



## 2026 Series Racing

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Beverly Yacht Club (BYC)  
Marion, Massachusetts, 02738

### NOTICE OF RACE

*'[DP]' means that rule may be subject to a discretionary penalty.*

*'[NP]' means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 (Right to Protest).*

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. BYC's 2026 Series Racing is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS) and US Sailing Prescriptions for 2025-2028.
- 1.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials.
- 1.3. All competitors are reminded about the importance of compliance with RRS 2, RRS 4, and RRS 65 in any BYC racing event.
- 1.4. [NP] In accordance with RRS 40.2(c), RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) applies.
- 1.5. For PHRF Series Racing:
  - 1.5.1. RRS 52 is amended as follows: Competitors are permitted to use electrically powered winches for running rigging while racing.
  - 1.5.2. [DP] Competitors are required to remove anchors from their bow pulpits while racing.
- 1.6. One-design boats in compliance with their respective class rules are eligible to race in one-design class races.
  - 1.6.1. Bullseye Class:
    - a. RRS 60.2 (a)(1) the phrase "if her hull length is longer than 6 metres," is deleted. A red flag must be displayed when protesting.
    - b. Genoas are not permitted unless a specific race allows for their use.

- c. Spinnakers are permitted for certain races per section 7 *Schedule*.

#### 1.6.2. H-12 Class:

- a. RRS 60.2(a)(1) the phrase “if her hull length is longer than 6 metres,” is deleted. A red flag must be displayed when protesting.
- b. Under RRS 87, *H12 Class Rule* under “Bylaw II, Purpose 1,” will be changed to allow Cape Cod Shipbuilding versions of the H12 to participate in all BYC Series Races and Fall Races. An H Class letter regarding this change is posted on the bulletin board on the BYC porch.
- c. Spinnakers are permitted for certain races per section 7 *Schedule*.

#### 1.6.3. Shields Class:

Under RRS 87, *Shields Class Rule III-4.0*, “Basic Rules Governing Deviations from the Specifications,” will be changed to allow for the use of experimental spinnakers, carbon fiber spinnaker poles, and loose-footed mainsails. A Shields Class letter regarding this change is posted on the bulletin board on the BYC porch.

#### 1.6.4. J-80 Class:

All Series Races are “Open” events in accordance with Section C of *the J/80 Class Rules*.

- 1.6.5. RRS60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident; or.

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Beverly Yacht Club 2026 Series Sailing Instructions will be available by Friday, May 22, 2026.

## 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board for the series at Regatta Network <https://www.regattanetwork.com/html/calendar.php> and courtesy copies may be posted on the bulletin board on the porch at the Beverly Yacht Club.
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 72.
- 3.3. On the water, the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF radio. The failure of a boat to hear a courtesy broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1 (a) (Redress).
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the last boat finishes, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. 3 series are scheduled for Thursday Twilight Shields, J/80, Bullseye, and H12.
- 4.2. 2 series are scheduled for Saturday Afternoon Shields and Wednesday Twilight PHRF racing.
- 4.3. PHRF
  - 4.3.1. Every boat participating in PHRF races must have a current, valid PHRF-NE certificate. New or renewal certificates can be acquired from PHRF New England at [www.phrfne.org](http://www.phrfne.org)
  - 4.3.2. Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate considering the value of the boats racing and type of racing.
- 4.4. Registration for all series is online and can be found at <https://beverlyyachtclub.org/racing>. To be scored in a series, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees where necessary prior to the start of the first race in which she wants to be scored. A boat will be scored DNC for races in which she sails but was not registered.
- 4.5. Unregistered Participation
  - 4.5.1. An unregistered boat may compete, but her participation will not count towards series qualification.
  - 4.5.2. An unregistered boat may be eligible for a daily prize provided that she was not intentionally unregistered.
  - 4.5.3. The OA may, at their discretion, decide that an unregistered boat may not compete.
- 4.6. Membership in US Sailing is strongly encouraged.

#### **5. FEES**

- 5.1. There is no fee for a Beverly Yacht Club member boat.
- 5.2. PHRF and One-Design for non-BYC member boats will pay an entry fee of \$200 per series at the time of registration at Regatta Networks.

## 6. QUALIFYING

Each registered boat must be scored (except DNC) in at least two-thirds of the races completed (rounded up to the next integer) in a Series to qualify for the Series as demonstrated in the table below:

<b>Series Races Completed</b>	<b>Races Needed to Qualify</b>	<b>Discards</b>
1	1	0
2	2	0
3	2	1
4	3	1
5	4	1
6	4	2
7	5	2
8	6	2
9	6	3
10	7	3
11	8	3
12	8	4
13	9	4
14	10	4
15	10	5
16	11	5
<i>Each race thereafter</i>	<i>Two-thirds of the number of races completed rounded up to the next integer</i>	<i>Every third races scored adds a discard</i>

## 7. SCHEDULE

### 7.1. Series Dates: PHRF

Series 1: Wednesday, May 27 to Wednesday, July 1, 2026  
Series 2: Wednesday, July 8 to Sunday, September 2, 2026

### 7.2. Series Dates: Bullseyes/H12s/Shields/J80s

Series 1: Tuesday, May 26 to Sunday, June 28, 2026  
Series 2: Tuesday, July 7 to Sunday, August 2, 2026  
Series 3: Tuesday, August 4 to Sunday, September 6, 2026  
Fall: Sunday, September 13 to Sunday, September 27, 2026

### 7.3. Series Dates: Saturday Shields

Series 1: Saturday June 20, 2026 to Saturday, August 1, 2026  
\*\* This includes Super Saturday, August 1.  
Series 2: Saturday August 8, 2026 to Saturday, September 5, 2026

### 7.4. Tuesday Twilight Series – Bullseyes and H12s:

- 7.4.1. First warning signal is 1800.
- 7.4.2. On August 18, 25, and September 1, first warnings will be 1730.
- 7.4.3. Two races are scheduled for each class. Spinnakers are permitted.
- 7.4.4. Tuesday Twilight H12 races will not be series scored.

