

New Bedford Yacht Club
Beverly Yacht Club
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2015 BUZZARDS BAY REGATTA

NOTICE OF RACE

August 7, 8 & 9, 2015

Organizing Authority: Buzzards Bay Regatta, Inc.

Host: New Bedford Yacht Club ("NBYC"), Padanaram, MA 02748

Racing Venue: Padanaram Harbor, South Dartmouth, MA is the venue for all classes

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The PHRF and NEMA 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 The Formula 18 Catamaran (F-18) class rules will apply. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 Club 420, I420, Laser, Laser Radial, 505, and F-18 competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal floatation device (PFD) while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The PFD shall depend 100% on foam for flotation. No modifications of the PFD are permitted and shall be the appropriate size for the sailor. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD.
- 1.5 Competitors from outside the U.S. may wear a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty.
- 1.6 The Regatta will serve as the US Multihull Championship in the F-18 division.
- 1.7 The Regatta will serve as the PHRF-NE Championships.
- 1.8 The Regatta will serve as the second event for the C420 Triple Crown Series.
- 1.9 For the PHRF Double-Handed class, autopilots may be used. This changes rule 52.
- 1.10 Appendix T, section D will apply to permit arbitration to resolve protests. This changes rules 63 and 64.

- 1.11 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.
- 1.12 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.

2.0 Eligibility & Sailing Location

- 2.1 Boats of the following classes are eligible to enter:
- Laser & Laser Masters: the fleet may be limited to 50 boats.
 - Laser Radial: the fleet may be split into Gold and Silver divisions, which will race separately for the championship. Entries may be limited to 50 boats.
 - Club 420: the fleet may be limited to 100 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: the fleet may be limited to 30 boats
 - 505
 - F-18: See Addendum A
 - Rhodes 19
 - J/24
 - J/80
 - PHRF Cruise (non-spinnaker): 2015 PHRF-NE certificate required, with a rating faster than 250, without spinnaker.
 - PHRF Race: 2015 PHRF-NE certificate required, with a rating faster than 180, with spinnaker. It is the PRO's intent to have three race classes with splits based on registration.
 - PHRF Double-handed classes: Spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions if sufficient entries are received. 2015 PHRF-NE certificate required, with a rating faster than 180 for spinnaker and 250 for non-spinnaker.
 - NEMA Multihull: 2015 New England Multihull Association certificate required, with a rating faster than 100.
- 2.2 A minimum of ten (10) paid entries per one-design class may be required by 1700 on July 27. If a one-design class is eliminated due to inadequate numbers, entrants from the class that meet the eligibility requirements may be registered in a suitable handicap class.
- 2.3 Each skipper shall be a current member of US Sailing or of his or her own national authority.
- 2.4 All competitors in the Laser, Laser Radial, C420, and I420 classes, and all skippers in other classes, shall be at least 14 years old on August 7, 2015.
- 2.5 Any competitor in the Laser, Laser Radial, C420 and I420 classes who will be under 18 years of age on August 7, 2015, shall provide a release for medical care signed by a parent or guardian.
- 2.6 To be eligible to be scored as a Laser Master, competitors shall be at least 35 years old on August 7, 2015.

3.0 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 event that a class has to start a wait list, incomplete registrants will be contacted to complete their applications. If 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 In the C420 class, blocks of entries may be reserved by invited southern New England clubs. **If completed entries, including entry fees, for these reserved C420 places are not received by July 19, the reservations will be cancelled.**
- 3.3 For all PHRF classes, once a boat registers, all rating changes must be submitted to the event PRO. A new certificate must be presented.
- 3.4 Any PHRF or NEMA Multihull participant who does not submit their 2015 PHRF-NE or NEMA certificate by August 6 will incur a 5 sec/mile penalty for all races until the certificate is received by the Race Committee.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 Advance entry, including the payment of the entry fee, is on-line only. Registration is accessible at <http://www.buzzardsbayregatta.com> and is scheduled to open by March 1. Advance entry closes at 1200 on Thursday, August 6.
- 3.7 Advance entry is required for all handicap boats.
- 3.8 An entry is not recognized as attending the regatta until a representative of that boat has checked in at NBYC during one of the times listed in NOR 5.
- 3.9 Club 420s, I420s, Lasers, Laser Masters, and Laser Radials shall, before checking in, present their numbered sails to a regatta representative at NBYC, receive a signed sail number verification form, and present that form at check-in during one of the times listed in NOR 5. All sail numbers must match the number declared at check-in or the boat will be scored DNC.
- 3.10 Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available online, and final Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in.

