



2025 Spring, Summer, and Fall Series
The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Beverly Yacht Club (BYC)
Marion, Massachusetts, 02738

NOTICE OF RACE

Changed BYE to include Marion Bermuda Race 04/07/2025.

'[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 2025 Spring, Summer, and Fall Series Racing are 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 RRS 65 (Legal Liability and Costs) in any BYC racing event.
- 1.4. [NP] In accordance with RRS 40.2(c), RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Device) applies.
- 1.5. For PHRF Series Racing:
 - 1.5.1. RRS 52 (Manual Power) is amended as provided for under RRS 86.1(b) (Changes to the Racing Rules) 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) (Intention to Protest) the phrase "if her hull length is longer than 6 metres," is deleted. A red flag must be displayed when protesting.
 - b. Genoa's 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) (Intention to Protest) 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 (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 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 (Changes to Class Rules), *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*.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Spring, Summer, and Fall Series Sailing Instructions will be available by Friday May 16, 2025

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/clubmgmt/applet_club_events_combined.php?CLUB_ID=1026 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. Spring, Summer, and Fall Series racing is scheduled for PHRF Racing (spinnaker and non-spinnaker), Shields, J/80, Bullseye, and H12.
- 4.2. PHRF
 - 4.2.1. 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
 - 4.2.2. 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.
- 4.3. Registration for Spring, Summer, and Fall Series Racing 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.
- 4.4. Unregistered Participation
 - 4.4.1. An unregistered boat may compete, but her participation in that race will not be counted for the purpose of her qualification of that race in a series.
 - 4.4.2. An unregistered boat may be protested for a breach of a rule. If she is found to have broken a rule, her penalty shall apply to the next race in that BYC series in which she competes as a registered boat.
 - 4.4.3. The OA may, at their discretion, decide that an unregistered boat may not compete.
- 4.5. 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:

Series Races Completed	Races Needed to Qualify	Discards
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

Spring:	Tuesday May 27 to Sunday July 13, 2025
Summer:	Tuesday July 15 to Sunday August 31, 2025
Fall:	Sunday September 7 to October 5, 2025

Check the Beverly Yacht Club calendar for details and for special races or regattas that may affect series race dates.

7.2. Spring and Summer Tuesday Twilight – Bullseyes and H12s:

- 7.2.1. First warning signal is 1800. August 12, 19, and 26 first warnings will be 1730.
- 7.2.2. Two races are scheduled for each class. Spinnakers are permitted.
- 7.2.3. Tuesday Twilight H12 races will not be series scored.

7.3. Spring and Summer Wednesday Twilight - PHRF Class 1 Spinnaker, Class 2 Non-Spinnaker, Class 3 Non-Spinnaker:

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

7.4. Spring and Summer Thursday Afternoon - Ladies' Bullseyes and H12s:

- 7.4.1. 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.
- 7.4.2. Spinnakers are not permitted.

7.5. Spring and Summer Thursday Twilight - J/80s and Shields:

- 7.5.1. First warning signal is 1800. Two races are scheduled for each class per evening.
- 7.5.2. On August 14, August 21, and August 28, the first warning signal will be 1730.

7.6. Spring and Summer Saturday Afternoon - Shields:

- 7.6.1. First warning signal is 1400. Two races are scheduled per day with no start after 1600.
- 7.6.2. On Saturday, August 2, the first warning signal will be 1100 and five races are scheduled.
- 7.6.3. On Saturday, August 30 racing will be the [Shields National Tune-Up Regatta](#) and not be part of the summer series.

7.7. Spring and Summer Sunday Afternoon - Bullseyes and H12s:

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

7.7.2. 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.

7.8. 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 allow or 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 and specified in Attachment 1. Course designations will be posted on the Race Committee boat.

11. PENALTIES

11.1. RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) 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) (Post-Race Penalties).

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 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee) 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. 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.

