



**2024 BUZZARDS BAY MULTIHULL REGATTA
NOTICE OF RACE**

Racing: July 26-27-28, 2024

Organizing Authority (OA): **New England Multihull Association**

Hosted by **Beverly Yacht Club (BYC)**

99 Water St.

Marion, MA

Principal Race Officer (TBD)

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (RRS)*.
- 1.2 All classes will be required to comply with the current US Multihull Safety Equipment Requirements: Nearshore. <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Multihull-SER-2022.0-Nearshore.pdf>.
- 1.3 All competitors and support personnel shall comply with BYC directives regarding parking and use of BYC facilities and with reasonable requests from regatta officials. The protest committee may, at its discretion, assess a penalty after a hearing for breaches of this rule, including dismissal from the event.
- 1.4 By participating in this regatta, each competitor grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television or other reproductions of him or her made during the period of the regatta without compensation.

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2. Eligibility

- 2.1 The event is open to all multihulls holding a valid 2024 NEMA rating certificate of 105 or less. (Note: for non-NEMA members, a special rating certificate can be obtained. *See Addendum.*)
- 2.2 A minimum of five paid entries of the same design/build makes a class. Example: Corsair/Farrier F27; Corsair 28/28R; Corsair 31; Farrier designs including F25C, F9; TF-10; Gunboat.
- 2.3 Each skipper shall be a current member of US Sailing or of his or her own national authority.
- 2.4 Any competitor (skipper or crew) who will be under 18 years of age at any time during the regatta shall provide a release for medical care signed by a parent or guardian.

3. Entry, Check-in & Sailing Instruction Availability

- 3.1 Each participant must apply for a 2024 NEMA Rating Certificate through the NEMASAIL.ORG website on or before **Wednesday June 22, 2024**.

- 3.2 Waivers of liability in the form attached hereto as **Attachment A** shall be signed and submitted by fax, electronic upload (in PDF format) or signed at check-in (see NOR 5).
- 3.3 Entry, including payment of the entry fee, is online only at yachtscore.com.
- 3.4 No onsite entry is available.
- 3.5 An entry is not complete until all entry fees are paid, waiver(s) signed, and a representative of each boat has checked in at the designated host club during one of the times listed in NOR 5.
- 3.6 Sailing Instructions will be available online not later than July 19, 2024 and at check-in.

4. Entry Fees and Payment

- 4.1 Registration fee is \$250.00 per boat and includes one dinner ticket and one NEMA BBMR T-Shirt.
- 4.2 Entries received after **Monday July 8, 2024**, shall include a late entry surcharge of \$40.00.
- 4.3 Entry fees are non-refundable after July 8, 2024..
- 4.4 Additional dinner tickets for Saturday night may be purchased for \$35.00, each.

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Commented [BML(3R2)]: Avram basically volunteered to do this.

5. Schedule

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| Thursday, May 31 | Entry opens-online only. |
| Monday, July 8 | Last day to enter without paying late entry fee |
| Tuesday, July 9 | Late entry fees begin to apply (all entries) |
| Friday, July 19 | Last day to enter (late fees apply). |
| Thursday, July 25 | 1700-2000 On-site check-in at BYC |
| Friday, July 26 | 0900-1000 On-site check-in at BYC |
| | 1130 First Warning signal for distance race |
| | 1700 Post-Race Social. |
| Saturday, July 27 | 1100 First Warning signal for first race. |
| | 1700 Post-Race Social/Dinner at BYC |
| Sunday, July 28 | 1000 First Warning signal for first race. |
| | 1330 No race shall start after 1330 |
| | 1600 Post-race Social/Awards. |

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6. Racing Areas and Courses

- 6.1. Racing will be in the northeast portion of Buzzards Bay south of Sippican Harbor.
- 6.2. The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.3. On Friday, July 26, all boats/classes will sail one distance race. The Friday distance race shall count as two (2) races in the series. Races on Saturday and Sunday will be windward/leeward courses.

Commented [ME5]: I am not sure this is the correct wording. I thought that there was a trophy for the winner of the distance race and it would also count for the overall weekend results.

