



38th Spring Round the Bay Race

Saturday June 6th, 2026
Starting Sequence begins at 11:30 EDT
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NOTE: THIS IS A STAGGERED START / PURSUIT RACE

The race will be managed by the Mattapoisett Yacht Club Race Committee who shall have the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the race, to decide protests; and to reject the entry of any yacht at any time prior to the preparatory signal for the start of that race, that in their opinion, is not seaworthy or does not comply with the spirit of the rules and conditions of the race.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNER'S AND SKIPPER'S

The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole responsibility of the skipper, who must ensure that the yacht is seaworthy and manned by a competent crew. The skipper must ensure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and the crew knows where it is kept and how it is used. Neither the establishment of equipment regulations nor any inspection of a yacht in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a yacht's skipper. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the skipper and crew of a yacht to decide whether to start or continue in the race. The Mattapoisett Yacht Club is in no way responsible for accidents or injury to yachts or personnel suffered in any way or from any cause during or related to the "Spring Round the Bay Race"

ELIGIBILITY

The "Spring Round the Bay Race" is open to single hulled yachts with a 2026 PHRF-NE Certificate with a cruising rating of **257 or less**.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), and by these sailing instructions. Where conflicts occur among the rules, these sailing instructions shall take precedence.

Time allowances will be determined by the Race Committee based on a yacht's PHRF-NE rating.

Racing Class: Use of an asymmetrical or symmetrical spinnakers as per PHRF-NE By-Laws.

Non-Spinnaker 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.

ENTRY & ENTRY FEE

Entry fee for the Spring Round the Bay Race is: \$75.00 – MYC members and non-members
Eligible boats can register at Regatta Network, (Link on MYC website) by completing the official entry form. Each entry must be accompanied by the required entry fee to be considered valid.
The Entry must be received by the Mattapoisett Yacht Club, as prescribed on the race application, online by 2200 hours EDT, Thursday, June 4th, 2026.

A valid Entry requires the following (including for all MYC members):

- Completed Entry Form.
- A copy of the yachts 2026 PHRF-NE rating certificate if not issued by PHRF New England's Mattapoisett Fleet.
- Entry fee payment.
- All skippers are to provide a cell number to be used by the Race Committee to notify them by text of any cancellations or any relevant changes.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances that may cause a race cancellation or rescheduling, any refund of the entry fee will solely be determined by the Race Committee.

No refunds, other than as stated above, will be made upon withdrawal of an entry within 5 days of the scheduled race date.

Any refund made will be the Entry Fee less 7%.

A portion of the fees are used to help offset the costs MYC provides to the yachting community.

LATE ENTRIES

Entries received after the due date specified on the race applications may be accepted by the Race Committee as late entries up until the Committee Boat leaves the dock. A late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed for all late entries. Late entries may be assigned a starting time already on the scratch sheet, which may be later than their rating would call for.

CLASS CHANGES

Boats wishing to change class after the due date specified *may* be accepted by the Race Committee as late entries up until the Committee Boat leaves the dock. Class changes may be assigned a starting time already on the scratch sheet, which may be later than their rating would call for.

SCRATCH SHEET

Scratch Sheets (listing yacht names, sail numbers, ratings and starting time) will be posted on the website. Late entries or class changes may not appear on the scratch sheet.

AWARDS

First, Second, and Third Place - Racing and Non-Spinnaker Classes. The Race Committee reserves the right to add, limit or combine awards. Awards will be presented at the MYC Annual Dinner, or arrangements can be made to pick them up by contacting the Race organizer or an MYC Flag Officer. Awards for classes will be based on entry of two or more boats per class. The number of awards given per class will be as follows;

- 5 or more boats: First, second and third places
- 3 boats: First and second place only
- 2 boats: First place only.

START / FINISH

The START/FINISH Line shall be between an Orange Flag on the Committee Boat and Nye Ledge G "1" FL G 4s Bell. (RTB A).

The "Spring Round the Bay Race" has a staggered start. Yachts in class (racing or non-spinnaker) will start in order from the highest PHRF-NE rating on down as indicated on the Scratch Sheet.

THERE WILL BE A RACE STARTING SEQUENCE - WARNING SIGNAL AT 1130 EDT, to establish the official race time and the first start will be at 1135 EDT.

If the start is postponed, the listed starting order and time differences between each start shall be maintained when the starting sequence is resumed.

