



2023 PARKER CONVERSE TOWER RACE

Saturday, July 29, 2023

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), 3.1.4 (Harness), 3.2.1 (Jacklines), 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 USSER 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. 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.
- 1.7. RRS 52 is amended as follows: Competitors are permitted to use electrically powered winches for running rigging while racing.
- 1.8. Double handed competitors are permitted to use an autopilot while racing. This changes RRS 52.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on Friday, July 21, 2023, by 1800. 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/26360> 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. [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.
- 3.4. 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 monohull sailboats with a current, valid PHRF NE certificate. Boats with unofficial PHRF-NE ratings will not be permitted to race.
- 4.2. Eligible Boats may enter by completing the registration online through Regatta Network by 1800 on Thursday, July 27, 2023.
- 4.3. There is a minimum registration requirement of three sailboats for each 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 27, 2023. Any crew changes made after registration closes must be emailed to the event chair.
- 4.5. It is the OA's intent to have one Racing (Spinnaker) Class, at least one Cruising (Non-Spinnaker) Class, and a Doublehanded Class. At its sole discretion, the OA may divide the registrants into multiple divisions.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Non-BYC sailboats will pay an entry fee of \$65 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 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. 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 "). The finish will be at 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 ") as shown in NOR Addendum A.

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 7, 2023.
- 11.2. Prizes will include 1st place, 2nd if four or more registrants in a class, and 3rd if six or more registrants in a class.
- 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.

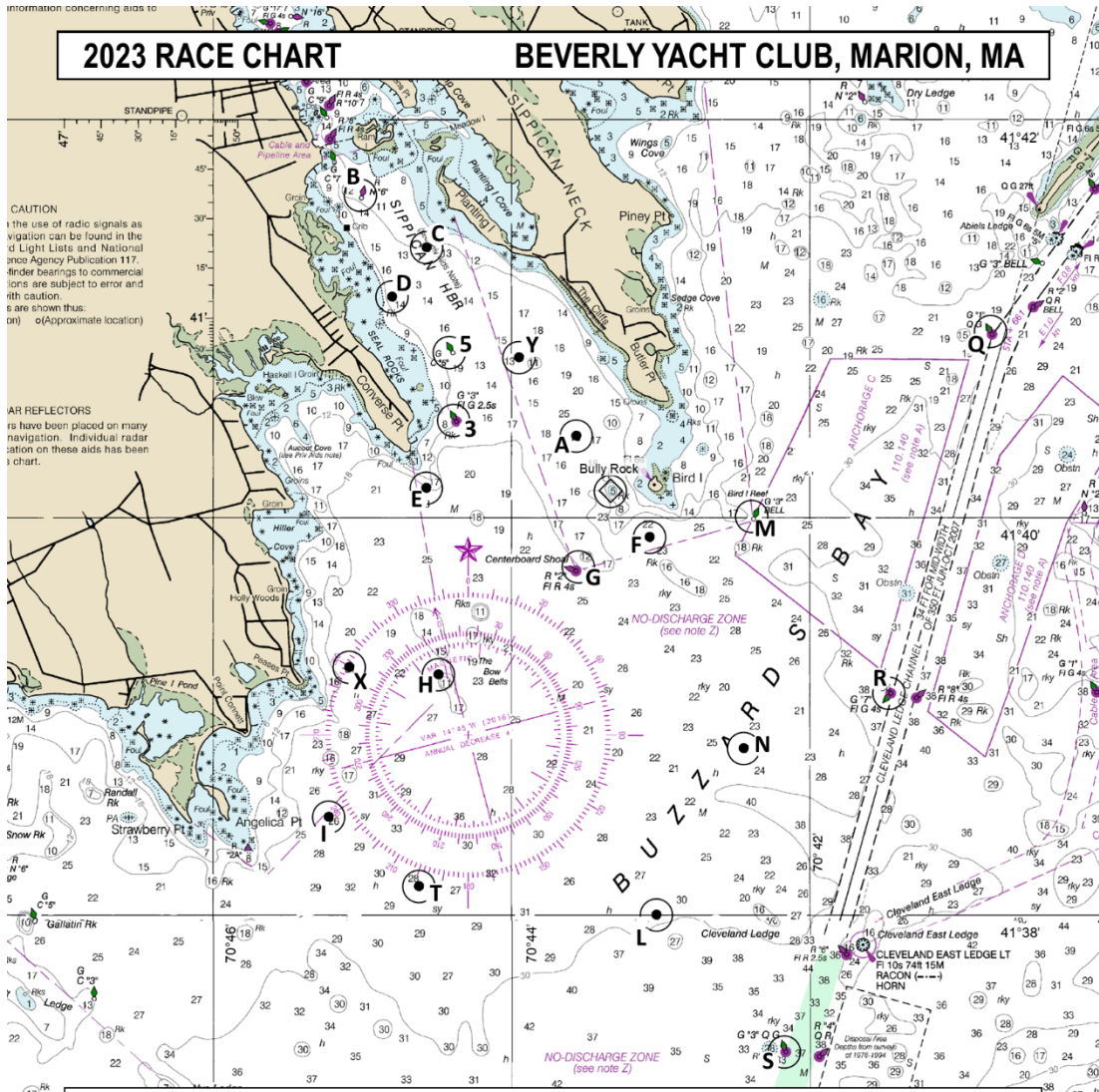
13. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 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
BYC PHRF Fleet Representative: Barry Steinberg – bmjb@comcast.net
BYC Race Committee Chair: Tracy McNeil at tltmcneil@verizon.net

