



2025 Bill Harding Memorial Regatta

August 8-9, 2025

Buzzards Yacht Club: Pocasset, Massachusetts 02559

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Buzzards Yacht Club (BYC)

Regatta Headquarters & Hosts: Buzzards Yacht Club & Ballentine's Boat Shop

PREAMBLE: The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS").
- 1.2. Each class is additionally governed by their respective class rules. For H12's, the current H Class Association Rules.
- 1.3. Crew changes in the H12 fleet require advance written permission from the Race Committee.
- 1.4. RRS 61.1(2) will be deleted. Protest flags are required.
- 1.5. By participating in this regatta, each competitor grants to the organizers and hosts the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television or other reproductions of him or her made during the period of the regatta without compensation.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta will be open to class conforming competitors and boats from the H-Class (H12) and the Stuart Knockabout Class (SK).
- 2.2. For the Stuart Knockabouts, the regatta will serve as the SK Class Championship.
- 2.3. [DP] H12 skippers shall be current members of The H-Class Association.
- 2.4. Any competitor (skipper or crew) who will be under 18 years of age at any time during the regatta shall provide a release for medical care signed by a parent or guardian.
- 2.5. Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at Regatta Network.

3. ENTRY/CHECK-IN/SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Entrants requiring moorings will be assigned by BYC. This must be requested at the time of

registration.

2.2 Entrants requiring launch rides to moored boats will have access courtesy of BZYC.

2.3. The Sailing Instructions will be available on Regatta Network.

4. FEES

4.1. Entry fees for both classes are \$100 per entry.

4.2. Entry fees do not include food or the Saturday night dinner. Coffee, snacks, and water will be available at registration. (Note: there are no lunches provided on the water).

4.3. Saturday night dinner at Ballentine's Boat Yard, tickets available for purchase: \$75/person

5. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The official notice board will be located on Regatta Network.

3.2. All boats are encouraged to carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 72.

3.3. 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. To hear all communications, we encourage use of the VHF.

3.4. [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.

6. SCHEDULE & RACING SCHEDULE

6.1. **Schedule & Number Of Races:** The race committee intends to run as many races as practicable.

Thursday, Aug 7: Moorings and launch service becomes available.

Saturday, Aug 9: 08:30 Check-In @ Ballentine's Boat Shop
 09:00 Skippers Meeting at Ballentine's Boat Shop
 11:00 First Warning for SK's
 11:15 First Warning for H12's
 18:30 Reception/Dinner at Ballentine's Boat Shop (not included with entry fee)

Sunday, Aug 10: 11:00 First Warning for SK's
 11:15 First Warning for H12's
 15:00 No warning signal after this time
 After Racing: Awards and refreshments at Ballentine's Boat Shop

7. VENUE

7.1. Racing will take place in between Wings Neck and Scraggy Neck. Boats will be moored in Cataumet and Pocasset and will be given adequate time to reach the race course. Addendum A shows the location of the racing venue.

8. COURSES

8.1. The Race Committee will select courses as described in the Sailing Instructions. Course designations will be posted on the Race Committee boat. Courses will be allocated to each fleet such as to minimize areas of overlap between the fleets whilst racing and in pre-start / post-race maneuverings.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst nonexcludable score. This changes Appendix A 2.1.
- 9.2. One completed race will constitute a series.

10. RISK STATEMENT AND LIABILITY WAIVER

- 10.1. 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 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 the regatta.
- 10.2. As a condition of entry, each skipper and participating crew member shall sign a liability waiver at Check-In. This form will appear as a part of registration to be signed at Check In.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class.

12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

13. CONTACT INFORMATION

For general information please visit the Regatta Website

For mooring use, launch assistance, and competition inquiries: contact Buzzards Yacht Club at jfisher929@yahoo.com

For Dinner/Merchandise/Hospitality please contact Ballentine's Boat Shop at Amy@doughdish.com

Addendum A:
Venue

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