

**PARKER CONVERSE TOWER RACE**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**JULY 10, 2021**

**1. RULES**

**1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as changed by the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.

**1.2** RRS 52 is changed as follows: Competitors are permitted to use electrically-powered winches for running rigging and autopilot while racing.

**2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**2.1** Any change to the sailing instructions or schedule will be posted, at least 24 hours prior to the first scheduled warning signal, on the Regatta Network [Notice Board](#).

**2.2** Changes to a sailing instruction, excluding the schedule of races, may be made on the water by the race committee on the boat prior to the warning signal and after displaying signal flag “L” and a radio announcement by the race committee on VHF CH 72.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

**3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Network [Notice Board](#).

**3.2** Scratch sheets will be available through the registrant’s email, no later than 0900 on the day of the race.

**3.3** On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio CH 72

**3.4** The race committee may, but is not obligated to communicate intended timing of warning signals and sail numbers of recalled boats on VHF CH 72

**4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

**4.1** [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the BYC flagpole.

**5.2** Flag AP displayed ashore means ‘1 minute is replaced with not less than 60 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACE**

**6.1** The scheduled time of the first warning signal is **1230**.

## 7. CLASS SIGNALS AND FLAGS

7.1 Boats shall display their class flag (numeral pennant) from their backstays while racing.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Signal</u>
Racing Class 1 (spinnakers)	Numeral pennant 1
Cruising Class 2	Numeral pennant 2
Cruising Class 3	Numeral pennant 3

## 8. RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will include Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound.

8.2 The start will be in the vicinity of Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (F1 R) at Centerboard Shoal (BYC mark "G").

## 9. COURSES

9.1 A sailboat can choose to sail the course in either direction:

(1) A sailboat must first pass through Quick's Hole; round Lighted Gong G31 (Gay Head a/k/a Devils Bridge), leaving G31 to starboard; and then round Buzzards Bay Tower, leaving the Tower, Cuttyhunk, and Penikese Island to starboard,

**OR** (2) A sailboat must sail the course in reverse by first rounding Buzzards Bay Tower, leaving Cuttyhunk, Penikese Island, and the Tower to port; then round Lighted Gong G31 (Gay Head a/k/a Devils Bridge), leaving G31 to port; and then pass through Quick's Hole.

## 10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26, with classes starting in the order in which their class signals are displayed on the course board.

10.2 The race committee may call attention to an unscheduled warning signal by making repetitive sound signals prior to the warning signal.

10.3 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the signal boat and the course side of the nearby mark.

10.4 A keep-away buoy may be deployed off the stern of the race Committee boat.

10.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other boats.

10.6 Any boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2

## 11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finish will be at Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (F1 R) at Centerboard Shoal (BYC mark "G").

11.2 The navigator of the finishing boat shall record her finishing time (GPS time) when her mast is abeam of and within 25 feet of Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (F1 R) at Centerboard Shoal (BYC mark "G"). This time shall be emailed to the scorer/registrant not later than 0930 on the day after the

race starts. (The Scorer's contact information will be provided via the registrant's email after registration.)

## **12. PENALTIES**

**12.1** RRS Appendix V will apply in its entirety. (This alters RRS 44.1)

## **13. TIME LIMITS**

**13.1** The Tower Race has no time limit.

## **14. HEARING REQUESTS**

**14.1** Protests and requests for redress shall be written on forms available online on the BYC Racing webpage or in an envelope on the bulletin board on the BYC porch. Completed online forms or photographs of completed paper forms shall be emailed to [protest@beverlyyachtclub.org](mailto:protest@beverlyyachtclub.org) within three hours from the time of the protesting boat's recorded finish.

**14.2** Notices will be posted and emailed no later than 1300 on July 11, 2021 to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the time and location of that hearing.

**14.3** The Protest Committee will hear protests properly filed for the Parker Converse Tower Race at BYC on July 11, 2021 at 1700.

**14.4** A boat requesting redress based on her scores shall do so within seven days of the posting of the scores. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **15. SCORING**

**15.1** Each boat's finish position will be calculated using their PHRF rating and Time on Distance (TOD) scoring.

**15.2** The course distance will be compiled using the locations of permanent marks shown in the BYC Racing Guide. The length of each leg of the course will be determined by the race committee to the nearest tenth of a nautical mile.

## **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**16.1** When Flag L is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat before a warning signal, boats shall check in by sailing past the signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their numbers until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

**16.2** Every competing boat is required to carry a VHF radio and monitor VHF radio channel 72 from the preparatory signal and while racing.

**16.3** A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee, or by calling the BYC (508-748-0540), at the first reasonable opportunity

**16.4** All competitors shall wear properly fastened, USCG approved personal flotation devices at all times while on deck.

## **17. RISK STATEMENT**

**17.1** 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.**