



2025 THAYER FRANCIS MOONLIGHT RACE

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

Friday, August 8, 2025

Backup Date: To be determined

Marion, Massachusetts 02738

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

'[DP]' means that rule may be subject to a discretionary penalty.

'[NP]' means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 (Right to Protest).

1. RULES

- 1.1. RRS 60.4 (a) (2) is changed as follows: "if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident, or."
- 1.2. In the event of any conflict between the *Notice of Race* and the *Sailing Instructions*, the *Sailing Instructions* will prevail.

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/29034>. 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/29034>. 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.

4.2. Competitors may not use any electronic navigational aids. This includes cell phones.

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

The race will start after the moon rises in a clear sky on Friday, August 8, 2025, with the first warning signal at 2130.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in outer Sippican Harbor.

8. COURSES

The selected course will be displayed on the course board on the race committee boat prior to the first warning signal using Beverly Yacht Club Racing Marks -2025 chart associated with the BYC series races.

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

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 taken before 1700 on the following Sunday regardless of whether a protest was filed. This changes RRS V2(a) (Post-Race Penalties).

12. TIME LIMITS

The Thayer Francis Moonlight Race has a time limit of two and a half (2 ½) hours from the start.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

13.1. Protests and requests for redress shall be written or filled-in on hearing request forms available in the BYC Protest Box located on the wall to the left of the clubhouse door on the porch and from US Sailing.

- 13.2. Completed protest forms should be emailed (or photographed and emailed) to protest@beverlyyachtclub.org within two hours from the time the last boat finishes.
- 13.3. Notices will be posted and emailed no later than noon on August 9, 2025, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the time and location of that hearing.

14. SCORING

Scoring will use the Low Point System (RRS A4).

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 (Personal Flotation Device) applies.
- 15.5. When code flag “V” is displayed during the race, monitor VHF CH 72 for safety instructions.

16. RISK STATEMENT

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 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

Competitors may contact the following individuals for additional information:

Event Chair:	Tap Titherington – tap@tappant.com
Bullseye Fleet Representatives:	Kathryn Collings – collings.marion@verizon.net
H12 Fleet Representatives:	Ellen Bowler - bowler.ellen@gmail.com Tom Crowley – tom_crowley@att.net
BYC Race Committee Chair:	Ken Deyett - onedesignproperties@gmail.com