



**The Whalers Race**  
**OA: New Bedford Yacht Club Racing Association**  
**New Bedford Yacht Club**  
**208 Elm Street, Dartmouth, MA**  
**September 16, 2023**  
**Notice of Race**



The traditional New Bedford Yacht Club Whalers Race dates back to 1932. The race starts and finishes outside Padanaram Harbor and includes marks off Cuttyhunk Island, Nomans Land and Block Island. Buzzards Horn is left to port on the return trip.

**Preamble** The Notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1.** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2.** All yachts shall comply with the U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Rules for Coastal Racing with the following modifications:
- 1.3.** For Monohulls, Section 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.
- 1.4.** FOR MULTIHULLS, SER MULTIHULL REGULATIONS FOR COASTAL RACING REQUIRE THAT MAINSAIL LUFF SHALL BE ABLE TO BE REDUCED(REEFED), BY 50% IS WAIVED.

## **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1.** The Sailing Instructions will be available on Yacht Scoring and the Official Notice board after June 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

## **3. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 3.1.** The official Notice Board is located online on the event website.
- 3.2.** [DP] All boats shall carry a working VHF radio.
- 3.3.** On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF channel designated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4.** Emergency communication channels are VHF 16 for the Harbor Master, and the NBYC Dockmaster monitors VHF channel 68
- 3.5.** [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal till the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

## **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1.** The regatta is open to all yachts with a minimum overall length of 21 feet.
- 4.2.** Owners must have a 2023 PHRF-NE certificate or a 2023 NEMA certificate.

- 4.3. A completed entry form along with a 2023 PHRF-NE certificate or a 2023 NEMA certificate must be submitted to the NBYC office by 1700 hours on Friday, September 15, 2023.
- 4.4. Entry is available at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)
- 4.5. Classes and Divisions  
 Multihulls (Long course)  
 PHRF Classes:  
 Spinnaker (Long course)  
 Non Spinnaker (Short course)  
 Double handed Spinnaker (Long course)  
 Double handed Non Spinnaker (Short course)  
 Under 25 fully crewed Spinnaker (Long course)
- 4.6. If there are not enough double handed entries, they will be scored in cruising or racing class and also qualify for double handed trophies.
- 4.7. For “Under 25 fully crewed Spinnaker”, not more than 40% of the crew shall reach their 26<sup>th</sup> birthday before September 14th, 2023.

**5. FEES**

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$100 .

**6. SCHEDULE**

6.1.

Date	Time	Event
Friday September 13, 2023	1700	Entries Close
Friday September 13, 2023	1900	Skippers Meeting at NBYC
Saturday September 14, 2023	1100	First Warning Signal
Friday Oct 13, 2023	1800	Perpetual trophies awarded at NBYC Annual Awards

**7. VENUE**

- 7.1. The race starts and finishes outside Padanaram Harbor and includes marks off Cuttyhunk Island, Nomans Land and Block Island. Buzzards Horn is left to port on the return trip.

**8. COURSES**

8.1. Long Course -

Start – RG “AB” Gong and Committee Boat

R “36” Bell - Sow and Pigs Reef southwest of Cuttyhunk Island, leave to port

Virtual Mark located at N041°12’15” W070°50’

R “4” Whistle – 0.5 miles southwest of South West Point, Block Island, leave to starboard  
G “1BI” Bell – north of Block Island, leave to starboard  
Buzzards Horn - 3.7 miles southwest of Cuttyhunk Island, leave to port  
G “7” Gong – Wilkes Ledge 2 miles southeast of Mishaum Point, leave to port  
RG “AB” Gong - 1.8 miles south southeast of Padanaram breakwater, leave to port  
NBYC Race Mark “A” – south of Padanaram breakwater

**8.2. Short Course –**

Start – RG “AB” Gong and Committee Boat

R “36” Bell - Sow and Pigs Reef southwest of Cuttyhunk Island, leave to port  
Virtual Mark located at N041°12’15” W070°50’

Narragansett Bay Entrance, Lighted whistle Buoy “NB:

Buzzards Horn - 3.7 miles southwest of Cuttyhunk Island, leave to port

G “7” Gong – Wilkes Ledge 2 miles southeast of Mishaum Point, leave to port

RG “AB” Gong - 1.8 miles south southeast of Padanaram breakwater, leave to port  
NBYC Race Mark “A” – south of Padanaram breakwater

**9. SCORING**

- 9.1.** All yachts must submit the Certificate of Compliance handed out with the Sailing Instructions. **No finish will be recognized without a completed and signed Certificate.** The Certificate must be signed by the owner or skipper and the navigator. The Certificate must be filed at the New Bedford Yacht Club office by 0900, Sunday, September 17 th or within one hour of finishing, if finishing after 0800.

**10. BERTHING**

- 10.1.** Visiting boats can be assigned a mooring for use before and after the race. Contact the NBYC office at (508)997-0762 or VHF channel 68 to obtain an available mooring.

**11. RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 11.1.** 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.**

**12. PRIZES**

- 12.1.** Awards will be given for 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class depending on the number of entries.

- 12.2. Perpetual trophies will be awarded at the NBYC Annual Awards Dinner on Friday, October 13, 2023.

Frank Vining Smith Trophy - Spinnaker Class  
R. Eugene Ashley Memorial Trophy – Non Spinnaker Class  
Narada Challenge Cup - Double-handed Class  
Multihull

- 12.3. Participation in the Whalers Race is mandatory to be eligible for the James E. Stanton, Jr. Trophy and the results will be used to calculate the winner of the Trophy.
- 12.4. The Whalers Race is also part of the Buzzards Bay Trophy; joint effort between the Bay clubs. It consists of 6 races, where 4 are mandatory to qualify.

### 13. ADVERTISING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

- 13.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 13.2. By participating in this regatta, each competitor grants to the organizing authority and its members, the regatta sponsors, and each class association the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, and to license any other person to so make, show and use, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, sound recordings, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television or other reproductions of them or their property made during the period of the regatta without compensation to such competitor.

### 14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1. 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.**
- 14.2. The Organizing Authority and hosts will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

### 15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please go to [www.nbyc.com/racing](http://www.nbyc.com/racing) or contact: Brianna Grenier [brianna@nbyc.com](mailto:brianna@nbyc.com)