

2008 BUZZARDS BAY REGATTA

NOTICE OF RACE

July 31, August 1, 2 & 3, 2008

Revised 6/10/2008, 7/2/2008, 7/14/2008, 7/23/2008, 7/29/2008

Organizing Authority: Buzzards Bay Regatta, Inc.

Regatta Headquarters: Beverly Yacht Club ("BYC"), Marion, MA 02738

Hosts: Beverly Yacht Club & Community Boating Center of New Bedford, MA ("CBC")

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS"). The [Expressly for Fun](#) ("EFF") class will be governed by the "Introductory Rules for Racing," as published by the International Sailing Federation.
- 1.2 The PHRF, IRC, Multihull, J/80, J/105 and J/109 classes will be required to comply with the current *ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Racing including US SAILING Prescriptions* for a Category 5 race.
- 1.3 All PHRF boats will be required to comply with the PHRF-New England crew weight limits. (See <http://www.phrfne.org/page/569>). The number of people aboard an EFF boat shall not exceed the number of berths.
- 1.4 29er, 505, Club 420, Laser, Laser Radial, and Vanguard 15 competitors will be required to wear a properly fastened USCG-approved personal flotation device while racing. All other competitors shall wear a properly fastened USCG-approved personal flotation device while starting and finishing; and at all other times unless directed otherwise by the captain.
- 1.5 RRS 44.1, 63 and 64 will be changed to permit arbitration to be used to resolve protests.
- 1.6 All competitors and support personnel shall comply with the parking, launching and hauling, and support boat regulations, and shall comply with reasonable requests from regatta officials. The competitor and the boat with which he is associated may be penalized at the discretion of the protest committee for breaches of this rule.
- 1.7 The Sailing Instructions will change RRS 52 to permit the use of powered winches.
- 1.8 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.

2 Eligibility & Sailing Location

- 2.1 Boats of the following classes are eligible to enter:
 - Laser & Laser Masters* (sailing at CBC)
 - Laser Radial* (sailing at CBC)
 - *maximum 120 boats total for all Lasers
 - Club 420 - maximum 120 boats

- Vanguard 15, 505, 29er
 - Bullseye, J/22, Shields
 - J/24 (Friday racing scored separately; BBR racing Saturday and Sunday only)
 - PHRF Cruising, non-spinnaker (2008 PHRF-NE certificate required, with a rating, without spinnaker, of 250 or less)
 - Multihull (2008 New England Multihull Association certificate required, with a rating of 100 or less)
 - ~~➤ Classic Wooden Yachts (Friday racing scored separately; BBR racing Saturday and Sunday only) LOA between 25' and 80'; current Classic Rating Formula certificate required; rating forms and instructions can be downloaded from the BBR web site. All entries must be a minimum of 25' LOA with a Classic Rating greater than 25.0. Entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.~~
 - J/80, J/105 and J/109 (East Coast Championship)
 - PHRF Racing (2008 PHRF-NE certificate required, with a rating, with spinnaker, of 250 or less)
 - IRC (current IRC certificate required)
 - [Expressly for Fun](#) (limited to 25 monohulls with LOA 25-45'; racing seminar and lunch on Friday; racing Saturday and Sunday only; EFF skippers will be enrolled in US SAILING during the registration process; no rating certificate required; if registrant does not have a 2008 PHRF-NE certificate, the Organizing Authority will assign ratings based on PHRF principles;)
- 2.2 All classes not sailing at CBC will sail from BYC.
- 2.3 A minimum of ten (10) paid entries per class by 1700 on **July 13** may be required.
- 2.4 Each skipper shall be a current member of US SAILING, or of his or her own national authority.
- 2.5 All competitors (skippers and, where applicable, crew) in the Laser, Laser Radial, Club 420, 29er and Vanguard 15 classes, and all skippers in other classes, shall be at least 14 years old by August 1, 2008 (i.e., born on or before August 1, 1994).

Entries from competitors who will be 13 years old as of August 1, 2008, that have been accepted by the OA prior to July 29, 2008, will not be rescinded by the OA.

- 2.6 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 Entries will be accepted in the order that complete entry forms, fees and certificates (if required) are received. In the Club 420 class, blocks of entries may be reserved by invited southern New England clubs. If completed entries, including entry fees, for these reserved Club 420 places are not received by **July 8**, the reservations **may** be cancelled.
- 3.2 Entries for handicapped classes will not be accepted after 1700 on Tuesday, July 29.

- 3.3 Advance entry, including the payment of the entry fee, is on-line only at <http://www.buzzardsbayregatta.com> and begins on April 22.
- 3.4 Advance entry closes at 1600 on Thursday, July 31.
- 3.5 An entry is not complete until a representative of each boat has checked in at the BYC (or at CBC for classes sailing from there) during one of the times listed in NOR 5.
- 3.6 Club 420s shall, before checking in, also present their numbered sails to a regatta representative in the launching area, receive a signed sail number verification form, and present that form at check-in during one of the times listed in NOR 5. Lasers and Laser Radials shall declare their sail number or present their numbered sails at check-in (at CBC) during one of the times listed in NOR 5. Sail number must match the number declared at check-in or the sailor will be listed as DNC.
- 3.7 Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available online, and final Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in.

