

**2016 H Class Association Championship
Quissett Yacht Club
P.O. Box 681
Falmouth, MA 02540**

July 29 – 31, 2016



NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is the Quissett Yacht Club (QYC)

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 have a US Coast Guard approved PFD aboard for each crew member.
- 1.3 All competitors in the Junior Regatta shall wear their PFDs while *racing*.
- 1.4 All competitors in the Senior Regatta shall wear their PFDs whenever code flag “Y” is displayed from the committee boat.
- 1.5 All boats shall have on board a functioning VHF radio. The Sailing Instructions will limit the use of such radios while racing.
- 1.6 RRS 61.1(2) will be deleted. Protest flags are required.
- 1.7 RRS 62.2 is changed in the Sailing Instructions. (timing of request for redress)
- 1.8 RRS 66 is changed in the Sailing Instructions. (timing of reopening a hearing)

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats conforming to current H Class Rules.
- 2.2 All skippers in the Senior Championship shall have paid their current 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 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/12156>
- 3.2 Early registration ends at 1700 in July 15. Boats registering thereafter shall pay a \$25 late fee.
- 3.3 Junior Championship: no fee
- 3.4 Senior Championship: \$100

4. Schedule of events

- 4.1 Junior Championship
Friday
 - 0830 - Check-in (juices, pastries, fruit)
 - 0900 - Competitors’ meeting
 - 1030 - Warning signal for first race

(There will be a break for lunch at a time chosen by the RC based on weather conditions. The warning signal for the next race will be made approximately 45 minutes following the finish of the last boat of the previous race. Announcement of the break will be made on VHF channel 72.)

Box lunch not included; order at registration

1630 - Latest time for warning signal to begin a race

1800 - H Class welcome cookout (all regatta participants invited) and Junior Awards

Cookout not included in entry fee; order at registration

4.2 Senior Championship

Saturday

0800 - Check-in (complimentary beverages, pastries, fruit)

0830 - Competitors' meeting

1000 - Warning signal for first race

(There will be a break for lunch at a time chosen by the RC based on weather conditions. The warning signal for the next race will be made approximately 45 minutes following the finish of the last boat of the previous race. Announcement of the break will be made on VHF channel 72.)

Box lunch not included in entry fee; order at registration

1600 - Latest time for warning signal to start a race

1700-1800 – Informal get-together for regatta participants

1800 - Reception and dinner at QYC (not included in entry fee: order at registration)

Sunday

0800 - Check-in (complimentary beverages, pastries, fruit)

0815 - H Class Annual Meeting

0900 - Competitors' meeting

1030 - Warning signal for first race

(Lunches will be eaten at the club after coming in from the final race.)

Lunch not included in entry fee; order at registration

1230 - Latest time for warning signal to begin a race

Snacks available after racing

Awards at QYC 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/12156> no later than two weeks before the event, and at check-in.

5.2 Racing will be in Buzzards Bay off the entrance to Quissett Harbor. A chart will be available at check-in.

5.3 Courses will be illustrated on the Sailing Instructions. Course display that the committee boat will use will also be included on the Sailing Instructions.

6. Penalty system

The Turns Penalty System (RRS 44.1 and 44.2) will apply

7. Scoring

- 7.1 The Low Point scoring system (RRS Appendix A4) will apply.
- 7.2 One race constitutes a series
- 7.3 In the Junior Championship, if two or fewer races are run, all will count toward a boat's series score. If three or more races are run, the best two will count for each boat. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.
- 7.4 In the Senior Championship, if four or fewer races are run, all races will count toward a boat's series score. If five or more races are run, the best four will count for each boat. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.

8. Prizes

- 8.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the top three boats in each championship.
- 8.2 The QYC H Class Championship Team Trophy will be presented to the best team of three boats from among the yacht clubs participating.
- 8.3 The Special Junior Skipper Trophy will be presented to the Junior who sails in all Senior Championship races with the lowest score of all such Juniors. (This trophy is only awarded if there are at least two qualifying Junior skippers.)
- 8.4 The Savvy Sailor Award will be presented to the best skipper 65 years 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 of any age.

9. Liability waiver

- 9.1 As a condition of entry, each skipper and participating crew member shall sign a liability waiver at check-in. This form is available at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/12156>. Minor's forms shall be signed by a parent or guardian.
- 9.2 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.

10. Moorings and launch service

- 10.1 A support boat with a head will be available to racers while on the water. Racers should contact one of the small support boats to be taken to and from that boat.
- 10.2 Arrangements may be made with the Quissett Harbor Boat Yard for launching and hauling a boat that is arriving by land. There is a charge of \$100 for the service, and tide is a factor.
- 10.3 Moorings will be available for visiting competitors at no charge.
- 10.4 There is no formal launch service available at Quissett Harbor, but there will be power boats available to meet arriving H 12s, see them to a mooring, and ferry crews ashore.

11 Contact information

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