

2025 H Class Championship



Buzzards Yacht Club

The 2025 H Class Championship and Junior Championship will be held in Cataumet MA on July 25-27, 2025. The Buzzards Yacht Club in cooperation with the H Class Association is the Organizing Authority.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and by the current rules of the H Class Association: <https://herreshoff12.org/h-class-rules/>
- 1.2 RRS 40.1 is in effect. All sailors will be required to wear US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices from the time they check in until they have finished racing, unless actively adjusting clothing.

2 COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board shall be on Regatta Network.
- 2.2 All keelboats are required to carry VHF radios capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 16, 63, 72, and 78.
- 2.3 On the water, the Race Committee will hail verbally to competitors, and will also make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF radio on Channel 72 and 78. To hear all communications, competitors will carry a VHF radio.
- 2.4 From the first warning signal of its class until the end of the last race of the day for its class, except in an emergency, a boat intending to race shall not make voice or data transmissions, and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board at Regatta Network by July 1st, 2025.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Regatta is open to all registered H Class boats conforming to the current H Class Association rules whose skipper has a current membership in the H Class Association: <https://herreshoff12.org/class-membership/>.
- 4.2 Boats may register and pay the H Class Championship registration fee of \$175 per boat online at Regatta Network: *regatta network link*
- 4.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee. A late fee of \$50 will apply to entries accepted after the July 18 deadline.

5 SCHEDULE

Friday, July 18, 2025

16:00 Deadline for online registration

Thursday, July 24, 2025

0900 Launch and mooring service becomes available

Friday, July 25, 2025

0830 Check in and late registration at the Ware Residence, 222 Scraggy Neck Road
0900 Junior Regatta Skippers Meeting
1100 First Warning for Junior Regatta
1800 - 2000 Welcome Party & Junior Awards at the Ware Residence

Saturday, July 26, 2025 - H Class Championship Day 1

0830 Check in at the Ware Residence
0900 Skippers' Meeting
1100 First Warning Signal - Racing Area
1830 Reception, Dinner & H Class Meeting at the Ware's (Casual Dress)

Sunday, July 27, 2025 - H Class Championship Day 2

0900 Skippers' Meeting
1100 First Warning Signal - Racing Area
*No warning signals after 1500 on Sunday, July 27
After Racing Awards Ceremony at the Ware Residence

6 MOORINGS AND LAUNCH SERVICE

- 6.1 Entrants requiring moorings will be assigned by BZYC. This must be requested at the time of registration. Contact Commodore Jay Fisher at jfisher929@yahoo.com
- 6.2 Racers requesting launch service will be provided by BZYC.

7 H12 LAUNCH

- 7.1 Boats arriving via trailer may launch at Barlow's Landing at 498 Barlow's Landing Road.

8 WELCOME PARTY, DINNER RECEPTION, AND BOX LUNCHES

Racers are invited to a Welcome Party on Friday 7/25 at the Ware Residence, free of charge. Tickets for the Saturday night Dinner Reception at the Ware's residence on 7/26 are \$75 and can be purchased when registering or by emailing a Buzzards Yacht Club Representative.

Note: Box Lunches will be available for purchase when registering.

9 HOUSING

Competitors can request housing by emailing Commodore Jay Fisher at jfisher929@yahoo.com

10 BORROWED H12s

Racers can request to borrow a local H12 by emailing Fleet Captain Josh Legg at joshuafllegg@gmail.com

11 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

[DP] Boats may be inspected by a race official at any time for compliance with class rules.

12 VENUE

Racing will take place in between Wings Neck and Scraggy Neck. Visiting boats will be moored in Hospital Cove, Cataumet and will be given adequate time to reach the race course. Addendum A shows the location of the racing venue.

13 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward configurations.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 61.1(a)(2) is changed to require boats to display a red flag when intending to protest another boat.
- 14.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.3 The post race penalty option RRS V2 will be in effect.

15 SCORING

For the H Class Championship one race sailed will constitute a series. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1.

16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the Championship Series except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to boats placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

H Class Championship Permanent Trophy

Awarded to the overall winner to hold until the next H Class Championship.

The Quissett Yacht Club H Class Team Trophy

Awarded to the lowest scoring three boats representing one yacht club.

The Savvy Sailor Award

Awarded to the best scoring skipper in the Championship age 65

or over at the start of the regatta. To qualify for the Savvy Sailor Award, a crew member under 65 may not touch the helm while racing. This trophy honors Katharyn Saltonstall Moore, a past H Class Champion.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit an online liability waiver release. The fully executed Liability Waiver Forms shall be submitted prior to racing. The waiver form link can be found at: *"to be added"*
- 18.2 Boats that start, but that have not completed approved liability waiver forms, shall be scored Disqualified (DSQ) without a hearing.
- 18.3 Scores given under 18.2 shall not be subject to redress.
- 18.4 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race, which 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 the regatta.

19 INSURANCE

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 the type of racing.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

Information about The Buzzards Yacht Club is available online at <https://buzzardsyc.org>

BZYC Commodore:	Jay Fisher	jfisher929@yahoo.com
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Addendum A

2025 H Class Championship Racing Area

