



**2023 Summer Series and Fall Racing**  
The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Beverly Yacht Club (BYC)  
Marion, Massachusetts, 02738

Summer Series 1: Tuesday, May 30 – Sunday, July 16  
Summer Series 2: Tuesday, July 18 – Thursday, August 31  
Fall Racing: Sunday, September 10 – Sunday, October 8

## 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. BYC's 2023 Summer Series and Fall Racing 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. For PHRF Series Racing, RRS 52 is amended as provided for under RRS 86.1(b) as follows: Competitors are permitted to use electrically powered winches for running rigging while racing.
  - 1.5.1. Competitors in PHRF races are required to remove anchors from their bow pulpits while racing.
- 1.6. One-design sailboats in compliance with their respective Class rules are eligible to race in one-design class races.
  - 1.6.1. RRS 61.1(a)(2) will be changed as follows: RRS 61.1(a)(2) is deleted for the Bullseye and H-12 classes.
  - 1.6.2. Under RRS 87, H12 Class Rule under "Bylaw II, Purpose 1," will be changed to allow Cape Cod Shipbuilding versions of the H12 to participate in all BYC Series Races and Fall Races. An H Class letter regarding this change is posted on the bulletin board on the BYC porch.
  - 1.6.3. Under RRS 87, H12 Class Rule under "Ballast and Weight Limit," the wording, "and a crew shall be not less than two persons," will be deleted to allow single-handed racing. An H Class letter regarding this change is posted on the bulletin board on the BYC porch.
  - 1.6.4. Genoas are not permitted for the Bullseye Class unless a specific race allows for their use.

- 1.6.5. Under RRS 87, Shields Class Rule III-4.0, “Basic Rules Governing Deviations from the Specifications,” will be changed to allow for the use of experimental spinnakers, carbon fiber spinnaker poles, and loose-footed mainsails. A Shields Class letter regarding this change is posted on the bulletin board on the BYC porch.
- 1.6.6. All Series Races for the J/80 fleet are “Open” events in accordance with Section C of the J/80 Class Rules.

## **2. SALING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. The Summer Series Sailing Instructions will be available by Friday, May 12, 2023
- 2.2. The Fall Series Sailing Instructions will be available by Friday, September 1, 2023.

## **3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board for the series in Regatta Network at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/mgmt\\_view\\_events.php?year=2023](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/mgmt_view_events.php?year=2023) and courtesy copies may be posted on the bulletin board 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. On the water, the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF radio.
- 3.4. [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. BYC Summer Series racing is scheduled for PHRF Racing and Cruising, Shields, J/80, Bullseye, and H12 classes. Fall Racing is scheduled for the Bullseye, H12, and Shields classes. Any other class with three or more boats interested in participating should contact the Race Committee Chair.
- 4.2. PHRF
  - 4.2.1. Every sailboat participating in PHRF races must have a current, valid PHRF-NE certificate. New or renewal certificates can be acquired from PHRF New England at [www.phrfne.org](http://www.phrfne.org)
  - 4.2.2. Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate taking into account the value of the boats racing and type of racing.
- 4.3. Registration for BYC Summer Series Racing and Fall Series Racing is online at [www.beverlyyachtclub.org/racing](http://www.beverlyyachtclub.org/racing). To be scored in a series, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees where necessary prior to the start of the first race in which she wants to be scored. A boat will be scored DNC for races in which she sails but was not registered.
- 4.4. An unregistered boat may compete, but its participation in that race will not be counted as a starter for the purpose of qualification of that race in a series.
- 4.5. Membership in US Sailing is strongly encouraged.

## **5. FEES**

- 5.1. Non-BYC sailboats will pay an entry fee of \$185 per series at the time of registration.

