

PARKER CONVERSE TOWER RACE

JULY 25, 2020

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 boats shall have proper offshore equipment that meets the [US SAILING Safety Equipment Requirements for a Coastal Race](#).

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

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2.5 Competitors in PHRF races are required to remove anchors from their bow pulpits while racing.

2.6 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.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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

3.2 Entry Deadline

Eligible Boats may enter by completing the registration online through Regatta Networks by 1800 on Thursday, July 23, 2020. Non-BYC boats will pay a registration fee of \$55 at the time of registration.

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

3.4 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

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

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 public race page and On Regatta Networks on or before 1800 on July 23, 2020. 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 July 26, 2020 at 1700.

10. SAFETY

10.1 *All competitors shall wear properly fastened, USCG-approved personal flotation devices at all times. This changes RRS 40.*

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

10.3 Boats shall notify the Race Committee on VHF CH 72 or by calling the BYC (508-748-0540) if they retire from racing.

10.4 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 There will be no prizes awarded.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 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.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Beverly PHRF Fleet Captain, Mark Lindquist:
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