

PARKER CONVERSE TOWER RACE

JULY 14, 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is the Beverly Yacht Club.

2. GOVERNING RULES

2.1 The race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), with US SAILING Prescriptions, including Appendix V, except as changed by this Notice of Race or by the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 All competitors are reminded of the importance of compliance with RRS 67.

2.3 RRS 52 is amended as provided for under RRS 86.1(c) as follows: Competitors are permitted to use electrically-powered winches for running rigging while racing.

2.4 Changes to the Sailing Instructions or Schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board (located on the BYC porch) at least 24 hours prior to the first scheduled warning signal. Changes to the Sailing Instructions, excluding the schedule of the race, may also be posted on the Race Committee boat prior to the warning signal and after displaying signal flag "L" and a radio announcement by the Race Committee on VHF c 72.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 This race is open to all single-hull sailboats with a current, valid PHRF certificate.

3.2 *All boats shall have proper offshore equipment that meets the US SAILING Safety Equipment Requirements for a Coastal Race.*

3.3 Entry Deadline

Eligible Boats may enter by completing the registration online through Regatta Networks by 1800 on Thursday, July 12, 2018. Non-BYC boats will pay a registration fee of \$55 at the time of registration.

3.4 There is a minimum registration requirement of five sailboats for each racing Class by this deadline.

3.5 A crew list, including name, and emergency contact name and telephone number, is required and included as part of the registration process.

3.6 Classes

At its sole discretion, the OA may divide the registrants into multiple divisions. It is the OA's intent to have one Racing (Spinnaker) Class and two Cruising (Non-spinnaker) Classes.

4. INSPECTION/MEASUREMENT

Sailboats competing are subject to inspection and/or measurement by the Club Measurer, Marion Fleet Handicapper, Race Committee Chair, or Race Officer at any time. A boat may be excluded from racing for failure to meet safety requirements or failure to comply with its racing handicap certificate. The Race Committee, at its sole discretion, may allow or not allow a sailboat to participate in a race.

5. START

5.1 The first warning signal will be at 1230.

5.2 The start will be in the vicinity of Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (Fl R) at Centerboard Shoal (BYC mark "G"). The finish will be at Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (Fl R) at Centerboard Shoal (BYC mark "G").

6. COURSE

A sailboat can choose to sail the Tower Race course in either direction:

(1) A sailboat must first pass through Quick's Hole; round Lighted Gong G31 (Gay Head a/k/a Devils Bridge), leaving G31 to starboard; and then round Buzzards Bay Tower, leaving the Tower, Cuttyhunk, and Penikese Island to starboard,

OR

(2) A sailboat must sail the course in reverse by first rounding Buzzards Bay Tower, leaving Cuttyhunk, Penikese Island, and the Tower to port; then round Lighted Gong G31 (Gay Head a/k/a Devils Bridge), leaving G31 to port; and then pass through Quick's Hole.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted online on the BYC's public race page before May 1, 2018. Printed copies are available upon request.

8. PENALTIES

RRS Appendix V will apply in its entirety. (This alters RRS 44.1)

9. PROTEST HEARINGS

The Protest Committee will hear protests properly filed for the Parker Converse Tower Race at BYC on 7/22/18 at 1700.

10. SAFETY

10.1 All competitors shall wear properly fastened, USCG-approved personal flotation devices while starting and finishing, without exception, and at all other times except when the captain directs that the devices may be set aside.

10.2 VHF c. 72 is the hailing channel for the Race Committee. The Race Committee will monitor VHF c. 72 and will provide safety information on VHF c. 72. As part of the BYC Racing Safety Plan, every competing boat is required to carry a VHF radio and to monitor VHF c. 72 from the preparatory signal and while racing, and shall notify the Race Committee on VHF c. 72 if they retire from racing.

10.3 All skippers and crew should be familiar with the BYC Safety Protocol which is posted on the public Race page of the BYC website.

11. PRIZES

11.1 Prizes will be awarded at Cups & Flags, 1800, September 23, 2018

12. POST RACE

12.1 Dessert and coffee will be served at the Club House after the finish.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Competitors participate in BYC series racing and special races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Jon Pope, at jedpope@me.com.