

**Beverly Yacht Club  
Hurricane Cup One-Design Races  
Saturday, September 23, 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 schedule will be posted at least 24 hours prior to the first scheduled warning signal, on the Official Notice Board located in Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26363>.
- 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 for the event in Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26363> and courtesy copies may be posted on the bulletin board on the BYC porch.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF CH 72
- 3.3. [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. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1330.

**7. CLASS SIGNALS AND FLAGS**

- 7.1. Class signals will be displayed on placards before the course designation on the signal boat course board.
  - 7.1.1. The Shields signal is a white flag with the Shields insignia.

**7.1.2.** The Bullseye signal is a white flag with the red Bullseye insignia.

**7.1.3.** The H-12 signal is a red flag with a white H-12 image.

## **8. RACING AREA**

**8.1.** The racing area is outer Sippican Harbor and Buzzards Bay.

## **9. COURSES**

**9.1.** For courses using the marks described in the Mark List at the bottom of the Race Chart, the course will be designated by displaying placards on the signal boat course board. The round and finish marks will be displayed in the order of rounding, after the class designation.

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

**9.3.** A green or red placard will be displayed under each rounding mark's placard to designate the side of the boat on which each mark is to be left, starboard (green) or port (red).

## **10. MARKS**

**10.1.** Marks are described on the attached List of Marks. Permanent marks are either government marks or yellow BYC buoys. When a portable windward mark is used, its approximate distance and bearing from the starting line will be displayed on the course board.

**10.2.** Except when indicated as rounding marks, all racing boats shall pass to the east of marks "5", "3", and "E" and to the south of marks "F" and "I". All yachts must pass west of the Bully Rock marker.

**10.3.** Portable marks will be Orange, Yellow, or Red inflatable Tetrahedrons, Cylinders, or Balls.

## **11. STARTING**

**11.1.** The start will be in outer Sippican Harbor.

**11.2.** Races will be started using RRS 26, with classes starting in the order in which their class signals are displayed on the course board.

**11.3.** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other boats.

**11.4.** 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.

**11.5.** 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.

## **12. FINISHING**

**12.1.** 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.

**12.2.** If the Race Committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

**13.2.** All post-race penalties must be taken before the protest time limit regardless of whether a protest was filed. This changes RRS V2(a).

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

**14.1.** The Hurricane Cup One-Design Races have a time limit of two (2) hours.

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

- 15.1.** Protests and requests for 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. The form should be completed, photographed, and emailed to [protest@beverlyyachtclub.org](mailto:protest@beverlyyachtclub.org) within two hours from the time the race committee finish boat returns to BYC.
  - 15.1.1.** A boat requesting redress based on her score shall do so by 1800 on September 23, 2023. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.2.** Notices will be posted and emailed no later than 2000 on September 23, 2023, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the time and location of that hearing.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1.** Boats will be scored according to RRS Appendix A.
- 16.2.** 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
- 16.3.** Scores will be posted on the Hurricane Cup One-Design Race site on Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26363>.

## **17. SAFETY**

- 17.1.** 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.
- 17.2.** Every competing boat is required to carry a VHF radio and monitor VHF radio CH 72 from the preparatory signal and while racing.
- 17.3.** A boat that retires shall notify the race committee, or by contacting the BYC (508-748-0540), at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.4.** In accordance with RRS 40.2, RRS 40.1 applies. All competitors shall wear properly fastened, USCG-approved personal flotation devices at all times while racing.
- 17.5.** When code flag “V” is displayed not later than the warning signal, spinnakers shall not be used.

## **18. RISK STATEMENT**

- 18.1.** 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.

## 19. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### 19.1. Competitors may contact the following individuals for additional information:

Event Chair: Katie Hall Young – [katie\\_hall@hotmail.com](mailto:katie_hall@hotmail.com)

Shield Fleet Representative: Tom Evans - [tom.evans12@gmail.com](mailto:tom.evans12@gmail.com)

Bullseye Fleet Representatives: Heather Parsons – [heatherorknot@gmail.com](mailto:heatherorknot@gmail.com), Kathryn Collings – [collings.marion@verizon.net](mailto:collings.marion@verizon.net)

H-12 Fleet Representatives: Ellen Bowler - <mailto:bowler.ellen@gmail.com> Anne

Converse -[anne@annetconverse.com](mailto:anne@annetconverse.com)

BYC Race Committee Chair: Tracy McNeil - [tltmcneil@verizon.net](mailto:tltmcneil@verizon.net)