The finish position of a yacht for PHRF-NE is the actual order of finish in class, except for a shortened race or protest.

Course designation will be chosen and posted on the STARBOARD side of the Committee Boat prior to the Warning Signal of the Starting Sequence

THERE WILL BE A SOUND SIGNAL AT EACH LISTED START.

Because of the staggered starts, the handicaps will have been figured out ahead of time. In order to have flexibility in setting courses suited to prevailing conditions, starting times will be calculated for 6 courses and designated as follows;

Course Sheets (available on MYC's website)

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| Course 'T' | A, H, C, D, A | Course 'RT' | A,D,C,H,A | 19.3nm |
| Course 'V' | A, D, C, A | Course 'RV' | A, C, D, A | 15.5nm |
| Course 'W' | A, K, E, S, G, A | Course 'RW' | A, G, S, E, K, A | 17.1nm |
| Course 'X' | A, K, C, D, S, A | Course 'RX' | A, S, D, C, K, A | 19.5nm |
| Course 'Y' | A, K, C, D, S, G, A | Course 'RY' | A, G, S, D, C, K, A | 22.5nm |
| Course 'Z' | A, K, C, D, E, S, G, A | Course 'RZ' | A, G, S, E, D, C, K, A | 26.0nm |

A G "1" Bell, Nye Ledge

H.....MYC Race Buoy " H " @ aprox. 41. 38.809 N by 70. 47.0740 Southeast of Ned's Point

K..... R "2SE" Bell, West Island

C..... Pass South of Weepecket Islands

D G "13" Bell, Woods Hole

E..... G "9" Bell, Main Channel southeast of West Island

G R "2" Red Buoy Centerboard Shoal southwest of Bird Island

S..... G "3" Green Buoy Cleveland Ledge Channel southwest of Cleveland's light

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

In addition to the prescribed racing rules, yachts prior to their start are to stay clear of the immediate vicinity of the starting line after the warning signal except those yachts within 5 minutes of their starting signal. Any yacht, prior to 5 minutes of her start, who obstructs a starting yacht's progress in the immediate vicinity of the starting line (30 yards directly behind it) can be protested. If upheld, a penalty of 30 minutes shall be added to the protested yachts finish time.

In the event of fog, all turning marks must be sighted during their rounding and time of rounding entered into a log.

POSTPONEMENT / ABANDONMENT/ SHORTENED COURSE

In the event of severe weather, the race committee will postpone the race. It will be scheduled to be sailed at the same time the following day. If severe weather persists on the second day, the race will be canceled by the MYC Race Committee. Yachts should call the MYC Race Committee on **VHF channel 71** if there are any questions about severe weather. The Race Committee reserves the right to abandon and shorten the race. In the event the course is shortened, the Committee will use handicaps recomputed for the shortened course. The FINISH line will be between a BLUE flag on the Committee boat and the shortened mark. The Race Committee will attempt to notify all vessels of course changes by radio. Finishing positions will not be known until some later time.

Any yacht deciding to retire shall inform the Committee Boat either by hail or VHF radio.

PROTEST

The provisions of The Racing Rules of Sailing, Part 5 - Protests, Hearings, Misconduct and Appeals, will be followed except as modified by this circular. Verbal notice of intent to protest must be made to and acknowledged by the Race Committee on the Committee boat immediately after the protesting yacht has finished or retired; otherwise, the protest will be invalid. Protest shall be written and emailed to: racechair@mattapoisettyc.org before 1800 EDT, Sunday June 7th. Protest hearings are scheduled to begin at 1600 EDT, Saturday June 13th unless otherwise notified. Protest forms available at [US Sailing](#).

ENGINES

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.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will monitor **VHF channel 71**. Any yacht deciding to retire or having information to transmit to the Race Committee should use this frequency. In the event of cancellation of the race, an announcement will be made on this frequency in addition to displaying the appropriate visual signal.

TIME LIMIT

The first yacht to finish at or before 1730 hours EDT will establish a time limit for all other yachts to finish by 1830 hours EDT. A yacht failing to do so will be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF). In the event no yacht finishes by 1730 hours EDT, the race will be abandoned or shortened at the discretion of the race committee.

For additional information and registration for this event and any other MYC events, visit the website at www.mattapoisettyc.org

MEDIA

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photography and video footage taken of themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published in MYC publications and/or on its website and social media pages.