

New Bedford Yacht Club
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39th Annual
BUZZARDS BAY REGATTA
August 5, 6, & 7, 2011

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 PHRF and Multihull Classes must comply with the ISAF Special Regulations Category V, including the US SAILING prescriptions.
- 1.4 All PHRF boats will be required to comply with the PHRF-New England crew number limits. (See <http://www.phrfne.org/page/569>).
- 1.5 There are supplements to these sailing instructions for Club 420, Vanguard 15, Laser, Laser Radial, 505, Multihull, F18, and PHRF classes.
- 1.6 The US Sailing Prescription 60 and 63.2 do not apply to this regatta.

2.0 Entry Procedures

- 2.1 Boats that race before completing the entry procedures described in the Notice of Race will be scored "Did Not Compete" without a hearing for such races. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

3.0 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board located under the tent in front of the NBYC clubhouse.

4.0 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it takes effect.

5.0 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the NBYC flagpole.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than sixty (60) minutes in Race Signal AP."

6.0 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 The warning signal for the first race each day is scheduled for 1030 hours.
- 6.2 Subsequent races will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race.
- 6.3 The race committee will run as many races as practicable each day.

6.4 For all classes except 420s, no first warning signal for a race will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday. For 420s, no first “Group A” warning will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday.

7.0 Racing Areas

7.1 Classes are assigned to racing areas are defined below. The approximate distance from the breakwater to the center of the racing area is in parentheses.

Green: Club 420 (1 mile)
Blue: 505, Etchells, J/24, J/80 (1 mile)
Orange: Laser, Laser Radial, Vanguard 15 (1.8 miles)
Red: Multihull, F18, PHRF Cruising, PHRF Racing (3.9 miles)

8.0 Courses

8.1 The diagram in Attachment 1 shows the course configuration, including the approximate angles between legs. Note that the diagram illustrates an offset mark which is optional (see SI 8.3), and starting and finishing lines which are separate from the rounding marks, which are also optional (see SI 8.5 and 8.6).

8.2 When an O is displayed after the course signal W (i.e. WO), there will be an offset mark (a red or orange ball) set approximately 50 yards to port (looking upwind) of the windward mark (mark 1).

8.3 Marks, including the windward offset mark, shall be rounded in order and left to port, except that a leeward gate shall be rounded as described in RRS 28.1(c). If only one leeward mark is set, it shall be rounded to port.

8.4 The leeward mark will be set approximately 0.10 NM to windward of the Race Committee signal boat.

8.5 The following information will be displayed on a board on the RC signal boat:

- the course designation;
- the approximate distance (in nautical miles) from the starting line to mark 1;
- the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to mark 1.
- For example:

WO3
1.2
235

8.6 After starting, a boat shall not cross the start/finish line except when complying with a rule or if after finishing, re-finishing. When the start/finish line does not begin or end a leg of the course, it is an obstruction.

8.7 The starting line and the finishing line (for downwind finishes) will be set approximately .1 nm to leeward of the leeward mark or gate.

8.9 The finishing line (for upwind finishes) will be set approximately .1 nm beyond the windward mark.

9.0 Marks

9.1 The marks for each racing area are described in Attachment 2.

10.0 The Start

10.1 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.2 The race committee may deploy a “keep off” mark from the signal boat.

10.3 The race committee may add a mid line buoy which is not a mark of the course, but may be the starting mark for the smaller classes.

10.4 Boats starting later than four (4) minutes after their starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

10.5 Class flags and time limits are defined below:

<u>Circle</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Finish Window</u>
Green:	Club 420	Division color	90 minutes	20 minutes
Blue:	505	Class insignia	90 minutes	20 minutes
	J/24	Class insignia	90 minutes	20 minutes
	J/80	Class insignia	120 minutes	20 minutes
	Etchells	Class insignia	120 minutes	20 minutes
Orange:	Vanguard 15	Class insignia	90 minutes	20 minutes
	Laser	Class insignia on white background	90 minutes	20 minutes
	Laser Radial	Class insignia on red background	90 minutes	20 minutes
Red:	PHRF Racing 1	Numeral Pennant 1	120 minutes	No limit
	PHRF Racing 2	Numeral Pennant 2	120 minutes	No limit
	Multihull	Numeral Pennant 3	120 minutes	No limit
	F18	Numeral Pennant 4	120 minutes	No limit
	PHRF Cruising 1	Numeral Pennant 5	120 minutes	No limit
	PHRF Cruising 2	Numeral Pennant 6	120 minutes	20 minutes

10.6 It is intended that classes will start the first race each day in the order shown above. For subsequent races, classes will be started as soon as practicable, not necessarily in the order shown above.

11.0 Recalls

11.1 On the **Red** and **Blue** racing areas only, the race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. On the Red racing area, such hails will be made on VHF channel 69; on the Blue racing area, such hails will be made on VHF channel 72.

11.2 The failure of a boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, or the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

12 The Finish

12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finish mark. The finish mark will be located as described in the diagram in Attachment 1.

13.0 Time Limits

13.1 The time limits are shown in 10.5.

13.2 For classes for which a "finishing window" is indicated, the "finishing window" will open when the first boat that sails the course finishes. Boats still racing when the finishing window closes (see SI 10.5) will be scored "Time Limit Expired without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A 4.1 and A5. Time Limit Expired will be defined

as +2 the number of boats who properly sailed the course and finished in the time window.

- 13.3 If one-design boats at the end of the fleet are delaying the start of another race, the race committee may terminate the race and score those boats in the places they would have finished if the finish order is clear.