## 6. QUALIFYING

- 6.1. Each registered boat must be scored in at least two-thirds of the races (rounded up to the next integer) of a Series to qualify for the Series as demonstrated in the table below:

<i>Number of Races Completed</i>	<i>Number of Races Needed to Qualify</i>
1	1
2	2
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	4
7	5
8	6
9	6
10	7
11	8
12	8
13	9
14	10
15	10
16	11
<i>Each race thereafter</i>	<i>Two-thirds of the number of races scored rounded up to the next integer</i>

## 7. SCHEDULE

### 7.1. Tuesday Twilight – Bullseyes and H12s:

First warning signal at 1800. Two races are scheduled for each class per evening. Spinnakers are permitted.

### 7.2. Wednesday Twilight - PHRF Racing Class 1 Spinnaker (Numeric flag 1), Cruising Class 2 Non-Spinnaker (Numeric flag 2), Cruising Class 3 Non-Spinnaker (Numeric flag 3):

First warning signal at 1800. One race is scheduled for each class per evening.

7.2.1. The appropriate flag shall be flown from each boat's stern from the warning signal until she finishes. Cruising class rating groups will be included on the Regatta Network registration page.

A boat may not change her class during a series.

### 7.3. Thursday Afternoon - Ladies' Bullseyes and H12s:

First warning signal at 1400. One scored race will be held for each class per day; the second race is unscored. Spinnakers are not permitted.

### 7.4. Thursday Twilight - J/80s and Shields:

First warning signal at 1800. Two races are scheduled for each class per evening. Spinnakers are permitted.

7.4.1. On August 17, August 24, and August 31, the first warning signal will be at 1730.

### 7.5. Saturday Afternoon - Shields:

First warning signal at 1400. Two races are scheduled for each class per day with no start after 1600. Spinnakers are permitted.

7.5.1. On Saturday, August 5, the first warning signal will be at 1100 and five races are scheduled. Spinnakers are permitted.

**7.6. Sunday Afternoon - Bullseyes and H12s:**

First warning signal at 1400. Two races are scheduled for each class per day. Spinnakers are not permitted for Bullseyes but are permitted for H12s in the second race.

7.6.1. On Sunday, August 20, no Bullseye series races are scheduled.

**7.7. Fall Racing – Bullseyes, H12s, Shields**

First warning signal at 1000, multiple races are scheduled for each class per day. Spinnakers are not permitted for Bullseyes and H12s but are permitted for Shields.

**8. INSPECTION/MEASUREMENT**

8.1. Sailboats competing are subject to inspection by the 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 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.

**9. VENUE**

9.1. Racing will take place in outer Sippican Harbor and Buzzards Bay.

**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 1700 on the following Sunday regardless of whether a protest was filed. This changes RRS V2(a).

**12. SCORING**

12.1. BYC PHRF Summer Series Racing uses the PHRF rating system and Time on Distance (ToD) scoring.

12.2. For every four races scored, a boat's worst score will be excluded (e.g., four races=one throw-out, eight races=two throw-outs).

12.3. 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

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

12.5. BYE: RRS Appendix A10 is modified to include a BYE score which, if granted, will be calculated for a boat when its skipper misses a BYC Series race to participate in a district or national championship event. Prior approval of the Race Committee Chair is required. The BYE will be calculated as the average of points for all the races that the boat raced in the Series including all throw outs. BYE scores cannot make up more than 25% of a boat's series' scores. A BYE score counts as a race for qualification in a series.

12.6. If fewer than 50% of the scheduled races in a Series are scored, the Series shall be abandoned, and no Series prizes will be awarded.

### 13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Daily prizes will be given immediately following racing throughout a Series for first, second, and third places for all Summer Series Racing including Tuesday Twilight.
- 13.2. When a minimum of three boats qualify for a Series, series prizes shall be awarded for first, second, and third places for all Series Racing except Tuesday Twilight.
- 13.3. Perpetual trophies shall also be awarded at Cups & Flags on Saturday, October 7. Special prizes are described on the BYC website.
- 13.4. No series prizes will be awarded for Tuesday Twilight Races or the Fall Racing Series.

### 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 BYC's Summer and Fall Series racing, 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.