# Fall Pursuits 2026

## Sailing Instructions

## Sept 15 – Oct 6, 2026

## Organizing Authority-Piscataqua Sailing Association

**Rules:** The Race will be governed by the rules, as defined in 2025-2028, "The Racing Rules of Sailing", (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Notice of Race as well as these Sailing Instructions.

RRS 52, Manual Power, Use of powered winches will be allowed. Auto pilots or Auto helms are not allowed.

RRS 44.1, Taking a Penalty, Two turn penalty is altered to a one turn penalty for an infraction of RRS Part 2.

**Classes:** This is a Pursuit Style Race series with delay times calculated by Performance Handicap Race Fleet, PHRF, handicaps. Delay times may be adjusted depending on which boats are participating for a given race. Announcements will be made on VHF channel (ch) 68.

**Eligibility:** Boats must be approved per the Sailing Instructions, with a current PHRF certificate.

**Schedule of Pursuit Race:** Starting by the selected start area, the first warning will be 17:15 with the start 17:20. It is ultimately the skipper's responsibility to know they were on course side, OCS, and return to clear. Changes will be announced VHF ch 68.

**Courses:** Yachts will start either by Portsmouth Yacht club or Red Nun "4" (by Pepperrell Cove) or R2 Whale Back "2".Yachts will race around Government marks either Gunboat, Green buoy "1", R2 Whaleback "2" or Kitts Rock, 2kr, with port roundings. Start line for FP1 is PYC flag pole and R6 nun. Start line for FP2, FP4, and FP5 is G5 buoy and R4 buoy by Pepperall Cove. Start line for FP3, R2 Whaleback and flag pole on New Castle side shore. There will be a normal 5 minute start sequence for all boats signaled by sounds no flags. Delay times for each boat have been calculated. This delay will be taken at the furthest turning mark and measured when first crossing abeam of that turning mark to crossing abeam again in the opposite direction. So take/note your time when first crossing abeam continue up wind and tack when half of your delay expires. Hopefully that should put you at your full required delay when crossing in the opposite direction. The delay times for FP1 thru FP5 will be posted under racing on the PSA website. The race will finish at the race start. Actual course(s) will be determined on Race Day pending conditions (primarily tide). Delay times may be

adjusted depending on which boats are participating for a given race. Announcements will be made on VHF ch 68.

**Safety Requirements:** All boats shall be properly equipped, be fully seaworthy and shall be self-righting and properly ballasted as well as be in compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard and the requirements of the New Hampshire Boating Law. All boats shall comply with their Class Rules regarding safety equipment.

Skippers shall be exclusively responsible for compliance with such requirements and be prepared to have boats inspected at any time.

**Radio Use**: All entrants are required to monitor VHF ch 68.

**Protests:** No protests allowed other than arm wrestling.

**Scoring:** There is no formal scoring.

**Awards:** There are no awards.

**Amendments:** PSA reserves the right to amend this Sailing Instruction. Any Amendments will be made available on Race Day via VHF ch 68.

**Disclaimer of Liability/Responsibilities:**

Regatta participants do so at their own risk

Piscataqua Sailing Association and any participating sponsors do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participant or others, or for the loss of or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or related to this regatta.

The safety of the boat and its crew is the sole responsibility of its skipper. Neither the establishment of regulations nor the inspection of the boat in any way limits or reduces the responsibility of the skipper.

It is the responsibility of each skipper to decide whether or not to start/finish the course as well as notify Race committee of intentions to withdraw.

Fair Sailing and Seamanship: The race series is conducted in the spirit of fair sailing, good seamanship and Corinthian sportsmanship. Skippers, owners, crew and support persons are expected to race competitively while respecting fellow competitors, the Race Committee, and the safety of all vessels on the water.

Competitors shall make reasonable efforts to avoid contact, communicate clearly and courteously, take appropriate penalties when required and assist any person or vessel in danger. Reckless sailing, abusive conduct, intimidation, intentional

rule-breaking, or conduct inconsistent with fair play may be address under the RRS including RRS 2 and RRS 69. This provision does not change the RRS.