



Sailing Instructions
Midnight Madness Overnight Race – Friday, July 31, 2020
The Mystic River Mudhead Sailing Association is the Organizing Authority

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Race is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Double-handed entries may use autopilot during sail changes. *Changes RRS 52.*

2. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1. The Race Committee will broadcast on VHF Channel 01A and competitors are asked to monitor that channel during the race.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is on the Yacht Scoring Events Page accessible at mudhead.org.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Will be posted to the Notice Board prior to noon, July 31st, 2020.
- 4.2. Will be announced via VHF radio prior to the first warning.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Early abandonment or postponement will be posted to the Notice Board prior to 1500 on the day of the race. The Race Committee will also attempt to contact skippers by email.
- 5.2. Race Committee will make announcements on VHF starting at 1730 on the day of the race.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. One race is scheduled.
- 6.2. The first warning is scheduled for 1755 on Friday, July 31, 2020.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Class flags will be assigned on the Scratch Sheet.
- 7.2. The start order will be announced via VHF radio prior to the first warning.
- 7.3. Competitors shall check in at the stern of the RC Signal boat prior to the first warning signal.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The course to be sailed will be displayed on the Course Board of the RC signal boat.
- 8.2. There are two types of courses that may be offered. **Round the Buoys** or **Pre-Defined**.
- 8.3. **Round the Buoys** course will be designated by a series of marks posted on the top row of the Course Board in order of rounding. Refer to **Appendix A** for the list of marks.
- 8.4. **Pre-Defined** Courses will be designated by number on the Course Board.
- 8.5. **Course 1:** From Start Leave Plum Gut “2PG” then Midway Shoal Buoy “MS” to Port, leave Gardiners “1GI” to Starboard, leave Gardiners Bay South Entrance Buoy “S” and Block Island Southwest Point Buoy “4” to Port, thence to Finish. Approximately 65 miles.

- 8.6. **Course 2:** From Start leave “1BI” then Shagwonk Reef “SR” to Starboard, leave “1GI” to Port, leave “2PG” to Starboard thence to Finish. Approximately 63 miles.
- 8.7. **Course 3:** From Start leave Shelter Island North Channel MOA “N” and then Three Mile Harbor “TM” to Port, Gardiners Island “1GI” to starboard, Montauk Harbor Buoy “M” to port, Endeavor Shoals Buoy “1” to port, thence to finish. Approximately 63 miles.
- 8.8. **Course 4:** From the Start, pass Seaflower Reef (FI 4 S) to Port, thence around Block Island in either direction passing seaward of “1BI”, NE Whistle “5”, Dickens Pt Whistle “6”, and SW Pt Whistle “4” FI R, thence to the Finish. Approximately 55 miles.
- 9. THE START**
- 9.1. Competitors shall rendezvous in the vicinity of Horseshoe Reef.
- 9.2. The RC Signal boat will be flying a Mudhead burgee & RC flag.
- 9.3. The Starting Line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and an inflatable buoy.
- 10. THE FINISH**
- 10.1. The Finish Line extends approximately 100 yards from Seaflower Reef.
- 10.2. Competitors are to take their own GPS finish time when the center of the tower on Seaflower Reef bears 110°.
- 10.3. Phone or text finish time to 860 625-0094. Please report the yacht name and sail number, GPS time of finish, person reporting and a contact phone number.
- 11. TIME LIMITS**
- 11.1. The time limit for this race is 1900 hours on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020
- 11.2. Competitors who do not finish by the time limit shall be scored TLE.
- 11.3. Competitors who retire from the race shall notify the Race Committee by phone or text to 860-625-0094.
- 12. PROTESTS**
- 12.1. Competitors who wish to file a protest or request for redress should make note of their intention when reporting their finishing time.
- 12.2. The Protest Committee must receive completed protest forms by 2130 Sunday, Aug. 2nd, 2020. Forms can be sent by e-mail to fpmurf@gmail.com or dropped at the MudHut Front Street, Noank, CT.
- 12.3. Protests will be heard at 6 pm Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020 at the MudHut, Front Street, Noank, CT.
- 13. SCORING**
- 13.1. Boats will be scored using the time-on-time formula.
- 14. TROPHIES**
- 14.1. Trophies will be awarded for the top finishers in each class at a time and place to be determined. Free event T-shirts will also be distributed to participants.
- 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- 15.1. Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. It is solely the responsibility of the skipper or boat owner to race or continue racing. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this event.

Appendix A: Marks

LETTER	MARK ID	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
A	Bartlett Reef Bell 4	41°15.652' N	72° 08.299' W
B	Block Island Gong 1BI	41°15.523' N	71° 34.552' W
C	Cerberus Shoal Gong 9	41°10.556' N	71° 57.330' W
E	Endeavor Shoals Gong 1	41°06.059' N	71° 46.238' W
G	The Ruins, Gong 1GI	41°09.045' N	72° 08.950' W
H	BI New Harbor Bell 2	41°12.109' N	71° 35.643' W
J	Pt Judith Whistle 2	41°18.470' N	71° 28.348' W
L	Lords Passage Whistle MoA	41°17.400' N	71°54.330' W
M	Montauk Harbor Bell M	41°05.205' N	71° 56.359' W
N	Shelter Island No Channel MOA N	41°06.005' N	72° 15.663' W
S	Gardiners Bay So Entrance Buoy S	41°02.256' N	72° 03.102' W
T	Three Mile Harbor Buoy TM	41°02.682' N	72° 11.295' W
U	Plum Gut Bell 2PG	41°10.622' N	72° 13.067' W
W	BI SW Point Bell 4	41°08.798' N	71° 37.358' W
Y	Saybrook Bar Bell 8	41°14.875' N	72° 18.830' W

ALL POSITIONS ARE APPROXIMATE