

**Beverly Yacht Club**  
**Thayer Francis Moonlight Race**  
**Friday, September 1, 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 at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26361> A courtesy copy may also be posted on the bulletin board on the porch at the Beverly Yacht Club.
- 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 Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26361>. A courtesy copy may also be posted on the bulletin board on the porch at the Beverly Yacht Club.
- 3.2.** 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 race will start as close to nautical twilight on Friday, September 1, 2023, with the first warning signal at 1930.

**7. RACING AREA**

- 7.1.** The racing area will be in outer Sippican Harbor.

**8. COURSES**

- 8.1.** The selected course will be displayed on the course board on the race committee boat prior to the first warning signal.

## **9. STARTING**

- 9.1.** This event will be started using RRS 26, with classes starting in the order in which their class signals are displayed on the course board.
- 9.2.** 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.
- 9.3.** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.4.** 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.

## **10. FINISHING**

- 10.1.** 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.

## **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 requested before the protest time limit regardless of whether a protest was filed. This changes RRS V2 (a)

## **12. TIME LIMITS**

- 12.1.** The Thayer Francis Moonlight Race has a time limit of two and a half (2½) hours from the start.

## **13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1.** Requests for hearings for protests or redress shall be written on hearing request forms available in the BYC Protest Box located on the wall to the left of the Clubhouse door on the porch. Completed protest forms should be emailed (or photographed and emailed) to [protest@beverlyyachtclub.org](mailto:protest@beverlyyachtclub.org) within two hours from the time the last boat finishes.
- 13.2.** Notices will be posted and emailed no later than noon on September 2, 2023 to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the time and location of that hearing.

## **14. SCORING**

- 14.1.** Boats will be scored according to RRS Appendix A.
- 14.2.** 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
- 14.3.** RRS 90.3 (a), Scoring, is amended to include the requirement that three registered boats starting are required for the race to be scored.
- 14.4.** Scores will be posted on the Thayer Francis Moonlight Race site on Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26361>

## 15. SAFETY

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. [DP] Every competing boat is required to carry a VHF radio and to monitor VHF radio CH 72 from the preparatory signal and while racing.
- 15.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 15.4. [DP] In accordance with RRS 40.2, RRS 40.1 applies. All competitors shall wear properly fastened USCG-approved flotation devices at all times while racing.
- 15.5. When code flag "V" is displayed not later than the warning signal or at a rounding mark, spinnakers shall not be used for the balance of the race.

## 16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1. 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.

## 17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 17.1. Competitors may contact the following individuals for additional information:  
Event Chair: Tap Titherington – [tap@tappant.com](mailto:tap@tappant.com)  
Bullseye Fleet Representatives: Heather Parsons - [heatherorknot@gmail.com](mailto:heatherorknot@gmail.com) and Kathryn Collings – [collings.marion@verizon.net](mailto:collings.marion@verizon.net)  
H12 Fleet Representatives: Ellen Bowler [bowler.ellen@gmail.com](mailto:bowler.ellen@gmail.com) and Anne Converse - [anne@annetconverse.com](mailto:anne@annetconverse.com)  
BYC Race Committee Chair: Tracy McNeil at [tltmcneil@verizon.net](mailto:tltmcneil@verizon.net)