



2025 THAYER FRANCIS MOONLIGHT RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Beverly Yacht Club (BYC)

Friday, August 8, 2025

Backup Date: To be determined

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. The race 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 (Fair Sailing), RRS 4 (Acceptance of the Rules), and US Prescriptions RRS 65.1 (Legal Liability and Costs) in any BYC racing event.
- 1.4. [NP] In accordance with RRS 40.2, Rule 40.1 (Personal Flotation Device) applies.
- 1.5. RRS 60.2 (a)(1) (Intention to Protest) the phrase "if her hull length is longer than 6 metres," is deleted. A red flag must be displayed when protesting.
- 1.6 Under RRS 87 (Changes to Class Rules), *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 Special Race. An H Class letter regarding this change is posted on the bulletin board on the BYC porch.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before Friday, August 1, 2025, at 1800 in Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29034>. Printed copies will be available from the BYC office upon request.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted in Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29034> and a courtesy copy may be posted on the bulletin board located on the porch at the Beverly Yacht Club.
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 72.

3.3. [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. This includes Smart phone Apps.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The race is open to all BYC and non-BYC Bullseyes and H12s.

4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration online at Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29034> no later than 2000 on Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

5. FEES

5.1. There is no fee for a Beverly Yacht Club member sailboat.

5.2. Non-BYC sailboats will pay an entry fee of \$75 at the time of registration.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

Single handing is not permitted.

7. SCHEDULE

The race will start after the moon rises on **Friday, August 8, 2025**, with the first warning signal at **2130**. Launch service will be available before and after the race.

8. EQUIPMENT

8.1. Spinnakers are permitted.

8.2. Bullseyes may use a working jib or genoa.

8.3. The following equipment is required and may be inspected or measured:

Two flashlights	Compass
Paddle or oar	Anchor
Flares	VHF radio
Air horn	Protest flag
Bucket or bailer	

9. INSPECTION/MEASUREMENT

Boats competing are subject to inspection by the Race Committee Chair, or Principal Race Officer at any time. A boat may be excluded from racing for failure to meet safety requirements or failure to comply with its one-design Class rules. The OA, at its sole discretion, may allow or not allow a sailboat to participate in a race or series. This changes RRS 60.2

10. VENUE

Racing will take place in outer Sippican Harbor.

11. COURSES

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

12. PENALTIES

12.1. RRS Appendix V will apply in its entirety.

12.2. 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) (Post-Race Penalties).

13. SCORING

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

13.2. RRS 90.3(a) (Scoring), 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.

14. PRIZES

When a minimum of three boats race in a class, prizes shall be awarded at Cups & Flags on Saturday, October 4, 2025, for first, second, and third places.

15. 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.

16. 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 this event, 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.

17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Competitors may contact the following individuals for additional information:

Event Chair: Tap Titherington – tap@tappant.com

Bullseye Fleet Representatives: Kathryn Collings – collings.marion@verizon.net

H12 Fleet Representatives: Ellen Bowler - bowler.ellen@gmail.com
Tom Crowley – tom_crowley@att.net

BYC Race Committee Chair: Ken Deyett - onedesignproperties@gmail.com