



2015 H Class Association Championship

Beverly Yacht Club
99 Water Street
Marion, MA 02738

July 31 and August 1-2, 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is the Beverly Yacht Club (“BYC”).

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (“RRS”).
- 1.2 All competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard approved PFD (life jacket) while racing, except for brief periods while changing clothing.
- 1.3 All boats shall have on board a functioning VHF radio. The Sailing Instructions will limit the use of such radios and other electronic communication equipment while racing.
- 1.4 Crew changes require advance written permission from the Organizing Authority, which will be given only in case of an emergency.
- 1.5 RRS 61.1(2) will be deleted. Protest flags are required.

2 Eligibility

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats conforming to the current H Class rules.
- 2.2 All skippers in the Senior Championship shall have paid their current year’s H Class Association dues by the start of racing.
- 2.3 In the Junior Championship on Friday, the skipper and crew shall be under 19 years old as of December 31 of the current year. The Junior Championship will not be held unless three or more junior skippers have registered by 1700 on the day before the event (Thursday).

3 Registration and Fees

- 3.1 Registration can be accessed at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10330>.
- 3.2 Early registration ends at 1700 on July 24. Boats registering thereafter shall pay a \$25 late fee.
- 3.3 Junior Championship: no fee
- 3.3 Senior Championship: \$75

4 Schedule of Events

4.1 Junior Championship

Friday

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| 0830 | Check-in (complimentary coffee & pastries; pick up pre-ordered lunches) |
| 0900 | Competitors’ Meeting |
| 1030 | First Warning Signal |
| | Lunch afloat (not included in entry fee; order at registration) |
| 1630 | Latest time for a Warning Signal |
| 1800 | Senior Championship Welcome Party & Junior Championship Awards |

4.2 Senior Championship

Saturday

- 0830 Check-in (complimentary coffee & pastries; pick up pre-ordered lunches)
- 0900 Competitors' Meeting
- 1030 First Warning Signal
- Lunch afloat (not included in entry fee; order at registration)
- 1830 Reception and dinner at BYC (not included in entry fee; order at registration)

Sunday

- 0800 Check-in (complimentary coffee & pastries; pick up preordered lunches)
- 0815 H Class Association Annual Meeting
- 0900 Competitors' Meeting
- 1030 First Warning Signal
- Lunch afloat (not included in entry fee; order at registration)
- 1230 Latest time for a Warning Signal
- Cash bar and grill available at BYC after racing
- Awards at BYC after racing

5 Sailing Instructions, Racing Area & Courses

- 5.1 The sailing instructions will be available on line at www.herreshoff12.org and at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10330> no later than two weeks before the event, and at Check-in.
- 5.2 Racing will be in outer Sippican Harbor. A chart will be available at Check-in.
- 5.3 Courses will be windward/leeward.

6 Penalty System

The Turns penalty system of RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

7 Scoring

- 7.1 Multiple races are scheduled, of which two shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 7.2 If fewer than five races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 7.3 If five or more races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.

8 Prizes

- 8.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each championship.
- 8.2 Special Trophies for the Senior Championship:
 - 8.2(a) The Quissett Yacht Club H Class Championship Team Trophy
Given to the best team of three boats from one yacht club with the lowest aggregate score.
 - 8.2(b) The Special Junior Skipper Trophy
Given to the junior (see NOR 2.3) skipper who sails in all Senior Championship races with the lowest series score of all such juniors. This trophy is awarded only if there are at least two qualifying junior skippers.
 - 8.2(c) The Savvy Sailor Award
Given to the best skipper 65 or older as of the first day of the regatta providing there are two or more qualifying skippers. No one under the age of 65 may touch the tiller after the preparatory signal for each race. The crew may be any age.

9 Haul-out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of the prior written permission of the race committee.

10 Launching and Hauling

Launching and hauling is available at a discounted fee from Burr Brothers Boats; see <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10330> for details, including the times available.

11 Moorings and Launch Service

- 11.1** Limited moorings are available, compliments of BYC, if pre-reserved on the Registration Form.
- 11.2** When arriving, contact the BYC launch on Channel 68 when passing the lighted red buoy (#8) at the mouth of Sippican Harbor. A BYC launch will guide you to a mooring. Launch service will be available throughout the event.

12 Liability Waiver

- 12.1** As a condition of entry, each skipper and participating crew member shall sign a liability waiver at Check-in. The form is available at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10330> Minors' forms shall be signed by a parent or guardian.
- 12.2** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority 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.

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Please visit the H Class Association website at www.herreshoff12.org for the Class Rules and other useful information and <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10330> for information about registration and ordering meals.

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