



2024 Summer Series, Fall Racing and Rocket Frost Biting

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Beverly Yacht Club (BYC)

Marion, Massachusetts, 02738

NOTICE OF RACE

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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 2024 Summer, Fall and Rocket Frost Biting Series Racing are 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. [DP] In accordance with RRS 40.2, 40.1 (Personal Flotation Device) applies.
- 1.5. For PHRF Series Racing:
 - 1.5.1. RRS 52 (Manual Power) 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.
 - 1.5.2. Competitors 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. Bullseye Class:
 - a. RRS 61.1(a)(2) (Informing the Protestee) is deleted, and a red flag must be displayed when protesting.
 - b. Genoas are not permitted unless a specific race allows for their use.

1.6.2. H-12 Class:

- a. RRS 61.1(a)(2) (Informing the Protestee) is deleted, and a red flag must be displayed when protesting.
- b. Under RRS 87 (Changes to Class Rules), *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. Shields Class:

Under RRS 87 (Changes to Class Rules), *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.

1.6.4. J-80 Class:

All Series Races are “Open” events in accordance with Section C of *the J/80 Class Rules*.

1.6.5. Rocket Class:

- a. A ten-foot painter must be attached to bow of each boat.
- b. Drysuits are recommended for each skipper.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Summer Series Sailing Instructions will be available by Friday May 17, 2024
- 2.2. The Fall Series Sailing Instructions will be available by Friday August 30, 2024.
- 2.3. Rocket Spring Frost Biting Sailing Instructions will be available by April 7, 2024 and posted on the bulletin board on the porch at the Beverly Yacht Club.
- 2.4. Rocket Fall Frost Biting Sailing Instructions will be available by Friday August 30, 2024 and posted on the bulletin board on the porch at the Beverly Yacht Club.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. PHRF and One-Design Except Rockets:

- 3.1.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board for the series at Regatta Network https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/mgmt_view_events.php?year=2024 and courtesy copies may be posted on the bulletin board on the porch at the Beverly Yacht Club.
- 3.1.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 72.
- 3.1.3. On the water, the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the

VHF radio.

3.1.4. [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.

3.2. Rockets:

3.2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board by the Rocket fleet captain.

3.2.2. The Race Committee shall communicate course and race information via verbal hailing. Competitors should sail by the committee boat for information.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. BYC Summer Series racing is scheduled for PHRF Racing and Cruising, Shields, J/80, Bullseye, and H12. Fall Racing is scheduled for the Bullseye, H12, and Shields classes. Fall Frost Biting is scheduled for Rocket class. 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

4.2.2. Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate considering 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 <https://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. Unregistered Participation

4.4.1. An unregistered boat may compete, but her participation in that race will not be counted for the purpose of her qualification of that race in a series.

4.4.2. An unregistered boat may be protested for a breach of a rule. If she is found to have broken a rule, her penalty shall apply to the next BYC series race in which she competes as a registered boat. This amends RRS 64.2.

4.5. Membership in US Sailing is strongly encouraged.

4.6. Registration for the Rocket Frost Biting will be handled by the fleet captain (paulbolick@gmail.com).

5. FEES

5.1. There is no fee for a Beverly Yacht Club member sailboat.

5.2. PHRF and One-Design (except Rockets) for non-BYC sailboats will pay an entry fee of \$185

per series at the time of registration at Regatta Networks.

- 5.3. Entry fee for Rockets will be determined by the Rocket fleet captain and posted as an Amendment to the Notice of Race.

6. QUALIFYING

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

Series Races Completed	Races Needed to Qualify	Discards
1	1	0
2	2	0
3	2	1
4	3	1
5	4	1
6	4	2
7	5	2
8	6	2
9	6	3
10	7	3
11	8	3
12	8	4
13	9	4
14	10	4
15	10	5
16	11	5
<i>Each race thereafter</i>	<i>Two-thirds of the number of races completed rounded up to the next integer</i>	<i>Every third races scored adds a discard</i>

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Series Dates

Rocket Spring Frost Biting:	Sunday April 7 to Sunday May 12, 2024
Summer #1:	Tuesday May 28 to Sunday July 14, 2024
Summer #2:	Tuesday July 16 to Saturday August 31, 2024
Fall:	Sunday September 1 to Sunday October 6, 2024
Rocket Fall Frost Biting:	Sunday October 20 to Sunday December 29, 2024

Additional Rocket Frost Biting racing days may be added in the format of a regatta on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years.