4 Entry Fees and Payment

- 4.1 Entry fees for entries **received** by Sunday, July 13, are:
 \$95 for Laser (including Laser Masters) & Laser Radial
 \$105 for Club 420, Vanguard 15, 505, Bullseye and 29er
 \$135 for J/22, J/24, J/80 & Shields
 \$185 for Classic Wooden Yachts, J/105, J/109, PHRF Racing, PHRF Cruising, IRC, Multihull and Expressly for Fun
- 4.2 Entries received after Sunday, July 13, shall include an additional late entry fee of \$30.
- 4.3 Entry fees are non-refundable, unless the class does not have sufficient entries to participate. See NOR 2.3.

5 Schedule

Tuesday, April 22		Online registration opens; online store opens
Monday, July 14		Late registration fees begin to apply (all classes)
Tuesday, July 29	1700	Handicapped boat registration ends
		Online store closes
Thursday, July 31	1600	Advance registration ends
	1600-2030	On-site check-in and sail number verification (see NOR 3.5 & 3.6) at BYC for boats registered in advance
	1600-2030	On-site registration at BYC only for one-design classes that are not fully subscribed
Friday, August 1	0700-0830	On-site check-in and sail number verification (see NOR 3.5) at CBC (Lasers only) and BYC (all others) for boats registered in advance
	0700-0830	On-site registration only for one-design classes that are not fully subscribed; at CBC (Lasers only) and BYC (all others)
	1000	Expressly for Fun seminar begins at BYC
	1030	First Warning signal on each racing area
Saturday, August 2	0700-0830	On-site check-in at CBC (Lasers only) and BYC (all others) for boats registered in advance

On-site registration **only** for one-design classes that are not fully subscribed; at CBC (Lasers only) and BYC (all others)

Sunday, August 3	1030	First Warning signal on each racing area
	1030	First Warning signal on each racing area
	1400	No Warning Signal after this time for classes sailing from BYC
	1500	No Warning Signal after this time for classes sailing from CBC
	ASAP	Prizegiving at BYC and CBC

6 Racing Areas and Courses

- 6.1 The racing areas for boats sailing from CBC will be in Buzzards Bay directly off Fort Taber (formerly called Fort Rodman) and West of the main shipping channel into New Bedford.
- 6.2 The racing areas for boats sailing from BYC will be in Sippican Outer Harbor and the North portion of Buzzards Bay.
- 6.3 The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8 Scoring

- 8.1 The Low-Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 8.2 A boat's series score will exclude her worst race score only if five (5) or more races are completed.
- 8.3 One race will constitute a series.
- 8.4 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 A5 and G4.

9 Alternative Penalties

- 9.1 For the Laser, Laser Radial, Club 420, Vanguard 15, 505, Bullseye, J/22, J/24, J/80 and Shields classes, the Two-Turns Penalty of RRS 44.2 will apply.
- 9.2 For 29ers and Multihulls, RRS 44 is changed to require only a One-Turn Penalty.
- 9.3 For all other classes the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3 will apply.

10 Lunches

The Organizing Authority will provide water and lunches (on the water) for the following classes: all Lasers, Club 420, 505, 29'er and Vanguard 15.

11 Prizes

- 11.1 One-Design Classes: Series prizes will be awarded first through fifth places in the Club 420, Laser, Laser Radial and Vanguard 15 classes. For all other one-design classes, prizes will be awarded for first through third places in each class.
- 11.2 Handicapped Classes: Series prizes will be awarded for first through third places in each class.
- 11.3 The Buzzards Bay Bowl will be awarded to the boat with the best overall performance, as determined by the Race Committee.

12 Radio Communications

- 12.1 The race committee will use VHF radio for courtesy communications to boats in the following classes: all PHRF, IRC, J/105, J/109, Multihull, ~~Classic Wooden Yachts~~, and Expressly for Fun.
- 12.2 All boats are urged to carry a VHF radio for use in emergencies, unless prohibited by their class rules.

13 Contact Information

For further information please contact Buzzards Bay Regatta:

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ENTRY CHECKLIST:

- Completed on-line entry form, including sail number and US SAILING membership number.
- Paid the entry fee on-line, including the late fee if applicable; required to reserve entry.
- For PHRF classes, submitted 2008 PHRF-NE rating certificate either by fax or by electronic upload by the July 29 deadline.
- For Classic Wooden Yachts, submitted a 2008 CRF rating certificate either by fax or by electronic upload by the July 29 deadline.
- For Multihulls, submitted a 2008 New England Multihull Association rating certificate either by fax or by electronic upload by the July 29 deadline.
- For IRC boats, submitted a current IRC rating certificate either by fax or by electronic upload by the July 29 deadline.
- Submitted a signed waiver of liability either by fax or by electronic upload.
- For each competitor under 18, submitted (by fax or electronic upload) a release for medical care (available on the web site) signed by a parent or guardian.
- Presented numbered sail(s) for number verification (Laser, Laser Radial, and Club 420 only); see NOR 5 for times and NOR 3.6.
- Checked-in in person at BYC or CBC; see NOR 5 for times and NOR 3.5.

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