12.6. Changes to RRS Appendix A10 (Scoring Abbreviations)

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 or in the Marion Bermuda Race (for a seven-day period beginning at the start of the race), 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 Spring and Summer 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 the Spring, Summer, or Fall 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 4, 2025. 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 - protest@beverlyyachtclub.org

Scorer: Jenny Memoli - scoring@beverlyyachtclub.org

Race chair: Kenneth Deyett - race@beverlyyachtclub.org

Documentation: Richard Robbins – webmaster@shieldsclass.com

Attachment 1 - Mark Table – BYC Racing 2025

Mark locations are used to generate the headings and distances between marks for the purpose of setting racecourses. BYC racing marks have been placed as accurately as possible at the locations specified, however they may move and should not be relied on for navigation.

Mark	Description	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)
2	Portable Gate Mark Companion to Prior Posted Mark	Portable Mark	
3	Sippican Harbor Lighted Green Buoy "3" (FI G 2.5s) East of Converse Pt	41° 40.50'	70° 44.40'
4	Portable Turning Jibe Mark Used with a Triangle Course	Portable Mark	
5	Sippican Harbor Green Can "5" East of Seal Rocks	41° 40.83'	70° 44.39'
8	Weepecket Rock Lighted Red Gong "8" (FI R 5s) (off chart)	41° 31.82'	70° 43.43'
A	BYC Yellow Can "A" West of Butler Point	41° 40.43'	70° 43.52'
B	Sippican Harbor Red Nun "6" South of Ram Island	41° 41.61'	70° 45.00'
C	BYC Yellow Can "C" West of Planting Island	41° 41.38'	70° 44.52'
D	BYC Yellow Can "D" Northeast of Seal Rocks	41° 41.12'	70° 44.73'
E	BYC Yellow Can "E" Southeast of Converse Point	41° 40.17'	70° 44.45'
F	BYC Yellow Can "F" South of Bird Island	41° 39.92'	70° 43.03'
G	Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (FI R 4s) at Centerboard Shoal, Southwest of Bird Island	41° 39.70'	70° 43.60'
H	BYC Yellow Can "H" at The Bow Bells, East of Point Connett, Mattapoisett	41° 39.20'	70° 44.40'
I	BYC Yellow Can "I" East of Angelica Point	41° 38.50'	70° 45.20'
J	Portable Turning Mark to Leeward of Start/Finish Line	Portable Mark	
K	West Island Red Bell "2SE" (off chart)	41° 34.10'	70° 48.80'
L	BYC Yellow Can "L" West of Cleveland Ledge Light	41° 38.00'	70° 43.00'
M	Bird Island Green Bell "3" Southeast of Bird Island	41° 40.00'	70° 42.37'
N	BYC Yellow Can "N" Southeast of Bird Island	41° 38.86'	70° 42.40'
O	Portable Offset Turning Mark Near Windward Turning Mark	Portable Mark	
P	Portable Alternate Finish Line Pin directly on opposite side of Signal Boat from Starting Line Pin	Portable Mark	
Q	Hog Island Channel Lighted Green Buoy "1" (Qk FI G) Southwest of Abiels Ledge	41° 40.93'	70° 40.77'
R	Cleveland Ledge Channel Lighted Green Gong "7" (FI G 4s) Northeast of Cleveland Light	41° 39.12'	70° 41.45'
S	Cleveland Ledge Channel Lighted Green Buoy "3" (Qk FI G) Southwest of Cleveland Light	41° 37.33'	70° 42.12'
T	BYC Yellow Can "T" Southeast of Angelica Point	41° 38.11'	70° 44.55'
U	Portable Pin End of Start/Finish Line to Port of Signal Boat	Portable Mark	
V	Portable Turning Mark a Short Distance to Windward of Start/Finish Line	Portable Mark	
W	Portable Windward Turning Mark at Bearing and Distance Posted on Signal Boat	Portable Mark	

X	BYC Yellow Can "X" East of Pease's Point	41° 39.50'	70° 45.01'
Y	BYC Yellow Can "Y" Southwest of the Cliffs	41° 40.81'	70° 43.89'
Z	Buzzards Bay Lighted Red Gong "10" (Fl R) Southeast of West Island (off chart)	41° 34.61'	70° 43.25'
Bully Rock	White Cylinder with an orange diamond on two opposite sides and two orange horizontal bands. This mark is designated as an obstruction for PHRF boats.	41° 40.12'	70° 43.33'