Finish Line Protocols for the Beringer Bowl 2016

1. Why a Finish Line Protocol:

   - Positively identifying each boat as it finishes is the dark, with little knowledge of approaching vessels, with wind & current affecting the wide finish line is quite challenging for the Race Committee Crew.

   - Black numbers on dark Mylar sails in the dark are barely visible. Despite a very strong search light, the numbers may still be obscured or unreadable.

2. Finish Protocol:

   Each vessel will call LOBLOLLY on channel 72 when between ½ and 1 mile by GPS from the Finish Line.

   → **LOBLOLLY, LOBLOLLY -- this is yacht << _name of vessel_ >>. Please acknowledge**.

   ← LOBLOLLY will acknowledge their call by saying **yacht** << _name of vessel_ >> **this is the LOBLOLLY standing by.**

   → **LOBLOLLY this is yacht << _name of their vessel_ >> Sail # << _your sail #_>>, we are approximately << _distance_ >> from the finish line. Please acknowledge.**

   ← LOBLOLLY will acknowledge by saying **yacht** << name of vessel >> **this is the LOBLOLLY and we acknowledge that you are now approaching the Finish Line.**

3. Please report: *YOUR FINISH TIME* as you cross the line or shortly thereafter if there are several boats finishing or there is interfering radio traffic.

4. _If you do not receive acknowledgement from LOBLOLLY please repeat the message once only_

5. In addition, all finishers shall complete the Finish Boat Report distributed at the Skippers' meeting with their time of finish and deliver it to LOBLOLLY at the Provincetown Marina by 1000 hrs. Finish times may also be reported by text or call to Karen Tenenbaum (617) 548-9333 between 0700 and 1000 hrs, only if you can't drop off the finish time form.

6. Finish times shall be based on GPS time.

7. The LOBLOLLY will be at anchor at the starboard end of the Finish Line between midnight and approx 0700 hrs. She will be displaying her anchor lights and flashing amber lights. The cockpit and cabin lights may also be on. She is a 31' Cruisers with a white hull.

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