



## 2022 PARKER CONVERSE TOWER RACE

Saturday, July 30, 2022

Marion, Massachusetts 02738

The Organizing Authority is the Beverly Yacht Club (BYC)

### NOTICE OF RACE

The Notation '[DP]' means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The race is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. All boats shall have proper offshore equipment that meets the [US SAILING Safety Equipment Requirements for a Coastal Race](#) with the following modifications: Section 3.1.2 (life jacket features), 3.7.2 (Additional Man Overboard Pole), Section 3.16.2 (EPIRB/PLB) and Section 4.3.2 (Safety at Sea Seminar) are all strongly recommended but not required.
- 1.3. Per USSSR 3.8.1 (1) each boat shall have an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channel 72
- 1.4. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials.
- 1.5. All competitors are reminded about the importance of compliance with RRS 2, Fair Sailing, RRS 4, Acceptance of the Rules, and RRS 67, Damages in any BYC racing event.
- 1.6. RRS 40.1 is changed to "Life jackets shall be worn by all crew on deck at the start and in any conditions where recovery might be difficult, for example from sunset to sunrise, during rough weather, and when sails are being changed or reefed. It is strongly recommended that life jackets also be worn by all crew on deck during daylight hours unless the person in charge has indicated that they may be set aside."
- 1.7. In accordance with RRS 40.2, Rule 40.1 applies: All competitors shall wear properly fastened, USCG-approved personal flotation devices at all times while on deck.
- 1.8. RRS 52 is amended as follows: Competitors are permitted to use electrically powered winches for running rigging while racing.
- 1.9. RRS 52 is amended for double-handed boats as follows: doublehanded boats are permitted to use autopilots while racing.

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on Friday, July 15, 2022 by 1700. Printed copies will be available from the BYC Office upon request.

### **3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board for the race in Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/24397> and a courtesy copy may be posted on the bulletin board on the porch at the Beverly Yacht Club.
- 3.2. Each boat shall carry at least one cell phone the number of which is on file with the race committee and which is kept on and fully charged while racing.
- 3.3. RRS 41 Outside Help is changed to add e) Help in the form of information freely available to all boats even if that information is only available at a cost. However, such "at a cost" help shall not include private forecast or tactical advice or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats and/or their situation
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the last boat finishes, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.
- 3.5. Any information received from ashore via email, blogs, telephone, radio transmissions, etc., relating either to the yacht's position or a competitor's position is considered "assistance from the shore" and is prohibited by RRS 41.

### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. This race is open to all sailboats with a current valid PHRF NE or New England Multihull Association certificate.
- 4.2. Eligible Boats may enter by completing the registration online through Regatta Network by 1800 on Thursday, July 28, 2022.
- 4.3. There is a minimum registration requirement of three sailboats for each racing Class.
- 4.4. A complete crew list, including name, and emergency contact name and telephone number, is required and included as part of the registration process. Changes to the crew list can be made until registration closes at 1800 on Thursday July 28, 2022. Any crew changes made after registration closes must be emailed to the event chair.
- 4.5. Classes and Divisions:
  - Multihulls
  - PHRF Classes:
    - Spinnaker
    - Non-Spinnaker
    - Double handed Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker

### **5. FEES**

- 5.1. Non-BYC sailboats will pay an entry fee of \$65 per series at the time of registration.

### **6. SCHEDULE**

- 6.1. The warning signal will be at 1230.

### **7. INSPECTION/MEASUREMENT**

- 7.1. Sailboats competing are subject to inspection and/or measurement by the Marion Fleet Handicapper, Event Chair, Principal Race Officer, or Race Committee Chair at any time. A boat may be excluded from racing for failure to meet safety requirements or failure to comply with its racing handicap certificate. The Race Committee, at its sole discretion, may or may not allow a sailboat to participate in a race.

## **8. VENUE**

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

## **9. COURSES**

- 9.1. Competitors may choose to sail the course in one of two directions.
  - 9.1.1. Course One: A sailboat must first pass through Quicks 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
  - 9.1.2. Course Two: 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 Quicks Hole.

## **10. PENALTIES**

- 10.1. RRS Appendix V will apply in its entirety. This alters RRS 44.1.
- 10.2. All post-race penalties must be taken before the close of protest time for this race regardless of whether a protest was filed. This changes RRS V2(a).

## **11. PRIZES**

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded at Cups and Flags at BYC on October 1, 2022, at 1800.
- 11.2. Prizes will include 1<sup>st</sup>, 2d, 3d in each division and first to finish on elapsed time in each division.
- 11.3. The Parker Converse Tower Race is a Buzzards Bay Trophy qualifying race among area clubs; the trophy is awarded to the PHRF-NE yacht with the best combined score in four of the eight races.

## **12. MEDIA**

- 12.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage taken of themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published in BYC publications and/or on its website and social media pages.

## **13. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 13.1. 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 change 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. 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 racing.

## **14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 14.1. Competitors may contact the following individuals for additional information:  
Event Chair and BYC PHRF Fleet Representative: Ed Dailey – [dailey@raptor205.com](mailto:dailey@raptor205.com)  
BYC PHRF Fleet Representative: Barry Steinberg – [bmjb@comcast.net](mailto:bmjb@comcast.net)  
BYC Race Committee Chair: Tracy McNeil at [tlmcneil@verizon.net](mailto:tlmcneil@verizon.net)