Racing A&B First Start Classes and Racing C & Cruising Second Start Classes.

Radio Communication and Emergency Conditions. The Race Committee will utilize Ch. 68 VHF for communications with competing yachts for race information, change of course, etc. Failure to do so shall not be grounds for redress. Yachts shall monitor VHF Channel 68.

Results. Results are to be posted on the PSA web site as soon as possible, generally later on that race night.

RACE COURSE DISTANCE LENGTHS IN NM									
	F	G	I	K	L	P	R	W	Y
FOSS (F)	▲	1.20	4.77	2.57	▲	▲	1.15	▲	▲
GUNBOAT (G)	1.20	▲	4.30	1.55	1.86	▲	2.25	2.25	6.26
ISLE OF SHOALS (I)	4.77	4.30	▲	5.13	5.86	▲	4.82	▲	5.92
KITTS ROCK (K)	2.57	1.55	5.13	▲	0.98	2.15	3.73	0.83	5.35
LITTLE HARBOR (L)	▲	1.86	5.86	0.98	▲	▲	▲	0.64	▲
NUN "6" (P)	▲	▲	▲	2.15	▲	▲	▲	1.32	▲
RYE (R)	1.15	2.25	4.82	3.73	▲	▲	▲	▲	8.40
WOOD (W)	▲	2.25	▲	0.83	0.64	1.32	▲	▲	▲
YORK LEDGE (Y)	▲	6.26	5.92	5.35	▲	▲	8.40	▲	▲

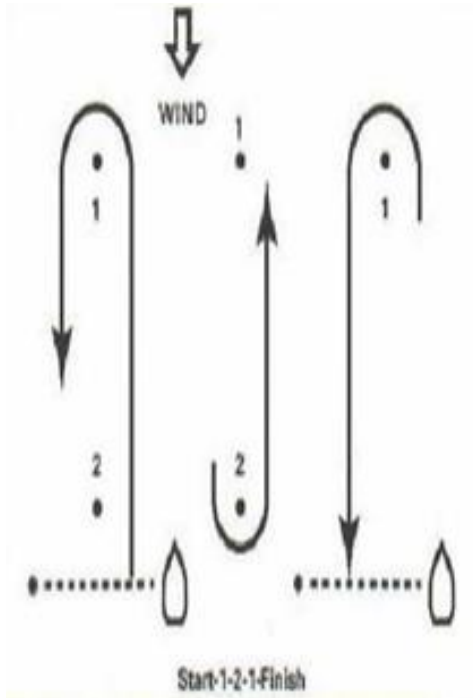
Portsmouth Harbor: "2", C "3", N "4"
 Little Harbor: N "2"
 Foss Ledge: C "1A"
 West Sister: N "2"
 Appledore: N "2"
 Gosport Harbor: N "4"

Addendum A

Course 1 –

Windward / Leeward

Twice Around



Course 2 -

Windward / Reach / Reach

Windward / Leeward

