



2023 THAYER FRANCIS MOONLIGHT RACE

The Organizing Authority is the Beverly Yacht Club (BYC)
Friday, September 1, 2023
Marion, Massachusetts 02738

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. RRS 61.1(a)(2) will be changed as follows: RRS 61.1(a)(2) is deleted for Bullseyes and H-12s

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before Friday, August 18, 2023 in Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26361>. Printed copies will be available from the BYC office upon request.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted in Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26361> and a courtesy copy may be posted on the bulletin board located on the porch at the Beverly Yacht Club.
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 72.
- 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The race is open to all BYC and non-BYC Bullseyes and H12s.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration online at Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26361> no later than 2000 on Thursday, August 31, 2023.

5. CREW LIMITATIONS

5.1. Singlehanding is not permitted.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. The race will start as close to nautical twilight on Friday, September 1, 2023, with the first warning signal at **1930**.

7. EQUIPMENT

7.1. Spinnakers are permitted.

7.2. Bullseyes may use a working jib or genoa

7.3. The following equipment is required and may be inspected or measured:

Two flashlights	Compass
Paddle or oar	Anchor
Flares	VHF radio
Air horn	Protest flag
Protest flag	Bucket or bailer

8. INSPECTION/MEASUREMENT

8.1. Sailboats competing are subject to inspection by the Race Committee Chair, or Principal Race Officer at any time. A boat may be excluded from racing for failure to meet safety requirements or failure to comply with its one-design Class rules. The OA, at its sole discretion, may allow or not allow a sailboat to participate in a race or series. This changes RRS 60.2.

9. VENUE

9.1. Racing will take place in outer Sippican Harbor.

10. COURSES

10.1. The Race Committee will select courses as described in the Sailing Instructions. Course designations will be posted on the Race Committee Boat.

11. PENALTIES

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

11.2. 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).

12. SCORING

12.1. 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

12.2. RRS 90.3 (a), Scoring, is amended to include the requirement that three registered boats starting in each class are required for a race to be scored.

13. PRIZES

13.1. When a minimum of three boats qualify in a class, prizes shall be awarded at Cups & Flags on Saturday, October 7, 2023, for first, second, and third places.

14. MEDIA

- 14.1. 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.

15. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1. 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.

16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 16.1. Competitors may contact the following individuals for additional information:

Event Chair: Tap Titherington – tap@tappant.com

Bullseye Fleet Representatives: Heather Parsons - heatherorknot@gmail.com and Kathryn Collings – collings.marion@verizon.net

H12 Fleet Representatives: Ellen Bowler bowler.ellen@gmail.com and Anne Converse - anne@annetconverse.com

BYC Race Committee Chair: Tracy McNeil at tltmcneil@verizon.net