

# 2014 BUZZARDS BAY REGATTA

## NOTICE OF RACE

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**August 1 - 3, 2014**

Organizing Authority: Buzzards Bay Regatta, Inc.

Regatta Headquarters & Host: Beverly Yacht Club (Marion, MA)

Racing Venues:

Beverly Yacht Club & Community Boating Center of New Bedford at Padanaram Ave  
(CBC)

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The PHRF and Multihull classes will be required to comply with the current *ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Racing including US Sailing Prescriptions* for a Category 5 race.
- 1.3. All PHRF boats will be required to comply with the PHRF-New England crew weight limits. See <http://www.phrfne.org/page/569>.
- 1.4. Club 420, i420, Laser, Laser Radial, and Vanguard 15 competitors will be required to wear a properly fastened USCG-approved non-inflatable personal flotation device while racing. All other competitors shall wear a properly fastened USCG-approved personal flotation device while starting and finishing, and at all other times unless directed otherwise by the captain.
- 1.5. V15s will race under a team racing format (3 Boat Teams) and will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and Appendix D.
- 1.6. The regatta will serve as the 2014 District 2 Championships for the J/24 class. All J/24 skippers must be current class members to compete.
- 1.7. Arbitration may be used to resolve protests. Appendix T, section D will apply. Other sections of Appendix T may also be applied by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.8. All competitors and support personnel shall comply with the parking, launching and hauling, and support boat regulations, and shall comply with reasonable requests from regatta officials. The protest committee may, at its discretion, assess a penalty after a hearing for breaches of this rule, including dismissal from the event.
- 1.9. By participating in this regatta, each competitor grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television or other reproductions of him or her made during the period of the regatta without compensation.

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## 2. Eligibility & Sailing Location

- 2.1. Boats of the following classes are eligible to enter:
  - Laser and Laser Master\*
  - Laser Radial\* (the fleet may be split into Gold and Silver divisions, which will race separately for the championship)  
\*May be limited to a total of 140 boats for all Lasers
  - Vanguard 15; may be limited to 15 teams
  - Club 420 (sailing at CBC); may be limited to 140 boats. The format will be a qualification series to divide the fleet into Gold and Silver divisions, which will race separately for the championship.
  - i420 (sailing at CBC); may be limited to 30 boats
  - J/22
  - J/24
  - J/80
  - Shields
  - PHRF Cruising (non-spinnaker); 2014 PHRF-NE certificate required, with a rating of 250 or less, without spinnaker.
  - PHRF Racing; 2014 PHRF-NE certificate required, with a rating of 180 or less, with spinnaker. It is the PRO's intent to have three (3) race classes with splits based on registration.
  - Multihull; 2014 New England Multihull Association certificate required, with a rating of 100 or less.
- 2.2. All classes except Club 420s and i420s will sail from BYC. Club 420s and i420s will sail from CBC at 1641 Padanaram Avenue, New Bedford.
- 2.3. A minimum of ten (10) paid entries per one-design class may be required by July 13. If a one-design class is eliminated due to inadequate numbers, entrants from that class may be registered in a suitable handicap class if they meet that class's eligibility requirements.
- 2.4. Each skipper shall be a current member of US Sailing, or of his or her own national authority.
- 2.5. All competitors (skippers and, where applicable, crew) in the Laser, Laser Radial, Club 420, i420, and Vanguard 15 classes, and all skippers in other classes, shall be at least 14 years old by August 1, 2014 (i.e., born on or before August 1, 2000).
- 2.6. Any competitor (skipper or crew) who will be under 18 years of age at any time during the regatta shall provide a release for medical care signed by a parent or guardian.
- 2.7. To be eligible to be scored as a Laser Master, competitors shall be at least 35 years old by August 1, 2014 (i.e., been born on or before August 1, 1979).
- 2.8. At its sole discretion, the organizing authority may divide the PHRF fleets into multiple classes.
- 2.9. V15s shall compete in teams consisting of three (3) boats with one skipper and one crew per boat. V15s shall compete only on Saturday and Sunday. If required for the event, the regatta host will provide pinnies and jibs

## 3. Entry, Check-in & Sailing Instruction Availability

- 3.1. Entries will be accepted in the order that complete entry forms, fees and certificates (if required) are received. In the Club 420 class, blocks of entries may be reserved by invited southern New England clubs. **If**

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**completed entries, including entry fees, for these reserved Club 420 places are not received by July 13, the reservations will be cancelled.** In the event that a class has to start a wait list, incomplete registrants will be contacted to complete their applications. If after a period of time specified by the communication with the registrants, not to exceed one (1) week, the applications are still not complete, the entry will be removed from the list to make room for those on the wait list who have completed applications.

