



2016 BUZZARDS BAY REGATTA

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NOTICE OF RACE

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August 5 - 7, 2016

Organizing Authority (OA): Buzzards Bay Regatta, Inc.

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

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. The regatta will serve as the 2016 J/24 Northeast Regional Championship for the J/24 class. All J/24 skippers must be current class members to compete.
- 1.5. Each J/24 competitor must present a valid measurement certificate, proof of class membership, and weigh-in at registration in accordance with class rules.
- 1.6. All boats participating in the regatta are required to carry a VHF radio for use in emergencies.
- 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.

2. Eligibility & Sailing Location

- 2.1. Boats of the following classes are eligible to enter:
 - Bullseyes
 - H-12s (This event is open to H-Class boats & Cape Cod Shipbuilding H-12s)
 - J/24s
 - J/80s
 - Shields
 - Ensigns
 - J/105s (minimum of 8 entries required to sail as One-Design class, class will sail PHRF Race if minimum entries are not received by July 17th)
 - PHRF Cruising (non-spinnaker); 2016 PHRF-NE certificate required, with a rating of 250 or less, without spinnaker.
 - PHRF Racing; 2016 PHRF-NE certificate required, with a rating of 180 or less, with spinnaker.
 - Multihull; 2016 New England Multihull Association certificate required, with a rating of 100 or less.
- 2.2. All classes will sail from Beverly Yacht Club (BYC).
- 2.3. A minimum of ten (10) paid entries per one-design class may be required by July 17th. If a one-design class is eliminated due to insufficient 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. 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.
- 2.6. At its sole discretion, the organizing authority may divide the PHRF fleets into multiple classes. It is the OA's intent to have two or three (3) PHRF Racing classes with splits based on registration.

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.
- 3.2. Any PHRF or Multihull participant who does not submit his 2016 PHRF-NE or NEMA certificate to the OA by August 5th may incur a 5 sec/mile penalty for all races at the discretion of 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. An entry is not complete until a representative of each boat (or team) has checked in at the BYC during one of the times listed in NOR 5.
- 3.7. 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 17th, are:
 - \$ 75 for Bullseyes & H-12s
 - \$125 for J/24, J/80, Ensign & Shields
 - \$250 for J/105, PHRF Racing, PHRF Cruising, and Multihull
 - \$ 50 for Dick Fontaine Distance Race Only
- 4.2. Entries received after Sunday, July 17, shall include an additional late entry fee of \$25 (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.
- 4.4. Entry fees for all classes include a mooring for Friday and Saturday nights (rafting may be required). For vessels arriving early or departing on Monday, please contact Beverly Yacht Club for reservations.
- 4.5. Entry fees for One-Design classes (excluding J/105s) include Launch and Haul at Island Wharf. Please note if you will require launch/haul at time of online registration. Competitors intending to use launch/haul will be contacted by the OA 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

Monday, March 28		Advance Entry Registration Opens Online
Sunday, July 17		Last day to register without paying late fee
Monday, July 18		Late registration fees begin to apply (all classes)
Friday, August 5	0800-1200	Launching at Island Wharf for One-Designs
	0900-1230	On-site registration and check-in for boats registered in advance.
	1400	First Warning Signal for J/105, PHRF and Multihull Classes
	1500	First Warning Signal for One-Design Classes
	1930	Cookout at BYC

	After Racing	Prizes will be awarded at BYC to PHRF and Multihull classes for the Dick Fontaine Memorial Distance Race (if the race is held).
Saturday, August 6	1000	First Warning signal on each racing area (all classes)
	1700	Dinner at BYC
Sunday, August 7	1000	First Warning signal on each racing area (all classes)
	1400	No Warning signal after this time
	1430-1630	Hauling at Island Wharf for One-Designs
	ASAP	Awards Ceremony at BYC Sandwiches and Snacks

6. Racing Areas and Courses

- 6.1. The racing area will be in Sippican Outer Harbor and the North portion of Buzzards Bay.
- 6.2. The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions. On Friday, all PHRF, J/105 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 non-excludable 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, J/105, and Multihull classes is held, it will be counted in the overall scores for the Regatta.

8. Alternative Penalties

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

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 Race: prizes will be awarded to PHRF, J/105 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 at BYC.

10. Radio Communications

10.1. The race committee will use VHF radio for courtesy communications to boats in all classes. All boats are required to carry a VHF radio for use in emergencies.

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:

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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, including the late fee if applicable (see NOR 4).
- ⇒ For PHRF classes, submit (by fax or electronic upload) a 2016 PHRF-NE rating certificate (see NOR 2.1).
- ⇒ For Multihulls, submit (by fax or electronic upload) a 2016 New England Multihull Association rating certificate (see NOR 2.1).
- ⇒ For the J/24 class, submit a valid measurement certificate and proof of class membership (see NOR 1.5) at time of registration or check-in
- ⇒ 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 3.3).
- ⇒ Check-in in person at BYC (see NOR 3.6).