



Peconic Bay Sailing Association

2017 New Suffolk Race Series

NOTICE OF RACE

Peconic Bay Sailing Association, the organizing authority, cordially invites you to participate in the 2017 New Suffolk Race Series. This is a five-race series sailed on the waters of Peconic Bays off New Suffolk, NY. The fleet generally consists of two classes: spinnaker and non-spinnaker, sometimes divided into A and B divisions. Additional classes or divisions may be established if warranted by the number of entries.

Race results are posted on the PBSA website (www.pbsa.us) as soon as practicable following each race. Trophies may be awarded in each class for each race of the series and for the best overall series performance in each class. Awards are made at the PBSA Holiday/Awards Dinner, typically in December.

CONTACTS:

PBSA Commodore: [Greg Cukor](#)
Race Committee Chairman: [Peter Carroll](#)

SCHEDULE OF RACES, 2017:

Sunday, June 11	Ray Krogman Memorial Race	1 st Warning 1400
Saturday, July 8	Sunset Pursuit Race	1 st Warning 1800
Sunday, July 23	Legends Cup	1 st Warning 1400
Sunday, August 13	John Lockwood Memorial Race	1 st Warning 1400
Saturday, August 26	Fisher Cup*	1 st Warning 1300

* Co-hosted with the Old Cove Yacht Club. The party and awards for this race will be on the same date at 5.30pm at the OCYC clubhouse on Old Harbor Road during their annual decommissioning cocktail party. The OCYC party usually has a cash bar. PBSA members and guests attending are encouraged to bring a 'pot luck' appetizer.

SOCIAL: Post-regatta parties will be held following most PBSA races. These are BYOB events with food and soft drinks supplied by the hosts and by the PBSA. Donations of \$5.00/person at each post-race party help to defray costs. See the PBSA website for updates regarding party details and RSVP options. RSVPs are very much appreciated for planning purposes.

RULES: The race series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, including the prescriptions of US Sailing. In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern.

ELIGIBILITY: The events are open to all monohull yachts eligible for racing in the PHRF of Eastern Long Island Yacht Association (ELIYA) handicap fleet. Additionally, multihull sailboats may be eligible to race by making special arrangements for starts and scoring with the Race Committee Chairman. All participating yachts are required to have a working VHF radio on board.

ENTRY: No pre-registration is necessary. All monohull yachts wishing to enter, receive scoring, and be eligible for trophies, must certify that they have a current [PHRF of Eastern Long Island](#) PHRF Certificate. Certificates must be received by the Race Committee 48 hours prior to any race. Certificates will be accepted by mail (PBSA, P.O. Box 1196, Cutchogue, New York 11935) or by e-mail to Race Committee Chair [Peter Carroll](#). Monohull yachts not submitting a Rating Certificate will be assigned a rating by the Race Committee using the lowest PHRF handicap for the yacht's design as [established by US Sailing's most recent Handicaps Book](#). This changes rule 78.2.

FEES: There shall be no race entry fee for current PBSA members. Non-members are eligible to participate in one race for a fee of \$30. Thereafter, said yachts are eligible to participate in additional races only if the skipper has joined PBSA and paid the appropriate membership dues. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification without a hearing. Any yacht which crosses the starting line at the time of a start will be liable for the entry fee, if it applies, and for scoring in the series as per the scoring rules. This changes RRS A5.

RACING AREA: The races will start in Cutchogue Harbor or the vicinity thereof. The start area will be selected by the Race Committee on the race day. Entrants should look for the designated Race Committee boat flying the blue and red "RC" flag in leeward parts of the harbor. The start area could be, but is not limited to, C "1", the Wednesday Night starting line, (S "1" and S "2"), N "4", or set marks off Robins Island or Nassau Point. Consult the Sailing Instructions for potential courses for specific wind conditions. The PBSA Race Committee will broadcast start locations on VHF Channel 71 one-half hour prior to the start and upon arriving on station. The Racing Area is in Cutchogue Harbor and the Peconic Bays.

CLASSES: The scoring will divide participants into Cruising and Spinnaker classes. The class "Other" will be used for other classes or as the RC designates. The Sailing Instructions will indicate the starting sequence and order of starts.

SCORING: The low point system, as per RRS Appendix A, will be used for scoring. PHRF time-on-time handicapping will be used in all races except the Sunset Race, which will be handicapped time-on-distance. Consistent with advice provided by US Sailing regarding the use of the PHRF time-on-time handicap system, the Race Committee will apply a "formula constant" that is appropriate for the average prevailing wind conditions for each race. For the series, there will be a minimum of three races finished to qualify for series scoring. When conditions permit, the Race Committee may add races on the water by flying flag signal #2 prior to the finish of the first boat until after the last boat finishes. The daily race results for any class for which additional races are sailed will be scored using the low point system. Each race will be scored separately for The New Suffolk Series. Contestants not sailing up to two series races due to Race Committee service will receive a score equal to the average (rounded off to the nearest whole position) of their three qualifying races, for each race missed. The 1st, 2nd & 3rd placing entrants in each of the races will carry a 9, 6 & 3 second rating penalty for the next race in the series. This changes RRS Appendix A2 and Appendix A9.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Standing Sailing Instructions for the series are included in the PBSA Racing Packet, and may be posted on the PBSA website (www.pbsa.us). Due to the uncertainty of staffing the Race Committee, entrants should not assume Sailing Instructions will be available on the water.