NOR Addendum A: Venue



Except when indicated as turning marks, all yachts must pass east of marks "3", "5", and "E", and to the south of marks "F" and "I". All PHRY yachts must pass west of the Bully Rock marker.

- - USCG Aid to Navigation
- - BYC Private Mark
- ⊙ - BYC Private Rock Marker

MARK	DESCRIPTION
3	Sippican Harbor Lighted Green Buoy "3" (FI G 2.5s) East of Converse Point
5	Sippican Harbor Green Can "5" East of Seal Rocks
B	Weepecket Rock Lighted Red Gong "8" (FI R 2.5s) (off chart)
A	BYC Yellow Can "A" West of Butler Point
B	Sippican Harbor Red Nun "6" South of Ram Island
C	BYC Yellow Can "C" West of Planting Island
D	BYC Yellow Can "D" Northeast of Seal Rocks
E	BYC Yellow Can "E" Southeast of Converse Point
F	BYC Yellow Can "F" South of Bird Island
G	Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (FI R 4s) at Centerboard Shoal Southwest of Bird Island
H	BYC Yellow Can "H" at The Bow Bells East of Point Connett
I	BYC Yellow Can "I" East of Angelica Point
J	Portable Turning Mark to Leeward of Start / Finish Line
K	West Island Red Bell "2SE" (off chart)
L	BYC Yellow Can "L" West of Cleveland Ledge Light
M	Bird Island Green Bell "3" Southeast of Bird Island
N	BYC Yellow Can "N" Southeast of Bird Island

MARK	DESCRIPTION
O	Portable Offset Turning Mark near Windward Turning Mark
P	Portable Alternate Finish Line Pin directly on the opposite side of start boat from starting line pin
Q	Hog Island Channel lighted Green Buoy "1" (Q FI G) Southwest of Abiels Ledge
R	Cleveland Ledge Channel Lighted Green Gong "7" (FI G 4s) Northeast of Cleveland Light
S	Cleveland Ledge Channel Lighted Green Buoy "3" (Q FI G) Southwest of Cleveland Light
T	BYC Yellow Can "T" Southeast of Angelica Point
U	Portable Pin end of Start / Finish Line to Port of Signal Boat
V	Portable Turning Mark a Short Distance to Windward of Start / Finish
W	Portable Windward Turning Mark at Bearing and Distance Posted on signal boat
X	BYC Yellow Can "X" East of Peases Point
Y	BYC Yellow Can "Y" Southwest of The Cliffs
Z	Buzzards Bay Lighted Red Gong "10" (FI R) Southeast of West Island (off chart)