



**2024 PARKER CONVERSE TOWER RACE**  
**Saturday, July 27, 2024**  
**Marion, Massachusetts 02738**  
**The Organizing Authority is the Beverly Yacht Club (BYC)**

**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 2021 - 2024* (RRS).
- 1.2. All boats shall have proper offshore equipment that meets the [US SAILING Safety Equipment Requirements for a Coastal Race](#) with the following modifications: Section 3.1.2 (life jacket features), 3.1.4 (Harness), 3.2.1 (Jacklines), 3.7.2 (Additional Man Overboard Pole), Section 3.16.2 (EPIRB/PLB) and Section 4.3.2 (Safety at Sea Seminar) are all strongly recommended but not required.
- 1.3. [DP] Per USSSER 3.8.1 (1) each boat shall have an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channel 72
- 1.4. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials.
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. In accordance with RRS 40.2, Rule 40.1 applies and is modified such that all competitors shall wear properly fastened personal flotation devices at all times while on deck.
- 1.7. RRS 52 is amended as follows: Competitors are permitted to use electrically powered winches for running rigging while racing.
- 1.8. Double handed competitors are permitted to use an autopilot while racing. This changes RRS 52.

**2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available on Friday, July 26, 2024 by 1800 on the Regatta Network notice board at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27871>.

**3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board for the race in Regatta Network at the Regatta Network notice board <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27871>.
- 3.2. Each boat shall carry at least one cell phone, the number of which is on file with the race committee and which is kept on and charged while racing.
- 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.
- 3.4. Any information received from ashore via email, blogs, telephone, radio transmissions, etc., relating either to the yacht's position or a competitor's position is considered "assistance from the shore" and is prohibited by RRS 41.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. This race is open to all monohull sailboats with a current, valid PHRF NE certificate. Boats with unofficial PHRF-NE ratings will not be permitted to race.
- 4.2. Eligible Boats may enter by completing the [registration](#) online through Regatta Network by 1800 on Thursday, July 25, 2024.
- 4.3. There is a minimum registration requirement of three sailboats for each class.
- 4.4. A complete crew list, including name, and emergency contact name and telephone number, is required and included as part of the registration process. Changes to the crew list can be made until registration closes at 1800 on Thursday July 25, 2024. Any crew changes made after registration closes must be emailed to the event chair.
- 4.5. It is the OA's intent to have one Racing (Spinnaker) Class, at least one Cruising (Non-Spinnaker) Class, and a Doublehanded Class. At its sole discretion, the OA may divide the registrants into multiple divisions.

#### 5. FEES

- 5.1. Non-BYC sailboats will pay an entry fee of \$65 at the time of registration.
- 5.2. There is no fee for a Beverly Yacht Club member sailboat.

#### 6. SCHEDULE

The scheduled time of the first warning signal is **1230**.

#### 7. INSPECTION/MEASUREMENT

Sailboats competing are subject to inspection and/or measurement by the Marion Fleet Handicapper, Event Chair, 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 class rules. The Race Committee, at its sole discretion, may or may not allow a sailboat to participate in a race.

#### 8. VENUE

The start will be in the vicinity of Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (FI R 4s) at Centerboard Shoal, Southwest of Bird Island (41 39.70N, 70 43.60W, BYC mark "G"). The finish will be at Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (FI R 4s) at Centerboard Shoal, Southwest of Bird Island (41 39.70N, 70 43.60W, BYC mark "G").

#### 9. COURSES

Competitors *may choose to sail the course in one of two directions.*

- 9.1. **Course One:** A sailboat must first pass through Quicks Hole; round Lighted Gong G31 (Gay Head a/k/a Devils Bridge), leaving G31 to starboard; and then rounding Buzzards Bay Entrance Light Tower, BUZZARDS, 41°23.826 N, 71°2.080W), leaving the Tower, Cuttyhunk, and Penikese Island to starboard.
- 9.2. **Course Two:** A sailboat must sail the course in reverse by first rounding Buzzards Bay Entrance Light Tower, BUZZARDS, 41°23.826 N, 71°2.080W), leaving Cuttyhunk, Penikese Island, and the Tower to port; then round Lighted Gong G31 (Gay Head a/k/a Devils Bridge), leaving G31 to port; and then pass through Quicks Hole.

#### 10. PENALTIES

- 10.1. RRS Appendix V will apply in its entirety. This alters RRS 44.1.
- 10.2. 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).

## 11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Prizes will include 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> if four or more registrants in a class, and 3<sup>rd</sup> if six or more registrants in a class.
- 11.2. The Parker Converse Tower Race is a Buzzards Bay Trophy qualifying race among area clubs; the trophy is awarded to the PHRF-NE yacht with the best combined score in four of the eight races.

## 12. 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.

## 13. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.

## 14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Competitors may contact the following individuals for additional information:

Event Chair and BYC PHRF Fleet Representative: Ed Dailey – [dailey@raptor205.com](mailto:dailey@raptor205.com)

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