7. Scoring

- 7.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the Racing Rules shall apply.
- 7.2. There will be one throw-out if 4 or more races have been completed.
- 7.3. The race committee intends to run as many races as practicable.
- 7.4. One completed race will constitute a series.
- 7.5. A boat racing with any sail number different from the number on her entry form (or as corrected in writing at check-in) will be scored "DNC" without a hearing. This changes RRS rules 63.1, A5 and G4.

8. Prizes

- 8.1 Series prizes will be awarded for first through third places in each class with five or more boats.
- 8.2. Additional awards may be presented.
- 8.3 An overall prize shall be presented.
- 8.4 The BBMR will be counted toward the Triple Crown prize for the boat/crew that gets best combined score in the Black Dog Dash (July 20); BBMR; and the Newport Unlimited (August 10-11).

9. Radio Communications

- 9.1. The race committee will use VHF radio for courtesy communications to boats in all classes.

10. Disclaimer of Liability

- 10.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Each entrant shall be required to sign a waiver of all claims against the OA and the BYC in the form attached hereto as **Attachment A**.
- 10.2. NEMA and the BYC accept no liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained by participants, including vessel owners, skippers and crew at any time including, without limitation, launching, sailing, maneuvering, mooring or docking vessels in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

11. Insurance

- 11.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per incident. The Organizing Authority does not accept any responsibility for verifying that a boat has required insurance. The owner and/or skipper of each participating boat shall be responsible for any personal injury or property damage caused by such boat or by its skipper or its crew.

12. Contact Information

For further information, please contact via e-mail:

NEMA Commodore andyholding@gmail.com;

Vice-Commodore Peter Vakhutinsky, pvakhutinsky@gmail.com;

Race Committee Chair Mark Bussard, mark.bussard@comcast.net; and through <https://vachtscoring.com>.

Commented [ALH6]: Does this mean it's discretionary? We've all experienced difficulty in hearing non-amplified horns and I'd hope we have all signals broadcast by VHF.

Commented [BML(7R6)]: It's required to have a VHF radio in the Safety Requirements. The RC always treat those communications as courtesy, because according to the rules the course board at the boat and the flags take precedence and are considered the official communication. Bring your binoculars!

RATING ADDENDUM

- Skippers with NEMA Ratings shall use their ratings. BBMR skippers who are not NEMA members will be rated using the best available 2022/2023 data. The sources can be local data NEMA has on file, IRC, Portsmouth Yardstick, SCHRS, PHRF, or other regional organizers with supporting rating data. Example; AYC, SSS, BAMA, etc. The NEMA RC Rating(s) issued for BBMR will be final and non-negotiable for the event.
- Foiling boats will be rated based on available data and scored in a separate class if there are a minimum of 5 boats to form a class.

**ATTACHMENT A
WAIVER**

Each entrant is required to sign this waiver (the "Waiver") as a condition of participation in the Buzzards Bay Multihull Regatta (BBMR).

Acting for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, and in consideration of New England Multihull Association (NEMA) and Beverly Yacht Club (BYC) (the "Organizations") acceptance of my entry into and participation in the BBMR, including, without limitation, their supervision and scoring of races, I hereby agree that:

A. **RULES AND REGULATIONS:** I shall abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of the Organizations, including any and all safety measures required by the Organizations.

B. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK:** I acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of sailing, and I recognize that participation in the BBMR involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury or death.

C. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in the BBMR. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me or my crew or our agents at the BBMR.

D. **RELEASE:** I hereby release from liability and waive any claims against the Organizations, their principals, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, and any other person or entity acting by, for or through them (the "Released Parties") with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the BBMR, including claims of liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

E. **COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:** This document sets forth the complete understanding between me and the Organizations regarding the risks and liabilities associated with participation in the BBMR. Any written or oral representations, statements or modifications of this Waiver shall be of no effect unless in writing and signed by me and by authorized representatives of the Organizations. If any provision of this Waiver is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Waiver and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY IN FAVOR OF NEMA AND BYC. I HEREBY ACCEPT AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS WAIVER IN CONNECTION WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN THE BBMR.

Participant's name: _____

Participant's signature: _____

Participant's Address: _____

Vessel Name and Sail Number: _____

NEMA Membership: Y/N

Date: _____2024.