4.0 Entry Fees and Payment

- 4.1 Entry fees for complete entries **received** by Sunday, July 26, are:
 - \$ 110 for Laser, Laser Masters & Laser Radial (water provided on the racecourse)
 - \$155 for Club 420 and I420 (includes lunches and water)
 - \$100 for 505
 - \$160 for J/80, J/24 and Rhodes 19.
 - \$150 for F-18 (see Addendum A)
 - \$250 for PHRF Race, PHRF Cruise, PHRF Double-handed, and NEMA Multihull
 - \$ 75 for Dick Fontaine Distance Race only
- 4.2 Entries received after Sunday, July 26, shall include an additional late entry fee of \$50 (does not apply to handicap entrants in the Dick Fontaine Distance Race only).
- 4.3 Entry fees are non-refundable, unless the class does not have sufficient entries to participate. See NOR 2.2.

5.0 Schedule

First week of March		Online registration opens
Sunday, July 19		Deadline for payment for reserved C420 entries
Monday, July 27		Late registration fees begin to apply (all classes)
Thursday, August 6	1200	Handicap boat registration ends
Thursday, August 6	1200	Advance registration ends
	1600-2030	On-site check-in and sail number verification (see NOR 3.8 & 3.9) at NBYC for boats registered in advance
	1600-2030	On-site registration at NBYC only for one-design classes that are not fully subscribed
Friday, August 7	0700-0830	On-site check-in and sail number verification (see NOR 3.8 & 3.9) at NBYC for boats registered in advance.
	0700-0830	On-site registration at NBYC only for one-design classes that are not fully subscribed.
	1030	First Warning signal on each racing area. Dick Fontaine Distance Race for all PHRF and NEMA Multihull classes.
	After racing	Prizes will be awarded to PHRF and Multihull classes for the Dick Fontaine Memorial Distance Race at NBYC if the race is held
Saturday, August 8	0700-0830	On-site check-in and sail number verification (see NOR 3.8 & 3.9) at NBYC for boats registered in advance
	0700-0830	On-site registration at NBYC only for one-design classes that are not fully subscribed
	1030	First Warning signal on each racing area
Sunday, August 9	1030	First Warning signal on each racing area
	1400	No Warning signal after this time
	ASAP	Presentation of prizes at NBYC

6.0 Racing Areas and Courses

- 6.1 The racing areas for all classes will be outside Padanaram Harbor in Buzzards Bay.
- 6.2 Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions. On Friday, all PHRF and NEMA 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.
- 6.3 The PHRF Double-Handed class will race one distance race each day using government marks.
- 6.4 For the C420 and I420 classes Rabbit Starts may be used.

7.0 Scoring

- 7.1 When fewer than five 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.
- 7.2 One race will constitute a series.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 If the Dick Fontaine Distance race for PHRF and NEMA Multihull classes is held, it will be counted in the overall scores for the Regatta.

8.0 Alternative Penalties

- 8.1 For all one-design classes the Two-Turns Penalty of rule 44.2 will apply.
- 8.2 For all PHRF, and NEMA Multihull classes, the Scoring Penalty of rule 44.3 will apply.
- 8.3 Refer to Addendum A for F-18 penalty.

