



2017 BUZZARDS BAY REGATTA

August 4-6 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Buzzards Bay Regatta
Regatta Headquarters & Host: New Bedford YC (NBYC), South Dartmouth, MA

Club Website: www.nbyc.com

Event Website: www.buzzardsbayregatta.com

Yacht Scoring: <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2805>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Buzzards-Bay-Regatta-81022039661/>

Twitter: twitter.com/Race_BBR

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in ***The Racing Rules of Sailing***.
- 1.2 The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements will apply as follows: All Yachts shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the USSER and shall comply with their Class rules where applicable. In the event of a conflict between these Requirements and applicable Class rules, the Class rules shall apply. The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements can be downloaded at:

http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/US_SER_2016_corrected_numbers.pdf

- 1.3 No weight limit will be enforced for PHRF classes. All PHRF boats will be required to comply with the following Reference Crew Numbers.

LOA (up to)	Crew Number
22.5	4
25	5
27.5	6
30	7
32.5	8
35	9
37.5	10
40	11
42.5	12
45	13
50	14
55	15
60	16
65	17
70	18
Over 70	19

- 1.4 Powered winches will be allowed on PHRF boats. This changes RRS 52.
- 1.5 The regatta will serve as the 2017 J/70 Corinthian National Championship. All J/70 skippers must be current class members to compete.
- 1.6 Each J/70 entered must present a valid measurement certificate at registration in accordance with class rules.
- 1.7 The regatta will serve as the 2017 Shields New England Championship. All Shields skippers must be current class members to compete.
- 1.8 The regatta will serve as the 2017 VX One New England Championship. All VX One skippers must be current class members to compete.
- 1.9 The regatta will serve as the 2017 VX Evo New England Championship. All VX Evo skippers must be current class members to compete.
- 1.10 All boats over 20 feet participating in the regatta are required to carry a VHF radio for use in emergencies.
- 1.11 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.
- 1.12 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.
- 1.13 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 Eligibility and Sailing Location

- 2.1 Boats of the following classes are eligible to enter:
- **PHRF Race:** 2017 PHRF-NE certificate required, with a rating of 180 or less, with spinnaker.
 - **PHRF Cruise (Non-spinnaker):** 2017 PHRF-NE certificate required, with a rating of 250 or less, without spinnaker.
 - **PHRF Doublehanded:** Must meet requirements of, will start with and will be scored as a subset of PHRF Cruise.
 - **J/70:** CR 1.5 (Corinthian Event) shall apply.
 - **International 505**
 - **VX One**
 - **VX Evo**
 - **Shields**
 - **Club Swan 42**
 - **Marshall Sandpiper**
 - **Laser Masters**
 - **NEMA Multihull:** 2017 New England Multihull Association certificate required, with a rating of 105 or less.
 - **Offshore Multihull**
 - **Kiteboard:** Twin-tip, surf and foil boards (10 needed to have class).
- 2.2 All classes will sail out of NBYC in South Dartmouth, except Kiteboards will sail out of West Island, Fairhaven.
- 2.3 A minimum of six (6) paid entries may be required by July 16th to ensure a separate class start. If a one-design class is eliminated due to insufficient numbers, entrants from that class may register in a suitable handicap class if they meet that classes eligibility requirements.
- 2.4 Any competitor (skipper or crew) who will be under the age of 18 years of age at any time during the regatta shall provide a release for medical care signed by a parent or guardian.
- 2.5 At its sole discretion, the Organizing Authority may divide the PHRF fleets into multiple classes. It is the intent of the OA to have two or three PHRF Racing classes with splits based on registration.
- 2.6 The OA may add one-design classes to this event at its sole discretion based on a sufficient number of interested boats.

3 Entry, Check-In and Sailing Instruction Availability

- 3.1 Entries will be accepted in the order that complete entry forms, fees and certificates, where required, are received.
- 3.2 Any PHRF or Multihull participant who does not submit his PHRF-NE or NEMA certificate to the OA by August 3 may incur a 5 second/mile penalty for all races at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.3 Waivers of Liability shall be signed and submitted online (see NOR 12) or signed at check-in (see NOR 5) before racing begins in order to be eligible to compete.
- 3.4 Advance entry, is available online only at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2805>
- 3.5 See NOR 5 for opening and closing dates.
- 3.6 Advance entry is required for all handicapped boats; see NOR 5 for opening and closing dates.
- 3.7 An entry is not complete until a representative of each boat or team has checked in at the NBYC during one of the times listed in NOR 5.
- 3.8 Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available online at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2805> and final Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in.

4 Entry Fees and Payment

- 4.1 Entry fees for entries received by Sunday, July 16 are:
 - **\$75** for Kites (includes racing clinic and numbered jersey)
 - **\$100** for Laser Masters & VX Evo
 - **\$125** for International 505, VX One, Sandpiper
 - **\$200** for Shields, PHRF Doublehand
 - **\$250** for J/70 – Includes launch/haul-out, dock storage.
 - **\$250** for PHRF Race, PHRF Cruise, Multihull, Swan 42, Offshore Cat
- 4.2 Entries received after Sunday, July 16, shall include an additional late entry fee of \$25 (applicable to all classes).

