



2025 PARKER CONVERSE TOWER RACE

Saturday, July 12, 2025

Marion, Massachusetts 02738

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

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).
- 1.2. All boats shall have proper offshore equipment that meets the [US SAILING Safety Equipment Requirements for a Coastal Race](#) with the following modifications: Section 3.1.2 (life jacket features), 3.1.4 (Harness), 3.2.1 (Jacklines), 3.7.2 (Additional Man Overboard Pole), Section 3.16.2 (EPIRB/PLB) and Section 4.3.2 (Safety at Sea Seminar) are all strongly recommended but not required.
- 1.3. [DP] Per USSER 3.8.1 (1) each boat shall have an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channel 72.
- 1.4. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials.
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. [NP] In accordance with RRS 40.2, 40.1 (Personal Flotation Device) applies while on deck.
- 1.7. RRS 52 (Manual Power) is amended as follows: Competitors are permitted to use electrically powered winches for running rigging while racing.
- 1.8. Double handed competitors are permitted to use an autopilot while racing. This changes RRS 52 (Manual Power).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on Friday, July 11, 2025, by 1800 on the Regatta Network notice board at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29033>.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board for the race in Regatta Network at the Regatta Network notice board <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29033>.
- 3.2. Each boat shall carry at least one cell phone, the number of which is on file with the race committee, and which is kept on and charged while racing.
- 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. This race is open to all monohull sailboats with a current, valid PHRF NE certificate. Boats with unofficial PHRF-NE ratings will not be permitted to race.
- 4.2. Eligible Boats may enter by completing the [registration](#) online through Regatta Network by 1800 on Thursday, July 10, 2025.
- 4.3. There is a minimum registration requirement of three boats for each class.
- 4.4. A complete crew list, including name, and emergency contact name and telephone number, is required and included as part of the registration process. Changes to the crew list can be made until registration closes at 1800 on Thursday July 10, 2025. Any crew changes made after registration closes must be emailed to the event chair.
- 4.5. It is the OA's intent to have one Spinnaker Class, at least one Non-Spinnaker Class, and a Doublehanded Class. At its sole discretion, the OA may divide the registrants into multiple divisions.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Non-BYC boats will pay an entry fee of \$75 at the time of registration.
- 5.2. There is no fee for a Beverly Yacht Club member boat.

6. SCHEDULE

The scheduled time of the first warning signal is **1230 Saturday, July 12, 2025.**

7. INSPECTION/MEASUREMENT

Sailboats competing are subject to inspection and/or measurement by the Marion Fleet Handicapper, Event Chair, Principal Race Officer, or Race Committee Chair 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 or class rules. The Race Committee, at its sole discretion, may or may not allow a sailboat to participate in a race.

8. VENUE

The start will be in the vicinity of Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (FI R 4s) at Centerboard Shoal, Southwest of Bird Island (41 39.70N, 70 43.60W, BYC mark "G"). The finish will be at Sippican Harbor Lighted Red Buoy "2" (FI R 4s) at Centerboard Shoal, Southwest of Bird Island (41 39.70N, 70 43.60W, BYC mark "G").

9. COURSES

Competitors *may choose to sail the course in one of two directions.*

- 9.1. **Course One:** A sailboat must first pass through Quicks Hole; round Lighted Gong G31 (Gay Head a/k/a Devils Bridge), leaving G31 to starboard; and then rounding Buzzards Bay Entrance Light Tower, BUZZARDS, 41°23.826 N, 71°2.080W), leaving the Tower, Cuttyhunk, and Penikese Island to starboard.
- 9.2. **Course Two:** A sailboat must sail the course in reverse by first rounding Buzzards Bay Entrance Light Tower, BUZZARDS, 41°23.826 N, 71°2.080W), 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 Quicks Hole.

10. PENALTIES

- 10.1. RRS Appendix V ([Alternative Penalties](#)) will apply in its entirety.
- 10.2. 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](#)).

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Prizes will include 1st place, 2nd if four or more participants (any score other than DNC) in a class, and 3rd if six or more participants in a class.
- 11.2. The Parker Converse Tower Race is a Buzzards Bay Trophy qualifying race among area clubs; the trophy is awarded to the PHRF-NE yacht with the best combined score in four of the eight races.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Competitors may contact the following individuals for additional information:

- Event Chair and BYC PHRF Fleet Representative: Ed Dailey – ejdnetwork@gmail.com
- BYC PHRF Fleet Representative: Barry Steinberg – bmjb@comcast.net
- Race Officer: Tracy McNeil - tltmcneil@verizon.net
- Protest chair: Katie Collins - protest@beverlyyachtclub.org
- Scorer: Jenny Memoli - scoring@beverlyyachtclub.org