

**PARKER CONVERSE TOWER RACE**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023**

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

**2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1.** Any change to the schedule will be posted, at least 24 hours prior to the first scheduled warning signal, on the event's Regatta Network notice board at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26360>.
- 2.2.** Changes to a sailing instruction, excluding the schedule of the race, may either be posted on the event's Regatta Network Notice Board prior to 0900 or 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 event's Regatta Network Notice Board at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26360>.
- 3.2.** On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and may communicate with competitors on VHF radio CH 72
- 3.3.** 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.
- 3.4.** [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

**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.

Class	Signal
Spinnaker	Numeral pennant 1
Non-Spinnaker	Numeral pennant 2
Double-handed Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker	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", approximate coordinates Lat N41 39.70, Long W70 43.60).

## 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 (Buzzards Bay Entrance Light, 41°23.826 N, 71°2.080W), 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 (Buzzards Bay Entrance Light, 41°23.826 N, 71°2.080W), 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. STARTING

- 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. [DP] 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. FINISHING

- 11.1. The finish will be to port of Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (F1 R) at Centerboard Shoal (BYC mark "G", approximate coordinates Lat N41 39.70, Long W70 43.60).
- 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", approximate coordinates Lat N41 39.70, Long W70 43.60). This time shall be texted to the BYC scorer at 508-954-0906 not later than 0930 on Sunday, July 30, 2023.

## 12. PENALTIES

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

## 13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. The Tower Race has a time limit of 20 hours.

## 14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protests and requests for redress shall be written on hearing request forms available online via the US Sailing Protest Form in the Race Information & Documentation section on the BYC website at <https://beverlyyachtclub.org/racing> or are available in the BYC Protest Box located on the wall to the left of the Clubhouse door on the porch. Scanned 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. The Protest Committee will hear protests properly filed for the Parker Converse Tower Race at BYC on August 6, 2023, at 1700. Competitors who may be parties to the hearings will be notified prior to this date.
- 14.3. A boat requesting redress based on her scores shall do so within 24 hours of the posting of the scores. This changes RRS 62.2.

## 15. SCORING

- 15.1. The course distance is 48.3 nm.
- 15.2. Each boat's finish position will be calculated using their PHRF rating and Time on Distance (TOD) scoring.
- 15.3. Scores will be posted on the Parker Converse Tower Race site on Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26360>.

## 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. [DP] 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 BYC scorer by texting 508-954-0906 at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **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.