- 4.3 Entry Fees are non-refundable, unless the class does not have sufficient entries to participate. See NOR 2.3.
- 4.4 Entry fee for all classes except J/70 includes mooring or dolly space for Friday and Saturday nights. Rafting may be required. J/70s will be launched, hauled and stored on the docks at South Wharf during the event. Boats arriving early and/or leaving late are encouraged to contact NBYC as soon as possible for accommodations.
- 4.5 Entry fees for one-design classes requiring hoist launch includes launch, haul out and dockage at South Wharf. Please note if you will require launch/haul at time of registration. Competitors intending to use launch/haul will be contacted prior to the event with any changes to timing. Competitors unable to launch/haul during the designated times will be required to make their own arrangements

5 Schedule

Friday, February 10	Event registration opens online
Sunday, July 16	Last day to enter without incurring Late Fee
Monday, July 17	Late registration fee begins for all classes
Wednesday, August 2	Visiting yachts are invited to participate in NBYC Wednesday Night Sunset Series at no charge.
Thursday, August 3	1400-1900 Registration open at NBYC with entertainment, informal refreshments and lawn games.
Friday, August 4	0830 Morning Announcements (All Classes) 0900 Harbor Start (All Classes) 1030 First Warning Signal for All Circles 1040 First Start, All Circles including Coastal Race 1800 Evening Awards / Cocktail Reception at NBYC with live entertainment, lawn games and food trucks

- Saturday, August 5**
- 0830** Morning Announcements (All Classes)
 - 0900** Harbor Start (All Classes)
 - 1030** First Warning Signal for All Circles
 - 1800** Evening Awards / Cocktail Reception at NBYC with live entertainment, lawn games and food trucks
- Sunday, August 6**
- 0830** Morning Announcements (All Classes)
 - 0900** Harbor Start (All Classes)
 - 1030** First Warning Signal for All Circles
 - 1400** No Warning Signal After this Time
 - ASAP** Awards / Light Refreshments at NBYC

6 Racing Areas and Courses

- 6.1 The racing area will be in the area of Buzzards Bay south of Apponagansett Bay / Padanaram Harbor.
- 6.2 The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee may decide to send some of the classes on a single distance race Friday or may choose to run several shorter races as on Saturday and Sunday.

7 Scoring

- 7.1 The Low-Point Scoring system of Appendix A will be used for all classes.
- 7.2 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 non-excludable score.
- 7.3 One (1) completed race shall constitute a series.

- 7.4 A boat racing with any sail number different than 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 Memorial Distance Race is held, it will be counted in the overall scores for the regatta for the classes which participate.

8 Alternative Penalties

- 8.1 For all one-design classes, the first two sentences of Rule 44.1 are changed to “A boat may take a one turn penalty at the time of the incident when she may have broken one or more Rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more Rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her alternative penalty shall be a two turns penalty.”
- 8.2 For all PHRF and NEMA classes, the Scoring Penalty RRS 44.3 will apply for penalties taken at the time of the incident. The penalty will be 10%. However, when a boat may have broken a Rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty will be 20%.

9 Prizes

- 9.1 One-design classes: series prizes will be awarded for first through third places.
- 9.2 Handicap Classes: series prizes will be awarded for first through third places in each class.
- 9.3 The Buzzards Bay Bowl will be awarded to the boat with the best overall performance as determined by the Race Committee.
- 9.4 The Dick Fontaine Memorial Trophy may, at the discretion of the Race Committee, be awarded to the winner of the Dick Fontaine Distance Race.

10 Radio Communications

- 10.1 The Race Committee will use VHF radio for courtesy communications to boats in all classes. All boats are encouraged to carry a VHF radio

and boats over 20 feet LOA are required to carry a VHF radio. Not having a VHF radio in the event of being hailed OCS by the Race Committee is not grounds for redress.

11 Disclaimer of Liability

- 11.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 11.2 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.

12 Contact Information

For further information, please contact Buzzards Bay Regatta:

Email: info@buzzardsbayregatta.com

Online registration:

<http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2805>

Mail: Buzzards Bay Regatta
c/o New Bedford Yacht Club
208 Elm Street
South Dartmouth MA
02748-3420

13 Additional Information

- 13.1 This is a Clean Regatta. All competitors are strongly encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible. RRS 55 prohibits placing trash in the water.
- 13.2 NBYC extends the courtesy of access to its bar and restaurant to participants and guests during the event.

ENTRY CHECKLIST (SEE NOR 5 FOR DEADLINES)

- Complete the online entry form.
- Pay entry fee online, including late fee if applicable (See NOR 4).
- For PHRF classes, submit (by email) a 2017 PHRF-NE rating certificate (see NOR 2.1).
- For Multihulls, submit (by email) a 2017 NEMA rating certificate (see NOR 2.1).
- For the J/70 Class, submit (by email) a 2017 Class Association membership and all relevant Crew ISAF Classifications.
- For each competitor under 18, submit (via Event website or in person at check-in), a release for medical care (available on the website), signed by a parent or guardian (see NOR 2.5).
- Submit a signed waiver of liability for each crew member (via Event website or in person at check-in). (see NOR 2.6).
- Check-in in person at NBYC (see NOR 3.6)