



NOTICE OF RACE

2025 Buzzards Yacht Club PHRF Race

August 16, 2025

Wings Neck, Pocasset, Massachusetts 02559

1. Rules

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.
- 1.2. For the purposes of defining the zone for mark room, this series will use three boat lengths.
- 1.3. PHRF NE class rules will also apply.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The Race is open to all members of the Buzzards YC, Beverly YC, New Bedford YC, Mattapoisett YC and Quissett YC and any others (including Old Sigh Racing Series participants).
- 2.2. Entry cost will be \$50 per boat.
- 2.3. The Race is open to all boats with a valid 2025 PHRF certificate and a rating of no greater than 225. Consult the NE PHRF site (<http://www.phrfne.org>).
- 2.4. Entry information is available on the Buzzards Yacht Club website (www.buzzardsyc.org). Go to Racing then Registrations. All registration and payment will be done online with the Buzzards Regatta Network website
- 2.5. Entries can be made online up to 48 hours prior to the start of the race.

3. Scoring

3.1 Unless specified by the Race Committee, races will be sailed in two divisions, Racing/Spinnaker Class and Cruising/Non Spinnaker Class. **Racing Class:** Use of an asymmetrical spinnaker is permitted as per PHRF-NE By-Laws. **Cruising Class:** Use of any type of spinnaker (incl. "cruising" spinnakers), double headed headsail combinations (luffs attached to the forestay), or mizzen staysails are not permitted.

- 3.1. If the racing is cancelled for any day, the cancelled race will not be rescheduled.
- 3.2. Races results for each division will be based on time on distance allowances and declared PHRF handicaps.
- 3.3. Keeper trophies and Buzzards race pennants will be awarded to the top 2 finishers (if 5 boats or less) or top 3 finishers (if more than 5 boats) in each class.
- 3.4. Race results for each division will be posted on the Buzzards Yacht Club website (www.buzzardsyc.org)

4. Schedule of Events

- 4.1. The following schedule applies for each day of racing:

10:00	Course will be emailed to the registered racers
12:30	Committee Boat on station
12:30-12:50	Mandatory check in with RC (by hail or CH 78)
12:30-12:55	Course available from RC on course board or CH 78
12:55	Warning signal

1:00

Start signal for first Class

5. Equipment

- 5.1. All competitors are encouraged but not required to wear a PFD throughout the race.

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on the Regatta Networks Registration Site.
6.2. A limited number of sailing instructions may be available from the Committee Boat.

7. Race Area and Courses

- 7.1. Races will be start and finish off Scraggy Neck and Wings Neck.
7.2. Marks will be identified on the Buzzards PHRF Course Chart.
7.3. Course Chart and Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Regatta Networks Registration Site
7.4. **Racers will be required to mind Old Sigh Rock (SW Ledge) Red Nun #2 at all times.**

8. Starts

- 8.1 The start will be a conventional start format. The starting sequence for each Class will be under RRS 26 (5-4-1-0 minute flags and horn sounds)
8.2 The Cruising Class will start first followed by a separate starting sequence for the Racing Class. Race Committee reserves the right to combine the two starts into one start.