



## 2011 Great Chase Race SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**DIVISIONS:** There will be FIVE divisions. All vessels will use the same starting line, finish line, and courses but we will award trophies in five divisions. Your division will be determined by your Great Chase rating (GCR). Division splits are as follows; A: Up to 124; B: 125 - 168; C: 169 – 213; D: 214 – above, One Design (Rhodes 19, J-24, Thunderbird, 110, 210, etc) The committee may create new classes depending on the final entry list.

**AWARDS:** Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 finishers in each division. We will also award the top club. The winner is the lowest finish total of the clubs first five boats. In addition we will be awarding the top boat in any boat design that has five or greater competitors.

**RADIO USE:** The Race Committee will use VHF channel 71 for communicating with the fleet.

### **STARTING PROCEDURE:**

All vessels should meet east of Sheep Is. at 11:30. The Race Committee will lead the fleet to the proper starting line. We will try to begin the start as *close* to 12:00 as possible.

11:55	WARNING:	GCR flag goes up, Horn
11:56		Radio time announcement
11:57		Radio time announcement
11:58		Radio time announcement
11:59		Radio time announcement
12:00	START	GCR flag down and GUN

Your assigned start time is the amount of time **AFTER the START (GCR flag down and gun)**. The Race Committee will make an effort to announce each minute after the start. This notice is informational. Skippers are responsible for keeping track of their own starting time.

The race committee will attempt to use GPS time for all signals. In the event of a Postponement for any reason (i.e., large tanker) the race committee will still attempt to use GPS time with an exact minute delay of the start. Example: the committee will announce the new starting time is 12:45:00 PM.

You have been assigned two starting times, one for the Short - 5.5 mile course and one for the Long -11 mile course. The race committee will post the course approximately 5 minutes before the warning.

**NOTE: ALL BOATS MUST KEEP CLEAR OF COURSE SIDE OF THE STARTING LINE FROM THE WARNING SIGNAL UNTIL ONE MINUTE BEFORE THEIR STARTING TIME. Any boat in a triangle formed by the starting marks and the first mark, before one minute prior to their start may be penalized 3 finishing places by the race committee. BE FAIR TO SMALLER BOATS. 35 footers don't need to steal the starting air for a 19 foot CAT boat 30 minutes before their start.**

**WITHDRAWAL and TIME LIMIT:**

If you are retiring from the race, please notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by hailing or calling on channel 71. The time limit for the race will be 5:00 PM.

**PROTESTS:**

Due to the nature of this event we would like to discourage any protests if possible. We encourage skippers to accept the alternative penalty (720) when appropriate. If a protest hearing is necessary, protests need to be submitted in writing and hearings will be held at the Hull Yacht Club following the race. Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final with no appeals.

**COURSES:**

We will be using drop marks. There could be up to two different courses for different fleets. The Green course will have marks that are Green and Triangular, and the Yellow Course will have marks that are Yellow and Round. A sketch of the intended course shape is shown below. At any particular locations both a Yellow and a Green Mark may be present.

The Starting/Finish line will be between the Race Committee boat Harbinger and the Yellow Ducky.

This course board will indicate for each fleet:

- Which course is to be sailed, (Green or Yellow)
- Long or Short Course - eg whether to use your long course (11 nm) starting time or your short course starting time.
- How many times around the course
- The distance and bearing to the first mark of your course

At subsequent marks, a Race Committee official boat may either; display a course board indicating the direction and distance to the next mark, or lead the first boats in the direction of the next mark.

The Race Committee may make an attempt to announce via VHF channel 71 the Course information prior to the start of the race.

A sample Course board on the committee might look like this:

A,B,OD	C,D
Green	Yellow
1 – Long	2 – Long
330 – 3.1	350 – 1.1

This would indicate that:

Fleet A,B, and One Design would sail the green course once around using their long course starting time. Fleet C, D would sail the yellow course twice around using their long course starting time. The marks might be arranged as shown on the next page

**Course  
Example**