- 3.2. Any PHRF or Multihull participant who does not submit their 2014 PHRF-NE or NEMA certificate by July 31 may incur a 5 sec/mile penalty for all races until the certificate is received by the Race Committee.
- 3.3. Waivers of liability shall be signed and submitted by fax, electronic upload (see NOR 12) or signed at check-in (see NOR 5) in order to be eligible to sail.
- 3.4. Advance entry, including the payment of the entry fee, is online only at <http://www.buzzardsbayregatta.com>; see NOR 5 for opening and closing dates.
- 3.5. Advance entry is required for all handicapped boats; see NOR 5 for opening and closing dates.
- 3.6. Club 420s, i420s, Lasers including Masters, and Laser Radials shall, before checking in, present their numbered sails to a regatta representative in the launching area, receive a signed sail number verification form, and present that form at check-in during one of the times listed in NOR 5. See NOR 7.4.
- 3.7. An entry is not complete until a representative of each boat (or team) has checked in at the BYC (or at CBC for boats sailing from there) during one of the times listed in NOR 5.
- 3.8. Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available online and final Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in.

#### **4. Entry Fees and Payment**

- 4.1. Entry fees for entries **received with the fee** by Sunday, July 13, are:
  - \$110 for Laser & Laser Radial (includes snacks/water and parking for 1 vehicle)
  - \$100 for Vanguard 15 (includes snacks/water and parking for 1 vehicle)
  - \$155 for Club 420 (includes lunch/water and facility access fee)
  - \$155 for i420 (includes lunch/water and facility access fee)
  - \$160 for J/22, J/24, J/80 & Shields
  - \$250 for PHRF Racing, PHRF Cruising, and Multihull
  - \$ 75 for Dick Fontaine Distance Race Only
- 4.2. Entries received after Sunday, July 13, shall include an additional late entry fee of \$50 (applicable to all classes except handicapped entrants in Dick Fontaine Distance Race only).
- 4.3. Entry fees are non-refundable, unless the class does not have sufficient entries to participate. See NOR 2.3.

#### **5. Schedule**

Monday, March 31	Advance Entry Registration Opens Online
Monday, May 12	Online store opens
Sunday, July 13	Deadline for payment for reserved Club 420 entries

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Sunday, July 13		Last day to register without paying late fee
Monday, July 14		Late registration fees begin to apply (all classes)
Sunday, July 27	1700	Online store closes
Thursday, July 31	1200	Advance entry closes Lasers/V15s may start arriving at BYC (early arrival by special arrangement only)
	1600	420s may start arriving at CBC (early arrival by special arrangement only)
	1600-2000	On-site check-in and sail number verification (see NOR 3.5) <b>at CBC</b> (420s only) for boats registered in advance.
	1600-2030	On-site check-in and sail number verification (see NOR 3.5) <b>at BYC</b> for boats registered in advance.
	1600-2030	On-site registration <b>at BYC</b> for one-design classes that are not fully subscribed
Friday, August 1	0700-0830	On-site check-in and sail number verification (see NOR 3.5) at CBC (420s only) and BYC (all others) for boats registered in advance
	0700-0830	On-site registration <b>only</b> for one-design classes that are not fully subscribed; at CBC (420s only) and BYC (all others)
	1030	First Warning signal on each racing area (except V15); distance race for all PHRF and Multihull classes
	After Racing	Prizes will be awarded to PHRF and Multihull classes for the Dick Fontaine Memorial Distance Race at BYC (if the race is held).
Saturday, August 2	0700-0830	On-site check-in at BYC <b>only</b> for boats registered in advance On-site registration at BYC <b>only</b> for one-design classes that are not fully subscribed
	1030	First Warning signal on each racing area (all classes)
Sunday, August 3	1030	First Warning signal on each racing area (all classes)
	1400	No Warning signal after this time
	1400	420 Fleet – No warning signal for first fleet after this time
	ASAP	Awards Ceremony at BYC and CBC

## 6. Racing Areas and Courses

- 6.1. The racing areas for boats sailing from CBC will be in Buzzards Bay directly off Fort Taber (formerly called Fort Rodman) and West of the main shipping channel into New Bedford.
- 6.2. The racing areas for boats sailing from BYC will be in Sippican Outer Harbor and the North portion of Buzzards Bay.

