



Quissett Yacht Club

Quissett Harbor
Falmouth, Massachusetts

72nd Annual Round the Bay Race

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Starting Sequence begins at 1100 EDT

Open to PHRF-NE Racing and Cruising Classes

Sailing Instructions

ELIGIBILITY

The QYC Round the Bay Race is open to single-hulled boats with valid 2025 PHRF-NE rating certificates.

There will be no limit to the number of crew or the number of sails carried or used if they conform to the boat's rating certificate. **Each boat must have a minimum of two people on board.**

RULES and REGULATIONS

The Round the Bay Race is a pursuit race. The start times will be determined by the Race Committee based on the boat's PHRF-NE rating and the length of the course to be sailed.

Racing Class: Asymmetrical spinnakers may be used as per PHRF-NE By-Laws.

Cruising Class: Use of any type of spinnaker (including cruising spinnakers), double headed headsail combinations or mizzen staysails is not permitted.

CHANGE OF CLASS

Boats wishing to change class should notify the race committee before 9:45 on race day.

SCRATCH SHEET

A Scratch Sheet (listing boat names, sail numbers, ratings and start times) can be picked up at the Quissett Harbor House dock before 10:00, or from the Committee Boat at the starting line before 10:45. The Scratch Sheet may also be posted at the online application link.

Please note that late entries or boats changing class may not be listed. Because of the pursuit start, the handicaps have to be calculated ahead of time. In order to give maximum flexibility in setting a course best suited to the prevailing conditions, the handicaps, and therefore the starting times, will be calculated for courses of different lengths, designated W, X, Y and Z.

START

Because the Round the Bay Race is a pursuit race, finish position is the actual order of finish, except in the case of a shortened race or protests. Rule 26 is not in effect. The race will be started with a sound signal at 1100 unless postponed. There will be a horn at each listed starting time if one or more boats starting at that time have checked in. Late entries will be assigned a starting time already on the scratch sheet, which may be later than their rating would call for. Boats will start in order from the highest PHRF rating.

The starting times W, X, Y or Z will be posted at the TOP of the course board on the Committee Boat. The order of rounding of the marks for the designated course will be displayed at the BOTTOM of the course board. The Scratch Sheet will indicate the start times for each course, irrespective of the order of marks to be rounded. The Start and Finish line are between an orange flag on the Committee Boat (Quissett Yacht Club's committee boat named Cornelia Carey) and a portable mark (approx. : lat. 41.33 North, long. 70.40 West), outside the entrance to Quissett Harbor.

The race committee at their sole discretion may change the starting format from a pursuit start to a start according to RRS Rule 26. The RC shall make such change one-half hour before the scheduled start of the race, or after the postponement of the race has ended (AP flag dropped). The race committee shall notify competitors of the change prior to dropping the AP flag, or before one-half hour prior to the scheduled start. Notification of said change will be via the designated VHF channel and/or via the course board on the committee boat, and/or by hail. Notification may also be accompanied by code flag L flown from the committee boat.

COURSE MARKS

Approximate locations

Start / Finish: latitude 41.33 North, longitude 70.40 West

The following government aids to navigation are referred to by the letter preceding them:

Mark Name	Description	Latitude/Longitude
B	Lone Rock green flasher (north of Quicks Hole)	41 27.7 70 51.1
C	Bell Buoy "BB" , approximately 4 miles NE of Quicks Hole	41 30.6 70 49.9
D	West Island Bell Buoy R "2SE"	41 34.1 70 48.8
E	Nye Ledge Bell Buoy G "1"	41 37.0 70 46.2
F	G "9" Fl G Bell approximately 5 miles WNW from Quissett	41 32.8 70 46.4
G	Centerboard Shoal red flasher R "2" , Sippican Harbor entrance buoy	41 39.8 70 43.6
H	R "2" Fl R Bell approximately 4 miles NNW from Quissett	41 36.7 70 41.9

Starting Time	Courses	Approximate course length in nautical miles
W	DE or ED or EG or GE	16
X	FG or GF	19
Y	BF or FB or CE or EC or HC or CH	20
Z	BD or DB	23

RACE TIME = GPS time

TIME LIMIT

In the event no boat finishes within six hours of her start, the race will be abandoned. If any boat finishes within the time limit, the time limit for all other boats will be two hours after the finish of the first boat.

Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored *Did Not Finish*.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will monitor **VHF channel 78**. Any boat deciding to retire or having any information to transmit to the committee should use this frequency. In the event of abandonment of the race or a change of course, an announcement will be made on this frequency.

SIGNALS

- **Postponement: AP** Answering Pennant - Postponement Signal and two sound signals. Postponements will be for 15 minute intervals. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned. The number of minutes to be added to all starting times will be posted in the middle of the course board.
- **Come Within Hail:** Code flag **L**.
- **Change of Course:** Code flag **C** and new course displayed before the new leg. Radio notification may serve instead.
- **Race Cancelled:** Code flag **N** and two sound signals. The race will not be re-sailed.
- **Recall:** Code flag **X** and a distinctive sound signal for each boat over early. The Race Committee will endeavor to call the sail number and/or name of each boat which starts prematurely and will broadcast the sail number and/or name of premature starters, but it is the responsibility of each boat to make a proper start. A boat that makes a reasonable attempt to start properly but fails to start properly will have 30 minutes added to her elapsed time.
- **Shorten Course:** Code flag **S**. Finish between the committee boat and the nearby mark.

SHORTENED or CHANGED COURSE

If the race committee changes or shortens the course it will announce the change by radio. It may not be possible to notify all boats by flag signal. The RC will re-compute handicaps and email results and post results on QuissettYachtClub.org.

ENGINES

Within five minutes of a boat's start until a boat has finished or withdrawn, engines may only be used in emergencies or to assist another vessel in distress. The Race Committee will make allowances for such engine use provided proper log entries are submitted.

PROTESTS

The provisions of the *Racing Rules of Sailing, Part 5 – Protests, Hearings, Misconduct and Appeals* will be followed except as modified by these race instructions.

The default Two-Turns penalty will be in effect.

Verbal notice of intent to protest must be made to and acknowledged by the Race Committee on the Committee Boat as safely and as soon as possible after the protesting boat has finished or retired; otherwise the protest is not valid. A protest must be written and postmarked no later than the Monday following the race.

Penalties may include adding 30 minutes to a boat's elapsed time, or disqualification.

AWARDS

Perpetual Trophies - please return them before the next race

- **Boston Yacht Club Trophy** - First finisher
- **Harbor Challenge Trophy**- First Quissett Yacht Club finisher

Annual Trophies

- **Round the Bay Race Trophies** - First three finishers in Racing and Cruising divisions

The Race Committee will email results to all contestants, post results on QuissettYachtClub.org and mail prizes to winners who do not collect them after finishing. The Race Committee reserves the right to limit classes or awards based on number of entries.

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