

## 2024 NBYC Annual Regatta

August 3 & 4, 2024

Sailing Instructions for PHRF Racing, PHRF Cruising, and PHRF Double-Handed

New Bedford Yacht Club Regatta Association (OA)

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**Preamble:** 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 of the SIs means that the 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 (RRS)*.
- 1.2. [NP][DP]The PHRF classes shall comply with the US Sailing *Safety Equipment Requirements for Near Shore Racing*, except that lifelines, as described in US SER for Coastal Racing paragraphs 2.4.1 to 2.7.2, are required.
- 1.3. No weight limit will be enforced for PHRF classes. All PHRF boats shall comply with the Reference Crew Numbers as described in the NOR.
- 1.4. The following documents also govern the regatta: Appendix B and Appendix C for the Dick Fontaine Memorial Distance Race on Sunday
- 1.5. RRS 52 is changed as follows: powered winches are permitted on all PHRF boats.
- 1.6. Boats that race before completing the entry procedures described in the Notice of Race will be scored "Did Not Compete" without a hearing for such races. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted under the tent located on the front lawn of the NBYC clubhouse and courtesy postings online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16390>.

### 3. COURTESY BROADCASTS

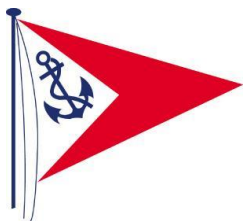
- 3.1. [NP] **Race Committees will make courtesy broadcasts to inform competitors of the order of starting, postponements, general recalls, and other race-related information on their racing area on VHF channel 72.**
- 3.2. [NP] The absence, inaccuracy or untimeliness of such broadcasts shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

### 4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any changes to the SIs will be posted before 0830 on the day they will take effect, except that during a postponement ashore a change may be posted before the removal of the AP flag. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it takes effect.
- 4.2. [NP] [DP]The Race Committee may make changes to the SIs on the water by hailing the fleet on VHF channel 72 and describing the change and requesting that boats acknowledge the change.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the NBYC flagpole.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.



## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Day	Schedule
Friday, Aug 2	1700 – 1900 Registration open at NBYC
Saturday, Aug 3	0730-0900 Registration open at NBYC 0900 - Skippers meeting 1100 - First warning 1700 - 2100 Tent Party and Awards
Sunday, Aug 4	0900 - Skippers meeting for Dick Fontaine Distance Race 1100 -First warning for Dick Fontaine Distance Race After racing awards to follow.

## 7. COURSES

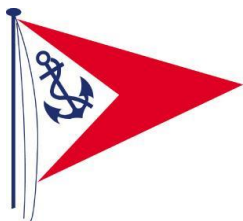
- 7.1. Courses for racing on Saturday will be drop mark courses as described in Appendix A. All drop marks shall be rounded in the order noted on Appendix A and always left to port, except that a gate, when used, shall be rounded as described in Definitions, *Sail the Course*. In the event a gate is not set, the single leeward mark shall be rounded to port.
- 7.2. Courses for the Dick Fontaine Distance Race on Sunday will be a distance race around marks described in Appendix B and C
- 7.3. The course for each race will be displayed on the course board located on the starboard side of the signal boat.
- 7.4. The intended order of start for races each day will be announced at the skippers meeting.

## 8. MARKS

- 8.1. The color of the drop marks, and any change marks, for racing on Saturday will be announced at the skippers meeting.

## 9. THE START

- 9.1. [DP]Before racing each day, each boat shall check in by passing behind the signal boat and hailing her sail number and the number of crew onboard until acknowledged by the Race Committee.
- 9.2. For all classes, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the starting mark. The color of the starting mark will be announced at the skippers meeting.
- 9.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.4. 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 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 9.5. The Race Committee may combine two or more classes into one start by displaying multiple class flags at the warning signal. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce the next class(es) to start on VHF channel 72.
- 9.6. Class flags are defined below:  
PHRF Racing Numeral Pennant 1



PHRF Cruising 2 Numeral Pennant 2  
PHRF Double-Handed Numeral Pennant 3

**10. RECALLS**

- 10.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats after the starting signal.
- 10.2. The failure of a boat to hear the hail, failure to hail, or the untimely hail of one or more boats, shall not be grounds for granting redress, nor shall the order of the hail. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1. For all classes, to change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will lay a new mark as described at the skippers meeting (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When the windward mark is changed, there will not be an offset mark. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark. The Race Committee may change the course by up to five degrees in bearing and/or 0.1 NM in length without a signal or change of mark color. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.2. In addition to the requirements in RRS 33, the Race Committee will attempt to announce any course change on VHF channel 72. Failure to make such an announcement shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.3. The Race Committee may signal a change of course during the start sequence for a class as follows: At the preparatory signal, flag C will be displayed until the starting signal. The windward mark will then be a change mark. When in a subsequent change of course a change mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

**12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the finish mark. The color of the finish mark will be announced at the skippers meeting.

