

Pursuit Race Instructions for Mark Foy

Friday Twilight Rum Racing: 2024 – 2025 Racing Season

These pursuit race series are intended to be fun races conducted in the spirit of a good-natured, friendly, fun competition where the participation of a wide range of yachts and crews with differing skills and abilities is celebrated and encouraged. Spinnakers, asymmetrical kites, code zeros etc. are **not permitted** however headsails may be poled out downwind.

Each race will be conducted using the Mark Foy pursuit race format with slower boats being allocated earlier start times and the faster boats with later starting times then attempting to chase the rest of the fleet down.

First start is 5.00pm. Start times will be adjusted after each race based on results and the Race Committee also reserves the right to adjust start times as required.

Competitors are advised to check start times on the OCC website or Race noticeboard on race day for any changes.

Boats will start at their allotted NZDT time (using time on phones or other devices that accurately show NZDT), there will only be starting signals for the first boat.

Any boat that starts ahead of their allotted NZDT time may be advised via VHF channel 77 and will have the option to restart. If they do not return, they will be scored OCS for the race.

THESE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OCC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND FORM SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT PURSUIT RACING.

WHERE THE INSTRUCTIONS DIFFER FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT PURSUIT RACING THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL TAKE PRECEDENT.

The racing rules of sailing will apply alongside the Opua Cruising Club's racing rules. On-course infringements of racing rules will be exonerated by the offending crew taking a 360-degree penalty as soon as possible after the infringement.

Courses

To encourage participation and visually promote OCC Twilight rum racing in the bay, the fleet will sail the same courses each week. The race officer will choose one of two courses based on wind strength and expected finishing times on the day.

Course 1:

1. Start
2. Both Southern Channel Marks S
3. Caters S
4. Okiato Pole P
5. Finish

Course 2:

1. Start
2. Both Northern Channel Marks S
3. Caters S
4. Okiato Pole P
5. Finish

Shortened Course

Either course may be shortened at the Channel marks at the discretion of the Officer of the Day. This will be announced on Channel 77 by the OOD or Sailing Committee. In this case head straight to the finish after rounding.

To further facilitate getting a result in dying breeze and/or adverse tidal conditions the OOD or Sailing Committee may instruct the fleet to self-finish on an imaginary line between the Okiato pole and the white beacon on the headland just North of English Bay. (see map). If advised to self-finish at Okiato, boats are to individually radio into the OOD as they cross this line to record their finish and note the boat before and after them for results to be confirmed.

Protests

if a competitor deems it necessary, they may submit a standard Protest Form (as per clause 22 of the OCC Sailing Instructions) within 45 minutes of the finish of the race.

The racing committee's decision will be final with no right of appeal.

Prizegiving at the club after each race between 2000 and 2030 with overall results accumulating for each series.

Scoring

Low points – one point for finish result, e.g. 1st = 1 point. RTD / RAF / OCS = Last place + 5 points. DNC / DNS / DSQ = Last place + 10 points.

Time adjustment

Time adjustments (minutes) after each race							
Number of starters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th & 6th	7th, 8th, 9th	Adjustments to last boats
1-5 boats	+ 3	+ 2	+ 1	-	-	-	No adjustments to last boats
6-9 boats	+ 3	+ 2	+ 1	-	-	-	Last 3 have a minute taken off
10-19 boats	+ 3	+ 2	+ 1	-	-	-	Last 6 have a minute taken off
20-29 boats	+ 3	+ 3	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1	-	Last 12 have a minute taken off
30-39 boats	+ 3	+ 3	+ 3	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1	Last 18 have a minute taken off

Occasionally by agreement a boat may have it's time manually adjusted. If you feel your boat needs a manual adjustment you may apply in writing to the race officer.

Course Map

