



2023 VAN RENSSELAER RACE WEEKEND

Saturday, July 8, 2023 – Pursuit Race

Sunday, July 9, 2023 – One-Design Races

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. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. 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 racing.
- 1.5. For PHRF boats, RRS 52 is amended as provided for under RRS 86.1(b) as follows: Competitors are permitted to use electrically powered winches for running rigging while racing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on Friday, June 30, 2023. Printed copies will be available from the BYC Office upon request.
 - 2.1.1. Pursuit race sailing instructions will be posted at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26358>
 - 2.1.2. One-design race sailing instructions will be posted at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26357>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board for the races in Regatta Network and courtesy copies may be posted on the bulletin board on the porch at the Beverly Yacht Club.
 - 3.1.1. Pursuit race notices will be posted at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26358>
 - 3.1.2. One-design race notices will be posted at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26357>
- 3.2. Scratch sheets for the Pursuit race will be made available at 0900 at the Beverly Yacht Club Bar and through each registrant's email on the day of the event.
- 3.3. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF radio CH 72.
- 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. This race is open to all monohull sailboats. A current, valid PHRFNE certificate is required for all PHRF sailboats. New or renewal PHRF certificates can be acquired from PHRF New England at www.phrfne.org. Yachts with other rating certificates may apply to the Beverly Yacht Club PHRF representative for an unofficial rating. A yacht or class fleet with a provisional certificate or unofficial rating must submit to the Event Chair a request in writing for permission to participate in the Pursuit Race. A preliminary list of accepted One Design Class PHRF NE Base Ratings exists for many boats including for example Shields, J/22s, J/24s, J/70s, and J/80s. The Race Committee, at its sole discretion, may or may not allow a yacht/class with a provisional certificate or unofficial rating to participate in the race. Bullseyes and H12s are eligible for the one-design race.
- 4.2. Eligible pursuit/handicap boats may enter by completing the entry form online in Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26358> by 1800 on Thursday, July 6, 2023.
- 4.3. Eligible Bullseyes and H12s may enter by completing the entry form online in Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26357> by 1800 on Thursday, July 6, 2023.
- 4.4. A complete crew list, including name, emergency contact name and telephone number is required to complete the registration process for handicap boats. There is a minimum registration requirement of three sailboats for each class.
- 4.5. For Pursuit race classes: At its sole discretion, the OA may divide the registrants into multiple divisions. It is the OA's intent to have one racing (spinnaker) class and at least one cruising (non-spinnaker) class.

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 first warning signal on Saturday, July 8, for the pursuit race for handicap boats will be at 1155.
- 6.2. The first warning signal on Sunday, July 9 for the one-design races will be at 1400.

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 or class rules. The Race Committee, at its sole discretion, may or may not allow a sailboat to participate in a race.

8. VENUE

- 8.1. Racing will take place in outer Sippican Harbor and Buzzards Bay.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The courses will be as described on the scratch sheet and displayed on the committee boat.

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 protest time limit 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 7, 2023.

- 11.1.1. The Goodwin-Thacher Trophy is awarded to the winner in a race for Bullseyes.
- 11.1.2. The Mary C. B. Cumming Memorial Trophy is awarded to the winner in a race for H-12s
- 11.1.3. The Van Rensselaer Memorial Trophy is awarded to the winner of the PHRF pursuit race.
- 11.1.4. The Thacher Family Trophy is awarded to the first Shields crossing the finish line.
- 11.1.5. If circumstances allow, prizes and special awards may also be awarded.

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:

BYC Event Chair: Craig Rowe - craig.rowe@outlook.com

PHRF Fleet Representatives:

Ed Dailey - dailey@raptor205.com and Barry Steinberg - bmjb@comcast.net

Bullseye Fleet Representatives:

Heather Parsons - heatherorknot@gmail.com, Kathryn Collings: collings.marion@verizon.net

H-12 Fleet Representatives:

Ellen Bowler - bowler.ellen@gmail.com, Anne Converse - anne@annetconverse.com

J/80 Fleet Representative: Peter Quandt - pquandt@comcast.net

Shields Fleet Representative: Tom Evans - tom.evans12@gmail.com

BYC Race Committee Chair: Tracy McNeil - tlmcneil@verizon.net