**13. PENALTIES**

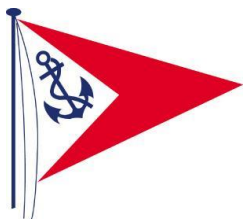
- 13.1. For all classes, Appendix V of the RRS applies.
- 13.2. For all PHRF classes, the Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply for penalties taken at the time of the incident. The penalty will be 20%. However, when a boat has broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty will be 30%. This changes RRS 44.3(c).
- 13.3. A lesser penalty than DSQ may be given for an infringement of rules other than those of Part 2.

**14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1. For each class, the time limit for the first boat to sail the course and *finish* for such class in a drop mark race on Saturday will be 2 hours.
- 14.2. For each class, the time limit for the first boat to sail the course and *finish* for such class in the Dick Fontaine Distance Race on Sunday will be 3.5 hours.
- 14.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in her class 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. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.
- 14.4. The Finishing Window for drop mark races on Saturday will be 30 minutes.
- 14.5. The Finishing Window for the Dick Fontaine Distance Race on Sunday will be 90 minutes.

**15. PROTESTS, REDRESS AND ARBITRATION**

- 15.1. In addition to the requirements below, a boat intending to file a protest must inform, and be acknowledged by, the Race Committee finish boat within 10 minutes following their finish. This



changes RRS 61.

- 15.2. Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk in the NBYC clubhouse.
- 15.3. Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Desk within 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat or finish boat docks. Protest time limits will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.4. Requests for scoring review shall be filed within the protest time limit on forms available at the Protest Desk. Such requests will be reviewed by the Race Committee before being scheduled for a hearing by a protest committee. If unresolved, they shall be considered a timely Request for Redress.
- 15.5. Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Parties and witnesses should report to the Protest Desk. This posting constitutes the notification required by RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2.
- 15.6. If the Race Committee posts a list of boats scored NSC, OCS, ZFP, UFD, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit for that circle, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2.

## 16. SCORING

- 16.1. A boat scored TLE shall receive points equal to the number of boats that finished within the Finishing Window for that race plus one. This changes Rules 35, A4, and A5.

## 17. SAFETY

- 17.1. **[DP] IF THERE IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, CONTACT THE COAST GUARD CH. 16.**
- 17.2. For non-life threatening emergency, contact the Harbormaster on channel 9 and the Race Committee on VHF channel 72.
- 17.3. [DP] A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the racing area, or, when that is impossible, the NBYC office immediately after arriving ashore.

## 18. WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Each owner, skipper and individual participating crewmember (“Person”) agrees to be bound by the Rules. Furthermore, each Person agrees that the sole responsibility for the seaworthiness of the boat, her rigging, the safety equipment on board, the wearing of PFD’s and the competence and behavior of her crew is that of the Owner/Charterer/Skipper of the boat.

Each Person participates in the regatta entirely at his/her own risk and represents that he/she is acquainted with RRS 3 which states, “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” The OA will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Each Person agrees that by participating in the regatta, to the fullest extent permitted by law, each such participant waives any rights such participant may have to sue the OA, New Bedford Yacht Club and any of their respective officers, directors, employees, volunteers, race committee, protest committee, sponsors or any other organization or official) involved with the event with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by such participant as a result of such participant’s participation in the event and expressly releases the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage.

## 19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1. Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of the prior written permission of the Protest Committee.

