

Dear Figawi Competitor,

It is time for the 49th Figawi. Although many of you are long time Figawi participants, some of you are new- so the following is a bit of a primer as to how this all works.

Friday afternoon registration-

There is no formal skipper's meeting- the party is too good to interrupt. There are Figawi representatives onsite to help you with any questions you may have when you pick up your registration materials. Remember, only the owner or someone the owner has designated in advance may pick up registration materials, bracelets, etc. Regarding racing questions- I am onsite from 4:00 till registration ends. I would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the pursuit racing format.

For scoring purposes, the Figawi fleet is divided into 15 classes. There are no 'class starts'. Your class designation is designed to place you in competition with boats that are closest to your phrf rating. You start on your own time as designated in the 'scratch sheet'.

IMPORTANT- there are 7 different courses- one of which will be assigned to your class. Not all classes will sail the same course. You must be sure to have the telephone that you designated in your registration with you on board, and to designate a crewmember – usually your navigator- to monitor the phone for a text and an email that will designate the courses by class. Once you receive your course- find your boat on the 'scratch sheet' and find your start time. This requires a bit of concentration- **MAKE SURE THAT MORE THAN ONE PERSON PARTICIPATES IN THIS PROCESS-** so that you actually sail the correct course and start at the correct time. This will enable you to be scored and will go a long way toward avoiding having me make fun of you at the awards ceremony on Sunday.

We do have race committee vessels monitoring the buoys we designate in our courses. They record sail numbers of the boats that round each buoy so, in theory, we know which boats have sailed their course properly and those who have not.

There are many ferries operating between Hyannis and Nantucket. They do a good job of giving our fleet a wide berth and we appreciate that they do. However, in areas of restricted navigation- specifically but not restricted to- the approach channels to Hyannis and Nantucket, ferries have the right of way- even if you are under sail.

OK? Good. Please do not hesitate to find me on Friday afternoon at registration if you have any questions at all about how the race works. Once the race starts on Saturday you are your own regarding procedures, etc. There are no dumb questions on Friday.

Please reread the document Pursuit Racing 101 that is on the website.

See you Friday, May 22nd at Hyannis Yacht Club (Registration begins at 1500)

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