



The Buzzards Yacht Club

Pocasset, MA

The 2019 H Class Championship

August 9-11, 2019

Hosted by The Buzzards Yacht Club

Notice of Race

The Organizing Authority (OA) is The Buzzards Yacht Club.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS).
- 1.2 The H Class Association Rules accepted June 1, 2019, a copy of which is located at <https://www.herreshoff12.org/h-class-rules/>
- 1.3 Competitors will be required to wear personal flotation devices while racing. This modifies Part 1, Rule 1.2 Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices.
- 1.4 A red protest flag will be required for a competitor to protest another boat. Rule 61.1(a)(2) will be eliminated. Instead, competitors will follow Rule 61.1(a) and shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity. These changes will be listed in the Sailing Instructions. (Protest flags will not be provided.)

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all eligible boats conforming to H Class Rules.
- 2.2 All skippers must be members of the H Class Association and have paid their 2019 H Class Association dues by start of the Skippers' Meeting on Saturday, August 10.
- 2.3 Junior Championship – the skipper and crew must both be under 19 years old during 2019. Junior racers in the Junior Championship need not be H Class Members.

3. Entry

- 3.1 Registration is on Regatta Network. Senior registration can be found here <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19145>. The entry deadline is July 29, 2019. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and are subject to a \$25 late entry fee. Junior registration can be found here <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19211>.

3.2 A minimum of three boats will be required for the Junior Championship.

4. Fees

4.1 Junior Championship: no fee

4.2 Senior Championship: \$100

5. Event Headquarters

The Buzzards Yacht Club, 99 South Road, Wings Neck, Pocasset, MA 02559

6. Schedule of Events

6.1. Junior Regatta:

<u>Friday, August 9</u>	0830	Registration/Check-in
	0900	Junior Skippers' Meeting
	1030	First Signal
	1730	Awards, The Buzzards YC

6.2. Senior Regatta:

<u>Friday, August 9</u>	1730-1930	Cocktail Reception, The Buzzards YC
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<u>Saturday, August 10</u>	0800	Registration/Check-in
	0845	Skippers' Meeting
	1030	First Signal
	1830	Cocktails & Dinner, The Buzzards YC

<u>Sunday, August 11</u>	0815	Annual H Class Association Meeting
	0845	Skippers' Meeting
	1030	First Signal
		Awards at The Buzzards YC following last race

7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be made available on the registration website, and the H Class website, <http://www.herreshoff12.org> no later than 1600 on Thursday, August 8, 2019. They will also be available at the clubhouse during registration/check-in.

8. Racing Area

The racing area will be between Wings Neck and Scraggy Neck extending into Buzzards Bay. A chart will be provided with the Sailing Instructions.

9. Courses

The Race Committee will select courses as described in the sailing instructions. Courses will be posted on the RC Signal Boat.

10. Scoring

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System Appendix A of the Racing Rules will apply, as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

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

11. Prizes

- 11.1** A prize is to be awarded to the first place boat in each class. A second place prize will be awarded if there are four or more entries. A third place prize will be awarded if there are five or more entries.
- 11.2** Special Trophies:
- 11.2.(a)** The Quissett Yacht Club H Class Championship Team Trophy
Best team of three boats from one yacht club with the lowest aggregate score.
- 11.2.(b)** The Special Junior Skipper Trophy
Given to the qualifying junior skipper who sails in all Class Championship races with the lowest total point score of all juniors. Crew members may be of any age and the skipper must be under 19 years old during 2014 and is the only one who may touch the tiller after the preparatory signal of each race. This trophy is awarded if there are two qualifying junior skippers.
- 11.2.(c)** The Savvy Sailor Award
Given to the best skipper 65 or older 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.

12. Radio Communication

- 12.1** All boats shall have a functioning VHF radio.
- 12.2** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13. Haul-out Restrictions

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

14. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

15. Moorings and Docking

- 15.1** Moorings will be provided free of charge and will be assigned when registration form is received. The mooring contact is Stephen Braese sbraese@braese.com 781-718-2991.
- 15.2** Boats are not to be left unattended on the dock in front of the clubhouse. This dock is shared with The Wings Neck Trust Association. Live docking is permitted for crew drop off and pick up.

16. Breakfast & Lunches

16.1 Complimentary coffee/tea and muffins/donuts/fruit will be served for the Junior and Senior Series starting at 0800.

16.2 Competitors who pre-ordered lunch on their online registration will pick them up at each morning's Skippers' Meeting.

17. Cocktail Reception and Dinner

17.1 Friday, August 9, 1730-1930 The Buzzards YC (Junior awards presented)

17.2 Saturday, August 10, 1830 The Buzzards YC (RSVP required as part of registration.)

18. Housing

Housing will be provided on a first come first served basis. Please contact Karen Cronburg cronburg@sbcglobal.net.

19. Borrowed H12s

The OA will try to provide a limited number of H12s to visiting racers unable to transport their boats. Boats will be arranged on a first come first served basis. A borrowed boat damage agreement will be provided and mandatory for both parties to sign. Please contact Stephen Braese sbraese@braese.com 781-718-299.

20. Launching Boats

Launching, hauling and rigging services will be provided at a discounted rate by Ballentine's Boat Shop. Please contact Tyler Fields sales@bbsboats.com.

21. Liability

21.1 As a condition of entry, each entry shall sign a liability waiver as part of the online registration.

21.2 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.

22. Changes

Changes will be posted on the registration website and announced at each morning's Skippers' Meeting.

23. Further Information

Please visit the registration website, the H Class website or contact Regatta Co-Chairs: David Korb davidckorb@gmail.com 917-670-8242 or Stephen Braese sbraese@braese.com 781-718-2991.