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- 6.3. The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions. On Friday, all PHRF and Multihull classes will have one distance race, unless the Race Committee decides that it is impractical in the expected weather conditions. This race will count in the overall results for the regatta if it is held.

## **7. Scoring**

- 7.1. The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A will be used.
- 7.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 7.3. One (1) completed race will constitute a series.
- 7.4. A boat racing with any sail number different from the number on her entry form (or as corrected in writing at check-in) will be scored "DNC" without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A5 and G4.
- 7.5. If the Dick Fontaine Distance Race for PHRF and Multihull classes is held, it will be counted in the overall scores for the Regatta.
- 7.6. The V15 team-racing format will be based on the number of teams registered and the weather conditions. Possible formats include round robin, split fleet round robins, elimination ladder, and others, followed by quarterfinals, semifinals and finals.

## **8. Alternative Penalties**

- 8.1. For all one-design classes, the Two-Turns Penalty of rule 44.2 will apply.
- 8.2. For Multihulls, rule 44 is changed to require only a One-Turn Penalty.
- 8.3. For all PHRF classes, the Scoring Penalty of rule 44.3 will apply.

## **9. Lunches and Water**

- 9.1. The Organizing Authority will distribute water and lunches on the racecourse to competitors in the Club 420 and i420 class.
- 9.2. The Organizing Authority will distribute water and snacks on the racecourse to competitors in the Laser and V15 classes.

## **10. Prizes**

- 10.1. Club 420: both Club 420 divisions (Gold and Silver) will receive awards for first through fifth place to skipper and crew.
- 10.2. Laser and Laser Radial: prizes will be awarded for first through fifth places. If divided into Gold and Silver divisions, Laser Radial prizes will be awarded to both divisions for at least first through third place.
- 10.3. For all other one-design classes, prizes will be awarded for first through third places.
- 10.4. Handicap Classes: series prizes will be awarded for first through third places in each class.
- 10.5. The Buzzards Bay Bowl will be awarded to the boat with the best overall performance, as determined by the Race Committee.
- 10.6. The Dick Fontaine Memorial Trophy will be awarded to PHRF and Multihull classes for first through third places for the distance race if it is held. The award ceremony will take place after racing on Friday.

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**11. Radio Communications**

11.1. The race committee will use VHF radio for courtesy communications to boats in the following classes: PHRF, Multihull, J/22, J/24, J/80 and Shields. All boats are urged to carry a VHF radio for use in emergencies, unless prohibited by their class rules.

**12. Disclaimer of Liability**

12.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

12.2. The Organizing Authority and Host Venue(s) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

**13. Contact Information**

For further information please contact Buzzards Bay Regatta:

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Marion, MA 02738-0181

**ENTRY CHECKLIST (see NOR 5 for deadlines):**

- ⇒ Complete the on-line entry form, including sail number and US Sailing membership number.
- ⇒ Pay the entry fee on-line (also required to reserve Club 420 entries), including the late fee if applicable (see NOR 4).
- ⇒ For PHRF classes, submit (by fax or electronic upload) a 2014 PHRF-NE rating certificate (see NOR 2.1).
- ⇒ For Multihulls, submit (by fax or electronic upload) a 2014 New England Multihull Association rating certificate (see NOR 2.1).
- ⇒ For each competitor under 18, submit by fax or electronic upload, or in person at check-in, a release for medical care (available on the web site) signed by a parent or guardian (see NOR 2.6).
- ⇒ Submit a signed waiver of liability by fax, electronic upload, or in person at check-in (see NOR 3.2).
- ⇒ For Laser, Laser Masters, Laser Radial, Club 420s, and i420s, present sail(s) for number verification prior to check-in (see NOR 3.5).
- ⇒ Check-in in person at BYC or CBC (see NOR 3.6).