

**Beverly Yacht Club
Racer Cruiser Weekend Race
June 24, 2023 SAILING
INSTRUCTIONS**

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

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1.** Any changes to the sailing instructions or schedule will be posted, at least 24 hours prior to the first scheduled warning signal, on the Official Notice Board located on <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26359>
- 2.2.** Changes to the sailing instructions 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 Official Notice Board located on <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26359>
- 3.2.** Scratch sheets including start times 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 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.** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '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 1055.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1.** The racing area will include Buzzards Bay between Bird Island and Cuttyhunk.

8. COURSES

- 8.1.** There are two possible courses for this race. The selected course will be displayed on the course board on the race committee boat prior to the first warning signal.
 - 8.1.1.** The Long Course (LC) finish is at Can 1E off Knox Point on Nashawena (41 26 236N 070 54.131W).
 - 8.1.2.** The Short Course (SC) finish is at Buzzards Bay Lighted Bell Buoy 9 (41 32.868N 070 46.449W).

9. START AND RECALLS

- 9.1. The start will be in the vicinity of Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (Fl R 4s) at Centerboard Shoal, Southwest of Bird Island (41 39.70N, 70 43.60W, BYC mark "G")
- 9.1.1. Boats will be allocated a start from 11:00:00 relative to their handicap and those times will be listed on the scratch sheet.
- 9.1.2. The first boat(s) to start will be allocated 11:00:00 and will start in accordance with RRS 26.
- 9.1.3. For subsequent boats, their preparatory signal and their one-minute signal shall be deemed to have been made at four minutes and at one minute respectively before their nominal starting time. Their starting signal will be the start time announced with a single sound. This changes RRS26.
- 9.1.4. A 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.
- 9.1.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other boats.

9.2. POSTPONING PURSUIT RACES

- 9.2.1. Postponement of pursuit races shall be in accordance with RRS 27.3.
In the event of postponement, the starting minutes allocated will remain the same. Yachts will start at their allocated number of minutes after the rescheduled start time. The start sheet will not be reprinted. Yachts will be advised of the rescheduled start time via VHF CH 72.

9.3 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

- 9.3.1 Boats starting early by one minute or more shall have that amount of time, which they would otherwise have saved, added to their elapsed time and then a further 10% time penalty added. No recall signal shall be made. This changes RRS 29.1.
- 9.3.2 Boats starting early by less than one minute: The race committee shall promptly display code flag 'X' accompanied by one sound signal. The flag will be displayed for a period of 30 seconds or until all such boats have completely returned to the prestart side of the line by rounding one of the ends, whichever is earlier. A 10% elapsed time penalty shall apply to boats that fail to start correctly. This changes RRS 29.1.

10. GENERAL RECALLS

- 10.1. There shall be no general recalls. This changes RRS 29.2

11. FINISHING

- 11.1. The finish line will be between the staff from which a blue flag is displayed on the finish boat and the course side of the nearby mark.

12. PENALTIES

- 12.1. RRS Appendix V will apply in its entirety. This alters RRS 44.1

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. The Racer Cruiser Weekend Pursuit Race has a time limit of five (5) hours.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Requests for hearings for protests or redress shall be written on forms available on the BYC Racing webpage at www.beverlyyachtclub.org/racing or on the finish boat at Cuttyhunk for this race.

Completed protests should be emailed (or photographed and emailed) to protest@beverlyyachtclub.org within two hours from the time the last boat finishes.

- 14.2. Notices will be posted and emailed no later than 1800 on June 25, 2023 to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the time and location of that hearing.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Boats will be scored according to RRS Appendix A.
- 15.2. RRS A5.2, Scoring, is amended to allow for the following scoring:
DNC, DNS, DNF, NSC, RET = Starters + 1
OCS = Starters +1
DSQ = Starters +2
- 15.3. RRS 90.3 (a), Scoring, is amended to include the requirement that three registered boats starting are required for a race to be scored.
- 15.4. Scores will be posted on the Racer Cruiser Weekend Pursuit Race site on <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26359>

16. SAFETY

- 16.1. When Code 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 CH 72 from the preparatory signal and while racing.
- 16.3. Every competing boat is required to carry a VHF radio and monitor VHF radio CH 72 from the preparatory signal and while racing.
- 16.4. A boat that retires shall notify the race committee, or by calling the BYC (508-748-0540), at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16.5. All competitors shall wear properly fastened, USCG approved personal flotation devices at all times when on deck. This changes RRS 40.1.

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.** 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.

18. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 18.1. Competitors may contact the following individuals for additional information:
Event Chairs: Connie Dolan - conniedolan@comcast.net and Andy Bigham - fstbrk.bigham@gmail.com
Cruise Chairs: Andy Anderson - andy.anderson22@verizon.net and Jamie Anderson - jamie.anderson@verizon.net
PHRF Chairs: Ed Dailey - dailey@raptor205.com and Barry Steinberg – bmjb@comcast.net
BYC Race Committee Chair: Tracy McNeil - tlmcneil@verizon.net