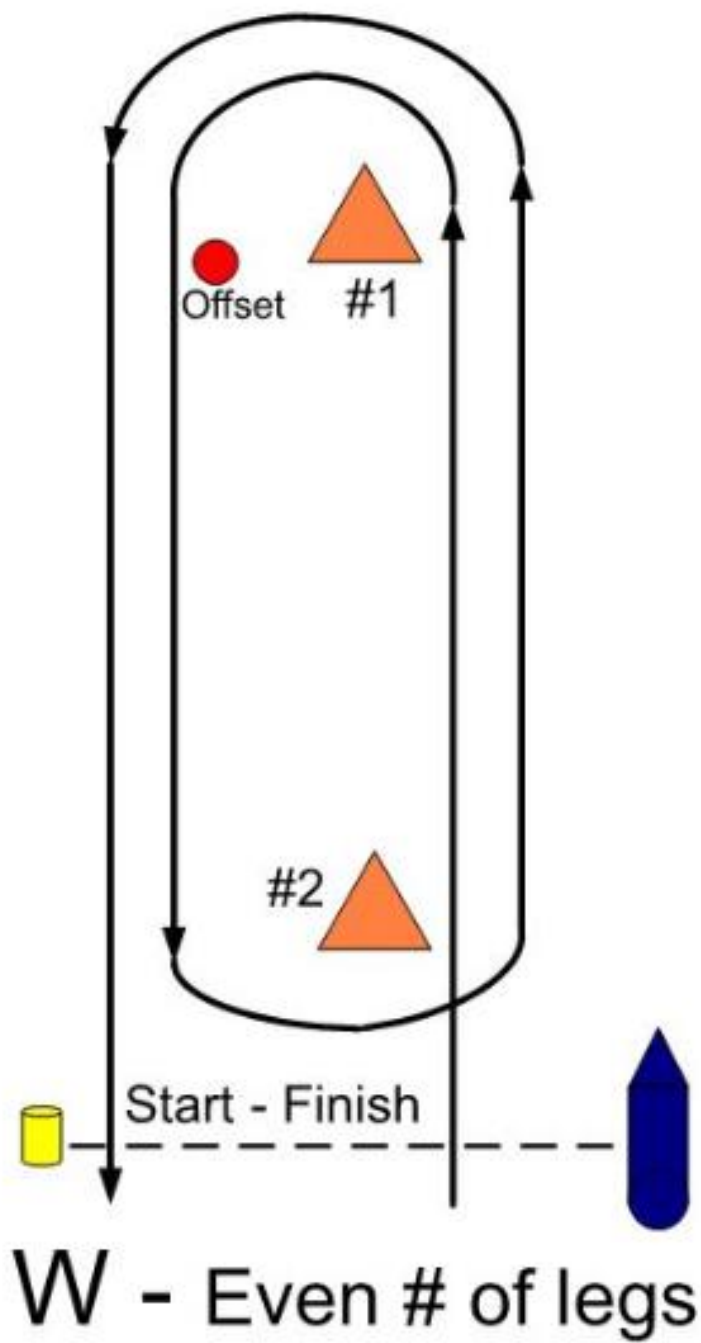
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- 20.1. All classes will be awarded first through third place.

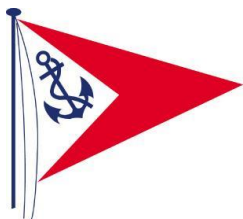


## Appendix A

### Drop Mark Courses



The offset may or may not be used at the discretion of the Race Committee



## Appendix B

### THE DICK FONTAINE MEMORIAL DISTANCE RACE

- 1.0** A distance race for PHRF Racing, PHRF Cruising and PHRF Double-Handed classes is scheduled for Sunday, Aug 4th
- 2.0** The starting line will be between the course side of a mark at the port end and the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat.
- 3.0** Unless the course is shortened, the finish line will be between the course side of the final mark of the course and the staff from which a blue flag is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat.
- 4.0** The Race Committee will post the marks of the course in order and the side on which each is to be rounded P(ort) or S(tarboard) on a white board on the signal boat.
- 5.0** Mark W will be an inflatable buoy. The distance and bearing to this mark, if used, will be posted on the signal boat. Mark W will be used at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 6.0** A chart will be posted on the official notice board at NBYC, showing the locations of each rounding mark. Possible marks of the course, with their approximate location and descriptions are in Appendix C below.
- 7.0** [DP]Competitors shall monitor VHF channel 72 while racing. The failure of a boat to hear announcements to competitors by the Race Committee shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).



Appendix C

Mark names and locations for Dick Fontaine Distance Race

Mark Description Lat/Lon

- A G "1" 41\*25.84N 71\*02.26W
- B R-"2" 41\*26.14N 71\*00.65W
- C R-"4" 41\*27.03N 70\*59.23W
- D G "5" 41\*28.97N 70\*57.37W
- E R "6" 41\*28.05N 70\*56.68W
- F R "8" 41\*28.95N 70\*53.84W
- G RW "CH" 41\*26.56N 70\*53.37W
- H G-"1" 41\*31.73N 70\*50.77W
- I G "9" 41\*32.86N 70\*46.45W

- J R "10" 41\*34.39N 70\*43.20W
- K RW "BB" 41\*30.55N 70\*49.90W
- L G "7" 41\*30.42N 70\*54.31W
- M Buzzards Bay Tower 41\*23.82N 71\*02.07W
- N R "36" 41\*23.87N 70\*59.06W
- O G "1" 41\*25.83N 70\*50.35W
- P GR "LR" 41\*27.66N 70\*51.15N
- Q RG "MG" 41\*26.40N 70\*55.73W
- R R "2SE" 41\*34.10N 70\*48.76W
- U Start/Finish RG "AB" 41\*33.18N 70\*54.68W **OR**  
**AS COMMUNICATED BY RACE COMMITTEE**
- W. Inflatable Buoy as noted by Race Committee
- Z. NBYC Mark "A" 41°34.39N 70°56.26 W