



2021 BUZZARDS BAY REGATTA

NOTICE OF RACE

Racing: August 6, 7 & 8, 2021

Organizing Authority (OA): New Bedford Yacht Club Regatta Association

Regatta Headquarters & Hosts: New Bedford Yacht Club (NBYC), South Dartmouth, MA

The Committee is constantly monitoring state and federal guidelines. NBYC and BBR will make all attempts to hold this event. All plans and schedules may need to be changed based on current guidelines and what is best for the venue. BBR will communicate and event updates in a timely manner.

Preamble The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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 N.E.M.A. Multihull classes will be required to comply with the current US Safety Equipment Requirements for Near Shore Racing except lifelines as described in US SER for Coastal Racing paragraphs 2.4.1 to 2.7.2 are required.

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 [DP] All boats participating in the regatta, except Lasers, are required to carry a VHF radio for use in emergencies.
- 1.6 [DP] 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
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 [NP] Federal, state and local rules regarding COVID-19 guidance, available at www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information will apply.

2. Eligibility & Sailing Location

2.1

Laser Masters (**Buzzards Bay Masters Championship**)

505s

F18s

PHRF Cruising (non-spinnaker); 2021 PHRF-NE certificate required, with a rating of 250 or less, without spinnaker.

PHRF Racing (**PHRF Regional Championship**); 2021 PHRF-NE certificate required, with a rating of 180 or less, with spinnaker.

N.E.M.A. Multihull; 2021 New England Multihull Association certificate required, with a rating of 105 or less.

Additional Classes may be included based on fleet requests

- 2.2. A minimum of eight paid entries per one-design class may be required by July 17. If a one-design class is eliminated due to insufficient numbers, entrants from that class may be entered in a suitable handicap class if they meet that classes eligibility requirements.
- 2.3 [DP] Each skipper shall be a current member of US Sailing or of his or her own national authority.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.4. At its sole discretion, the OA may divide the PHRF classes into multiple divisions. It is the OA's intent to have two or three PHRF Racing divisions.

3. Entry, Check-in & Sailing Instruction Availability

- 3.1. Waivers of liability shall be signed and submitted by fax, electronic upload (see NOR 12) or signed at check-in (see NOR 5).
- 3.2. Entry, including payment of the entry fee, is online only at <http://www.buzzardsbayregatta.com>; see NOR 5 for opening and closing dates. No onsite entry is available.

- 3.3. An entry is not complete until a representative of each boat has checked in at NBYC during one of the times listed in NOR 5.
- 3.4. Sailing Instructions will be available online August 6th and at check-in.

4. Entry Fees and Payment

- 4.1. Entry fees for paid entries **received** by Saturday, July 17, are:
 - \$ 50 for Friday’s Dick Fontaine Memorial Race Only
 - \$300 for PHRF Racing, PHRF Cruise, N.E.M.A. Multihull(all three days)
 - \$150 for Laser Masters
 - \$200 or 505, F 18
- 4.2 BBR entry fees for all classes include **1 BBR t-shirt for Lasers and 2 BBR t-shirts for F18 & 505 and 6 BBR t-shirts for PHRF** and grilled food Saturday after racing. Additional t-shirts can be purchased for \$20
- 4.3 Entries received after Saturday, July 17, shall include an additional late entry fee of \$100 (applicable to all classes).
- 4.4 Entry fees are non-refundable, unless the class does not have sufficient entries to participate. See NOR 2.3.
- 4.5 Saturday food tickets may be purchased at NBYC for \$20.00 per person.
- 4.6 If restrictions due to Covid-19 cause the event to be canceled, all registration fees are fully refundable.

5. Schedule

Monday, April 5	Entry opens-online only
Saturday, July 17	Last day to enter without paying late entry fee
Sunday, July 18	Late entry fees begin to apply (all classes)
Saturday, July 31	Last day to enter
Friday, August 6	0800 - 1000 On-site check-in at NBYC. 1100 Warning Signal for the Dick Fontaine Memorial Race at NBYC (PHRF and N.E.M.A Multihull classes).
	1700 – 1900 Registration Open
Saturday, August 8	0730-0930 On-site check-in at NBYC 1100 First Warning signal for Fontaine Memorial 1100 Skippers Meeting Lasers 1200 First Warning signal for Lasers 1700 – 1900 Music and grilled food on the lawn.
Sunday, August 9	1100 First Warning signal for all classes 1400 No Warning signal after this time. After Racing Awards.

6. Racing Areas and Courses

- 6.1 The racing area will be South of Padanaram Harbor into Buzzards Bay.

6.2 The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

6.3 Friday is only the Richard Fontaine Memorial Race for PHRF and N.E.M.A Multihull classes

7 Scoring

7.1. 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. This changes Appendix A 2.1.

7.2. The race committee intends to run as many races as practicable. One completed race will constitute a series.

7.3. 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.

8. Alternative Penalties

8.1. For all one-design classes: V1 applies.

8.2. For all PHRF and NEMA Multihull classes: The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply for penalties taken at the time of the incident. The penalty will be 30% of the fleet or three places whichever is greater.

9. Prizes

9.1. One-design classes (except Laser Masters): series prizes will be awarded for first through third places.

9.2. Handicap classes: series prizes will be awarded for first through third places.

9.3. Special recognition will be given to one-design fleets of five or more racing within a PHRF or Multihull fleet.

9.4. The Dick Fontaine Memorial Race: prizes will be awarded for first through third places in each class.

9.5 The Buzzards Bay Bowl will be awarded to the boat with the best overall performance, as determined by the Race Committee.

9.6 Laser Master class prizes will be for 1st Overall, 1st Female, 1st - 3d Apprentice, 1st - 3d Master, 1st - 3d Grand Master, 1st - 3d Great Grand Master.

10. Radio Communications

10.1. [DP]The race committee will use VHF radio for courtesy communications to boats in all classes. All boats, except Lasers are required to carry a VHF radio for use in emergencies.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

11.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. Each venue jurisdiction may need a different or modified version of this risk statement.

- 11.2. The Organizing Authority and hosts 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. COVID - 19 Protocols

- 12.1. [NP] The regatta will be run in accordance with Massachusetts COVID-19 Guidance

13. Contact Information

For further information, please contact New Bedford Yacht Club:

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