

2016 East Greenwich Yacht Club Annual Regatta Notice of Race

This event is designed to celebrate one-hundred and six years of sailing at the East Greenwich Yacht Club for cruising boats. This event is also a fundraiser for **Community Boating**, a local organization located in the City of Providence. At least four classes will be run, a Spinnaker Class, a Non-spinnaker Class, J22 One Design, and a Family Cruising Class for those yachts optimized for cruising. Based on participation, some classes may be split.

A dinner will be held at the East Greenwich Yacht Club on Saturday evening. For those yachts participating from yacht clubs outside of Greenwich Bay, moorings will be provided free of charge for both Friday, July 15th and Saturday July 16th in close proximity of EGYC.

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 15, 2016 – 18:00: Skipper's meeting and cocktail party at the East Greenwich Yacht Club.

Saturday, July 16, 2016 – 12:00: Cruising Class "Pursuit Race" around government buoys for cruising class yachts with starting times staggered according to PHRF rating with family and friends as crew encouraged. There will be four classes: Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, J22 One Design, and Family Cruising Class. To simplify the starting process, the Race Committee will announce on the Race Committee VHF channel the yachts which will start next. While all efforts will be made to inform all competitors of the starting order failure of a yacht to hear the announcement will not be grounds for protest.

Saturday, July 16, 2016 – 17:00: Deck party with music, food, beverages. Awards will also be presented that night at the East Greenwich Yacht Club.

1. Rules:

The EGYC Annual Regatta will be governed by the 2013-2016 The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Sailing Instructions, the Notice of Race, and any amendments thereto. This race is classified as a Category "A" event.

All yachts, in addition to all federally required equipment, shall have a VHF radio aboard, and shall keep the radio energized on the Race Committee working channel VHF channel 72 from her "warning signal" until her "finish". Additionally, the Race Committee shall continuously monitor VHF channel 13, "Ship-to-Ship".

The Narragansett Bay race area, with its East and West passages and approaches to Providence and Fall River, are considered a "restricted channel" for commercial traffic and vessels in the navigation channel, restricted in their ability to maneuver. Sailors must comply with the International COLREGS when in such proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic. Yachts which obstruct the safe passage of commercial traffic are subject to protest under The Racing Rules of Sailing. A violation under this instruction shall be considered a violation of rule 2. The Race Committee or Protest Committee, upon the report of information or observation of an incident **shall** protest a yacht. This is in addition to the requirements of rule 60.2(a) and the preamble to Part 2.

2. Eligibility:

- 2.1 The **Cruising Class Pursuit Race** is open to all yachts with the following qualifications:
 - a) All Spinnaker Class competitors having a valid 2016 PHRF-NB rating certificate.
 - b) All Non-spinnaker Class competitors must have a valid 2016 PHRF-NB rating certificate.
 - c) All J22s sailing in their one-design configuration.
 - d) All Family Cruising Class competitors must either have a valid 2016 PHRF-NB rating certificate or be a yacht eligible for a PHRF-NB rating. If a Family Cruising Class competitor does not have a PHRF-NB 2016 rating they may apply to the EGYC Measurer for a rating that is valid for this event only. Any Family Cruising Class competitor, with or without a PHRF-NB certificate, may apply to the EGYC Measurer for a rating adjustment that is valid for this event only. These rating adjustments may be made for any reason, including but not limited to the materials, age, condition, or limits of the sails, the condition of the yacht's bottom, or the yacht's optimization for cruising. Rating adjustments may also be given for crew limitations; such as limited crew numbers, crew members all of one family, or use of a young crew. Family Cruising Class competitors are eligible for a 3 seconds per mile rating adjustment by having one or more crew, 18 years of age max, who are currently enrolled in a sailing program.

A letter or email should be addressed to the EGYC Measurer describing any aspect of the yacht which the owner/skipper believes should be used to adjust the rating. If the yacht does not have a 2016 PHRF-NB certificate a letter or email must be addressed to the EGYC measurer describing the yacht's manufacturer, model, size, sail sizes and propulsion as early as possible. Email can be addressed to measurer@egyc.com. Or a letter can be addressed to:

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Attn: Measurer P. O. Box 267

East Greenwich, RI 02818

3. Entries:

- 3.1 Entries shall be submitted on the official entry form, including the waiver.
- 3.2 Classes shall meet the minimum entry requirements no later than July 1, 2016.
- 3.3 Pursuit Race registration fee is: \$60
- 3.4 Registration and waiver forms can be found and completed online or printed and mailed to the East Greenwich Yacht Club.
- 3.5 In person registration can be made at the East Greenwich Yacht Club up to 9:00 AM the day of the race.

4. Sailing Areas:

4.1 The Cruising Class Pursuit Race will start and finish at "C5" west of Pine Hill Point.

5. Courses:

5.1 The Cruising Class Pursuit Race, all courses will use government marks. Details of courses and starting times will be in the Sailing Instructions.

6. Schedule of Races:

6.1 The Cruising Class Pursuit Race one race is scheduled. The first signal will be 1200.

7. Scoring:

7.1 Cruising Class Pursuit Race will have 1 race.

8. Prizes:

- 8.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place finishers in each class.
- 8.2 There may be awards for the best performance in some specified group, such as manufacturer or club as well as best dressed crew, most family members, etc.
- 8.3 Awards for the Cruising Class Pursuit Race will be awarded Saturday evening during the dinner at the East Greenwich Yacht Club.

9. Annual Regatta Party:

- 9.1 Tickets for the EGYC Annual Regatta party buffet may be purchased for \$20.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children under 10 by contacting the EGYC MAIN OFFICE at 401-884-7700. They may also be purchased by email through **Maggie Taft** EGYC Social Committee Chair at mtaft@egyc.com.
- **10. Notices:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board located at the East Greenwich Yacht Club.