



## 2024 BUZZARDS BAY MULTIHULL REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Racing: July 26-28, 2024**

Organizing Authority (OA): New England Multihull Association

Hosted by Beverly Yacht Club (BYC)

99 Water St. Marion, MA

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The Notation (DP) in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that a penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

### 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/2023/10/Multihull\\_SER\\_2023.1-Nearshore.pdf](https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Multihull_SER_2023.1-Nearshore.pdf)

### 2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 3. Communications with Competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Yacht Scoring [https://yachtscore.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm](https://yachtscore.com/notice_board_summary.cfm) and on the BYC porch.

3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 74.

### 4. Code of Conduct

4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

### 5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the BYC flagpole.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

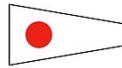
6 **Schedule of Races**

6.1	Friday, July 26	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.

7 **Class Flag**

7.1 The class flags are:

There will be only one class for this event. The class flag will be the numeral 1 pennant.



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8.1 **Racing Area**

Racing will be in the northeast portion of Buzzards Bay south of Sippican Harbor

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9.1 **COURSES**

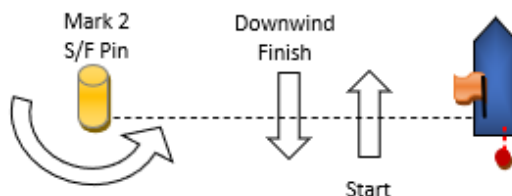
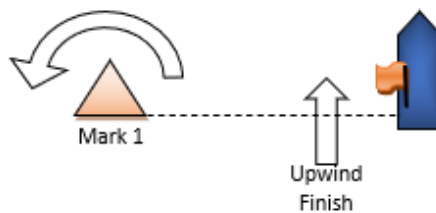
The diagrams below show the course layout and a description of the courses with the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left

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No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will

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designating the course and approximate compass bearing of the first leg. Mark 2 will be the Pin End of the Start Finish Line and shall be left to port when not finishing.



- W2 Start – M1 – Finish Downwind
- W3 Start – M1 – M2 – Finish Upwind
- W4 Start – M1 – M2 – M1 – Finish Downwind

**10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks 1 will be an orange inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 New marks will be inflatable yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.3 Mark 2 and the starting mark will be a yellow inflatable cylinder.
- 10.4 The finish mark for W2 and W4 will be a yellow inflatable cylinder.
- 10.5 The finish mark for W3 will be Mark 1

**THE START**

**11 Races will be started using RRS 26.**

- 11.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 11.5 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

**12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

**13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the starboard end course side of the starting mark.
- 13.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee on Channel 74.

**14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 RRS Appendix V will apply in its entirety. This alters RRS 44.1.
- 14.2 All post-race penalties must be requested before the protest time limit expires, regardless of whether a protest was filed. This changes V2(a).

**15 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**

- 15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below. Time Limits and Finishing windows do not apply to the distance race that is scheduled for July 28.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
<i>60 minutes</i>	<i>120 minutes</i>	<i>45 minutes</i>

- 15.2** If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3** The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place [one] more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.4** Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 16 HEARING REQUESTS**
- 16.1** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee boat docks. The Protest Time Limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2** Hearing request forms are available from the protest desk on the BYC porch.
- 16.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Beverly Yacht Club house.
- 16.4** All protest committee decisions will be posted after the hearing is held.
- 16.5** All requests for redress must be submitted within the Protest Time Limit or within 30 minutes after learning of the reason for making a request for Redress. This changes RRS 62.2 (a) and 66.2 (a)
- 16.6** The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in RRS70.5
- 17 SCORING**
- 17.1** The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the Racing Rules shall apply. There will be one throw-out if 4 or more races have been completed.
- 17.2** The race committee intends to run as many races as practicable. One completed race will constitute a series.
- 17.3** 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 60.1 (b), and 63.1. as it will not be grounds for requesting redress.
- 18 Safety Regulations**
- 18.1** [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.
- 20 **OFFICIAL VESSELS**
- 20.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows: with a Race Committee flag
- 21 **PRIZES**
- 21.1 Series prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each class with 5 or more boats.
- 21.2 Additional awards may be presented.
- 22 **RISK STATEMENT**
- 22.1 RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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 changes 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.**
- 22.2 The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or, prior to, during or after racing.
- 23 **INSURANCE**
- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of **\$300,000** per incident or the equivalent.
- 24 **DISTANCE RACE**
- 24.1 The distance race course will be announced at the skippers meeting and on the notice board. An addendum to the SI's will be provided at minimum 1 day prior to the scheduled start. The possible courses will be provided in the addendum and available on Yacht Scoring.
- 24.2 The finishing window time limit for the distance race will be 90 minutes from the first boat to finish.
- 24.3 The race committee, at its discretion, may choose to shorten the course.