


# PAT WEST GAFF RIG & SCHOONER RACE


## RULES

**RULES:** The race will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules (as amended) of Sailing, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (USSA) and by the Race Circular.

The Race Committee may issue oral instructions by flying  code flag "L" (yellow and black squares on the diagonal) in accordance with Rule 90.2c. All racing entrants must carry all Coast Guard required safety equipment. Children must wear PFDs in accordance with the law. Wearing of PFDs is urged for all participants.

**REVERSE COURSE:** Code flag "R" (red with  yellow cross).


**START AND FINISH:** Lines will have the committee boat at one end and an inflatable mark at the other, unless otherwise stated over radio or at briefing.

**ALTERNATE RACE DAY:** SUNDAY Check Saturday for a code flag "C"  (blue/white/red/white/blue horizontal stripes) on the rigging pole at Gannon and Benjamin.



### POSTPONEMENT AND RESTART:


Will be signaled by two guns and the display of the  "Answering Pennant" (red/white/red/white/red).

- RESTART will be signaled by lowering "AP" with one gun.
- One minute after the removal, there will be a warning signal to begin the normal starting sequence.

**RECALL:** Individual  recalls will be signaled in accordance with Racing Rule 29 (display of Code Flag "X" (blue cross on white background)).

The Race Committee will endeavor to hail the boat name. The penalty for an improper start is 15 minutes.

**CANCELLATION:** Will be signaled with three guns and the display of the Code Flag  "N" (blue and white checkered) over "H" (white and red vertical). 

- All races are abandoned (Code Flag "C") - on the rigging  pole at G&B.

**DROPOUTS:** If you drop out of the race, please let the Race Committee know either by radio (VHF Ch 73) or sailing by the committee boat.

**TIME LIMIT:** If no yacht has finished five hours after the start, the race is abandoned. The Race Committee may shorten the course.

**RUNNING OF ENGINES:** Running of engines after the preparatory signal will disqualify a yacht.

**PROTESTS:** To be made in accordance with USSA instructions.

**STARTING SIGNALS:**

1150 Yellow Shape Or Flag	Warning Gun
1155 Blue Shape Or Flag	Preparatory Gun
1200 Red Shape Or Flag	Starting Gun

(START TIME MAY BE AMENDED AT BRIEFING.)

**PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICERS:** NAT BENJAMIN & SCOTT DIBIASO

**PRIMARY RECORDER:** DOUG HEIL / COMMITTEE BOAT : PATROL II

**RACE COMMITTEE:** The committee boat will fly the Race Committee flag. The committee is in complete command of the race at all times. The Race Committee will monitor VHF Ch. 73.

**BEFORE THE RACE:** SAIL PAST THE COMMITTEE BOAT ON STARBOARD TACK  
CALL OUT YOUR BOAT'S NAME.

# COURSES

**Principal Race Officers:** Nat Benjamin (508) 360-1837 & Scott DiBiaso (508) 560-0972

**Skippers' Meeting:** Friday, September 15, 2023, 1700hrs @ Gannon & Benjamin Beach Shop

**Awards Reception:** Saturday, September 17 2023, 1700hrs @ Gannon & Benjamin Beach Shop

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**COURSE 1** **DISTANCE: 12.6 NM**

START – OFF EAST CHOP.

LEAVE C "15" (West End of L'Hommedieu) to STARBOARD.

LEAVE R "22" (East End of Hedge Fence) to STARBOARD.

FINISH – OFF EAST CHOP.

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**COURSE 2** **DISTANCE: 15.0 NM**

START – OFF EAST CHOP.

LEAVE C "15" (West End of L'Hommedieu) to STARBOARD.

LEAVE R "22" (East End of Hedge Fence) to STARBOARD.

LEAVE R "2" (Off Edgartown) to STARBOARD.

FINISH – OFF EAST CHOP.

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**COURSE 3** **DISTANCE: 16.6 NM**

START – OFF EAST CHOP.

LEAVE C "15" (West End of L'Hommedieu) to STARBOARD.

LEAVE R "12" (Succonnet Shoal) to STARBOARD.

LEAVE R "22" (East End of Hedge Fence) to STARBOARD.

LEAVE BELL GR (East End Of Squash Meadow) TO STARBOARD.

FINISH – OFF EAST CHOP.

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**COURSE 4 / TARPS** **DISTANCE: 17.8 NM**

START – OFF EAST CHOP.

LEAVE CAN C1 in Tarpaulin Cove to PORT.

FINISH – OFF EAST CHOP.

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**COURSE 5 / THE WEE ONE** **DISTANCE: 10.3 NM**

START – OFF EAST CHOP.

LEAVE R "26" (Red Bell off Nobska) to STARBOARD.

LEAVE R "16" (Red Bell off Falmouth Harbor) to STARBOARD.

FINISH – OFF EAST CHOP.

*C "23A" AND "N4" OFF WEST CHOP ON PROPER HAND AT ALL TIMES.  
WATCH FOR REVERSE COURSE "R" FLAG.*