9.0 Prizes

- 9.1 Club 420: both Club 420 divisions (Gold and Silver) will receive awards for first through fifth place to skipper and crew.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 For all other one-design classes and formula classes, prizes will be awarded for first through third places.
- 9.4 Handicap Classes: series prizes will be awarded for first through third places in each class.
- 9.5 The Buzzards Bay Bowl will be awarded to the boat with the best overall performance, as determined by the Race Committee.
- 9.6 The Dick Fontaine Memorial Trophy will be awarded to PHRF and NEMA 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.
- 9.7 Daily prizes may be awarded for PHRF, NEMA Multihull, and some one-design classes. There may be daily drawings and prizes for the 420 and Laser classes.
- 9.8 The Hobie Alter Trophy will be presented to the highest placing eligible competitor in the F-18 fleet (see Addendum A).

10.0 Radio Communications

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

11.0 Contact Information

For further information please contact Buzzards Bay Regatta:

Email: info@buzzardsbayregatta.com

Web site and on-line registration: <http://www.buzzardsbayregatta.com>

Fax 508-858-5302

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c/o New Bedford Yacht Club
208 Elm Street
South Dartmouth, MA 02748

Addendum A

U.S. Multihull Championship: Formula 18 Catamaran Supplement:

1.0 Rules

1.1 For competitors who are also sailing for the U.S. Multihull Championship, US Sailing's Championship Conditions and the Conditions for the U.S. Multihull Championship will apply, <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships>.

1.2 US Sailing Regulations 2, 10, 13, and 14 will apply to all competitors in this division.

1.3 Alternative Penalties

1.3.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

2.0 Advertising

2.1 Advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.

2.2 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority or US Sailing.

3.0 Eligibility

3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Formula18 Catamaran Association.

3.2 All competitors shall meet the requirements of US Sailing Regulation 2, which requires all competitors (helm and crew) shall be members of their Member National Authority. A current membership number must be provided at registration.

3.3 There is no age restriction.

3.4 Foreign national teams who meet the eligibility requirements are welcome to participate; however, they will not be eligible to win the title.

4.0 Crew Changes

4.1 Crew changes shall meet the requirements of the [US Sailing Championship Conditions](#).

5.0 Coaching and/or Support Boats

- 5.1 This event is Grade 3 within US Sailing's policy on coach and support boats found at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy>. Support vessels are allowed for this event subject to restrictions specified in the Sailing Instructions.

6.0 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES (US Sailing Regulation 10)

- 6.1 For adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841.
- 6.2 For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use).
- 6.3 An alleged breach of this requirement shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in the US Sailing Championships' Code of Conduct. If under 18, a parent or guardian as well as the sailor must submit a signed copy with their registration.

7.0 Entry Fee

- 7.1 The entry fee includes meals and a Gil shirt for all F-18 sailors.

ENTRY CHECKLIST:

- ⇒ Complete the on-line entry form, including sail number and US Sailing membership number.
- ⇒ Pay the entry fee on-line (also required to reserve entry), including the late fee if applicable (see NOR 4).
- ⇒ For PHRF classes, submit 2015 PHRF-NE rating certificate (see NOR 2.1) by fax or by electronic upload by the August 6 deadline (see NOR 5).
- ⇒ For the NEMA Multihull class, submit 2015 New England Multihull Association rating certificate (see NOR 2.1) by fax or by electronic upload by the August 6 deadline (see NOR 5).
- ⇒ Submit a signed waiver of liability by fax, electronic upload, or in person at check-in (see NOR 3.5).
- ⇒ For each competitor under 18 in the C420, I420, Laser and Laser Radial classes, submit a release for medical care (available on the web site) and send by fax, electronic upload or in person at check-in signed by a parent or guardian (see NOR 2.5).
- ⇒ For Laser, Laser Masters, Laser Radial, I420 and Club 420 present sail(s) for number verification prior to check-in (see NOR 3.9 and NOR 5).
- ⇒ Check-in in person at NBYC; see NOR 5.0 for times.