### 7.5. Series 1 and Series 2 Wednesday Twilight - PHRF Class 1 Spinnaker, Class 2 Non-Spinnaker, Class 3 Non-Spinnaker:

- 7.5.1. First warning signal is 1800. One race is scheduled for each class per evening.
- 7.5.2. The appropriate class flag shall be flown from each boat's stern from the warning signal until she finishes.
- 7.5.3. Non-spinnaker class rating groups will be included on the Regatta Network registration page. A boat may not change her class during a series.

### 7.6. Thursday Afternoon Series - Ladies' Bullseyes and H12s:

- 7.6.1. First warning signal is 1400. Two races are scheduled for each class with the second race intended for crew helming. Skippers helming the second race are required to inform the Race Committee and her score will be excluded.
- 7.6.2. Spinnakers are not permitted.

### 7.7. Thursday Twilight Series - J/80s and Shields:

- 7.7.1. First warning signal is 1800. Two races are scheduled for each class per evening.

7.7.2. On August 20, August 27, and September 3, the first warning signal will be 1730.

**7.8. Saturday Afternoon Series- Shields:**

7.8.1. First warning signal is 1400. Two races are scheduled per day with no start after 1600.

7.8.2. On Saturday, August 1, the first warning signal will be 1100 and five races are scheduled.

**7.9. Sunday Afternoon Series- Bullseyes and H12s:**

7.9.1. First warning signal is 1400. Two races are scheduled for each class per day.

7.9.2. Spinnakers are not permitted for Bullseyes but are permitted for H12s in the second race. If a third race is requested spinnakers are permitted; the race is not scored for the series.

**7.10. Fall Sunday**

First warning signal is 1030, multiple (up to five) races are scheduled for each class per day. Spinnakers are not permitted for Bullseyes and H12s but are permitted for J/80 and Shields.

**8. INSPECTION/MEASUREMENT**

Boats competing are subject to inspection by the Principal Race Officer or Race Committee Chair at any time. A boat may be excluded from racing for the day, the series, or the season if they fail to meet safety requirements or failure to comply with its racing handicap certificate or its one-design Class rules. The OA, at its sole discretion, may not allow a boat to participate in a race or series.

**9. VENUE**

**PHRF and One-Design:** Racing will take place in outer Sippican Harbor and Buzzards Bay.

**10. COURSES**

The Race Committee will select courses as described in the Sailing Instructions. Course designations will be posted on the Race Committee boat.

**11. PENALTIES**

11.1. RRS Appendix V will apply in its entirety.

11.2. All post-race penalties must be taken before 1700 on the following Sunday regardless of whether a protest was filed. This changes RRS V2(a).

**12. SCORING**

12.1. PHRF boats shall be scored using PHRF-NE rating Time-On-Distance (TOD).

12.2. One Design boats will be scored using the Low Point System (RRS A4).

12.3. RRS A5.3 applies for all fleets.

12.4. For every three races scored, a boat's worst score will be excluded (e.g., three races = one discard, six

races = two discards). See table under section 6.

12.5. The PRO may score a race only when a minimum of three boats starts a race or did not return to the starting area and were scored OCS. This changes RRS90.3(a).

12.6. Changes to RRS Appendix A10.

12.6.1 **BYE** score will be calculated as the average of points to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward) for all the races that the boat raced in the Series including all throw outs. **BYE** scores cannot make up more than 25% and not more than two of a boat's series scores. A **BYE** score counts as a race for qualification in a series.

A **BYE** may be granted for the following:

- (a) for a boat when its skipper misses a BYC Series race (that is not abandoned) to participate in a district or national championship event, with the prior notice to and approval of the Race Committee Chair.
- (b) on an emergency basis for those races where the assigned Principal Race Officer (PRO) is absent, a volunteer skipper from the scheduled race acts as the PRO, and their boat does not race. The fleet selects the skipper (if qualified) to fill-in for the PRO if no other arrangements can be made.

12.6.2 **TLE** (Time Limit Expired) scored same as DNF.

### 13. PRIZES

13.1 Daily prizes will be given immediately following racing throughout a Series for first, second, and third places for all Series Racing for each race (including crew races).

13.2 The Thursday Afternoon - Ladies' Bullseyes and H12s series award is based only on the skipper race (race #1).

13.3 If fewer than 50% of the scheduled races in a Series are scored, the Series shall be abandoned, and no Series prizes will be awarded.

13.4 In each series, first prize shall be awarded for each series (if not abandoned) to a qualified (see Section 6) boat for that series. When four boats participate in a series, second place shall be awarded to a qualified boat and when five boats participate, third place shall be awarded to a qualified boat. A participant is an entered boat that has been scored in at least one race in the series other than DNC.

13.5 Perpetual trophies shall also be awarded at Cups & Flags on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Special prizes are described on the BYC website.

### 14. MEDIA

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

### 15. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in BYC's Summer and Fall Series racing, 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 racing.

## **16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Competitors may contact the following persons for additional information:

Protest chair: Peter Quandt - [pquandt@comcast.net](mailto:pquandt@comcast.net)

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