There is no racing on holiday dates of May 27, July 4, September 2 and October 14, 2024, Check the Beverly Yacht Club calendar for details and for special races or regattas that may affect series race dates.

7.2. Tuesday Twilight – Bullseyes and H12s:

First warning signal is 1800. Two races are scheduled for each class. Spinnakers are permitted.

7.3. 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):

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

7.3.2. 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.

7.4. Thursday Afternoon - Ladies' Bullseyes and H12s:

First warning signal is 1400. Two races are scheduled for each class with the second race intended for crew helming. Skippers helming the second race are required to inform the race committee and her score will be excluded. Spinnakers are not permitted.

7.5. Thursday Twilight - J/80s and Shields:

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

7.5.2. On August 15, August 22, and August 29, the first warning signal will be 1730.

7.6. Saturday Afternoon - Shields:

7.6.1. First warning signal is 1400. Two races are scheduled per day with no start after 1600. Spinnakers are permitted.

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

7.7. Sunday Afternoon - Bullseyes and H12s:

First warning signal is 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.

7.8. Fall Racing – Bullseyes, H12s

First warning signal is 1000, multiple (up to five) races are scheduled for each class per day. Spinnakers are not permitted for Bullseyes and H12s but are permitted for Shields.

7.0 Sunday Morning - Rocket Frost Biting

First warning signal is 10:30 with multiple races each morning.

8. INSPECTION/MEASUREMENT

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 the day, the series, or the season if they fail 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. **PHRF and One-Design (Except Rocket):** Racing will take place in outer Sippican Harbor and Buzzards Bay.

9.2. **Rockets:** Racing will take place in Sippican inner harbor between the BYC dock and Ram Island.

10. COURSES

The Race Committee will select courses as described in the Sailing Instructions. Course designations will be posted on the Race Committee boat or for Rockets announced by verbal hailing.

11. PENALTIES

11.1. PHRF and One-Design (Except Rocket):

11.1.1. RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) will apply in its entirety. This alters RRS 44.1 (Taking a Penalty).

11.1.2. 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).

11.2. **Rocket:** The first sentence of rule 44.1 is changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.'

12. SCORING

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

- 12.2. For every three races scored, a boat's worst score will be excluded (e.g., three races = one throw-out, six races = two throw-outs). See table under section 6.
- 12.3. RRS A5.3 scoring will apply and is amended for a DSQ or DNE to be two more than the number of boats that came to the starting area (called "check-ins" by Regatta Networks).
- 12.4. RRS 90.3(a) (Scoring), is amended to include the requirement that three boats start a race for that race to be scored. For purposes of this requirement, an OCS boat is counted.
- 12.5. RRS Appendix A10 (Scoring Abbreviations) 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 to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward) 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. RRS Appendix A10 is modified to include a TLE (Time Limit Expired) scored same as DNF.
- 12.7. 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.
- 12.8. Rocket Frost Biting series is not subject to 12.2 to 12.7, instead the scoring process will be posted in an amended Notice of Race and posted by April 7, 2024 on the bulletin board on the porch at the Beverly Yacht Club.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Daily prizes will be given immediately following racing throughout a Series for first, second, and third places for all Summer #1, Summer #2 and Fall Series Racing for each race (including crew races). Rocket frost biting daily prizes (if any) are determined by the fleet captain.
- 13.2. No series prizes will be awarded for the Fall or Rocket Frost Biting Racing Series.
- 13.3. The Thursday Afternoon - Ladies' Bullseyes and H12s series award is based only on the skipper race (race #1).
- 13.4. When a minimum of three boats qualifies in each Summer #1 or Summer #2 Series, prizes shall be awarded for first, second, and third places.
- 13.5. Perpetual trophies shall also be awarded at Cups & Flags on Saturday, October 5, 2024. Special prizes are described on the BYC website.

14. MEDIA

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

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.