14.0 Alternative Penalties

- 14.1 For all one-design classes, the Two-Turns Penalty of RRS 44.2 will apply.
14.2 For all other classes, the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3 will apply.

15.0 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available at the protest desk in the NBYC clubhouse.
15.2 Protests shall be delivered to the protest desk within 60 minutes after the pertinent race committee boat docks. The protest time limits will be posted on the official notice board.
15.3 A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking Sailing Instruction 19 or 20. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
15.4 Penalties, if any, for breaches of rules other than those of Part 2 of the RRS will be at the discretion of the protest committee.
15.5 On the last day of the regatta a request to reopen a hearing or redress shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision before that day, or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.

16.0 Protest Arbitration

- 16.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, only two boats and no allegation of damage, an arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing. The arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee that hears the protest, but may be permitted to observe the testimony given to the protest committee, and offer testimony. This changes RRS 63.3(a).
16.2 After a written protest is delivered, one representative from each boat will meet with an arbitrator. No witnesses are allowed. After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will recommend that:
(a) the protest be withdrawn, because no rule was broken; or the protest was invalid; or
(b) one or both boats take a 40% scoring penalty [see RRS 44.3(c)], because some rule(s) was broken or
(c) the protest committee hear the protest.
16.3 Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to the protest committee.
16.4 If the protest is withdrawn, or if any alternative penalty is accepted, there shall be no protest hearing, reopening, redress or appeal based on that decision. This changes RRS 62.1, 66 and 70.

17.0 Scoring

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded only if five (5) or more races have been completed.
17.2 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
17.3 A boat racing with any sail number different from the number on her entry form (or sail number change form) will be scored "Did Not Compete" without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A 4.1, A5 and G4.

17.4 Requests for redress relating to possible scoring errors will initially be reviewed by the race committee as a scoring review before being scheduled for hearing by the protest committee. This instruction changes RRS 63.1

18.0 Disposal of Trash

18.1 Boats shall not intentionally discharge trash into the water. The penalty for breaking this rule will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may include adding points to a boat's score in the race or the series.

19.0 Safety

19.1 All competitors racing in the Laser, Laser Radial, 420, V15, 505 and F18 classes shall wear, while on the water (other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing), a properly fastened non-inflatable US Coast Guard-approved PFD.

19.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee vessel before leaving the racing area, or, when that is impossible, the Regatta Office or Duty Desk immediately after arriving ashore.

19.3 If the race committee displays flag L before the Warning signal to indicate that a check-in is required, boats that fail to check in before their Preparatory signal shall receive a 20% scoring penalty [see RRS 44.3(c)] without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

20.0 Haul-Out Restrictions

20.1 Keelboats and N.E.M.A. Multihulls shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of the prior written permission of the Race Committee.

21.1 Prizes

21.1 Series prizes will be awarded as follows:
Lasers, Laser Radials, and Club 420s -First through Fifth.
All other classes will be awarded First, Second and Third.

21.2 The Buzzards Bay Award will be awarded for the best all around performance.

22.0 Courtesy Broadcasts

22.1 On the Red and Blue racing areas, a regatta representative will make courtesy broadcasts (VHF channel 69 for Red; VHF channel 72 for Blue) to inform competitors of the order of starting, postponements, general recalls, and other race-related information.

22.2 The absence, inaccuracy or untimeliness of such broadcasts shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

Attachments:

- 1: Course diagram, 2 pages
- 2: Mark descriptions, 1 page

Supplement to the Laser and Laser Radial Sailing Instructions

Each Laser Radial will be issued an orange streamer when checking in at the NBYC. The streamer shall be attached to the top of the boat's mast while racing.

The race committee will use a pin boat instead of a mark on the starting line.

Supplement to the Club 420 Sailing Instructions

Replace SI 10.6 with the following:

- 10.6 Boats will be assigned to four divisions by the organizing authority, and at check-in will be provided with a colored streamer corresponding to their division color.
- 10.7 Each boat shall display her colored streamer from her starboard shroud.
- 10.8 The starting order will be as follows:
- | Race Numbers | First Start (A) | Second Start (B) |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1, 7, 13 | Green & Pink | Red & Yellow |
| 2, 8, 14 | Green & Yellow | Pink & Red |
| 3, 9, 15 | Yellow & Pink | Green & Red |
| 4, 10, 16 | Red & Yellow | Green & Pink |
| 5, 11, 17 | Pink & Red | Green & Yellow |
| 6, 12, 18 | Green & Red | Yellow & Pink |
- 10.9 Add to SI 17.0, Scoring: In RRS A4.2, the "number of boats entered" will be the sum of the number of boats entered in the two largest divisions. Only races completed by both the A and B groups will be included in the series scoring.

Supplement to the Multihull and F 18 Sailing Instructions

For N.E.M.A. Multihulls and F 18s only, Mark 3 (the leeward mark) will be located approximately 1/2 mile to leeward of the starting line. THIS MARK IS NOT SHOWN ON ATTACHMENT 1.

The Red racing area is approximately 2.0 miles in diameter, and its center is at:

Lat. 41° 32.50' N.
 Long. 70° 52.45' W.

Supplement to the PHRF Sailing Instructions

Each PHRF boat shall display the numeral pennant corresponding to her class flag (see SI 10.5) while racing. The pennant shall be attached to the boat's backstay (or starboard shroud if there is no backstay).

The Red racing area is approximately 2.0 miles in diameter, and its center is at:

Lat. 41° 32.50' N.
 Long. 70° 52.45' W.