

FIRST DISTRICT BLUE STAR, GREEN STAR & NED HAY REGATTA

August 7-9, 2026

This is a COMBINED EVENT per STCR 23.5

Cape Ann Star Fleet

Sandy Bay Yacht Club

5 T Wharf, Rockport, MA

SandyBay.org

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **RULES** The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Rules of the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (STCR).
2. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY** The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Sandy Bay Yacht Club in conjunction with the Cape Ann Star Fleet and the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association's First District.
3. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)** The Sailing Instructions will be available by noon on Thursday August 6th at the Club.
4. **COMMUNICATION**
 - a. The online website and official notice board is located at www.sandybay.org and on SBYC's in-person notice board.
 - b. While on the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The VHF radio's channel will be stated in the SI's
 - c. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication which is not available to all boats.
5. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - a. The Ned Hay Regatta is an open regatta. Membership in ISCYRA is encouraged but not required.
 - b. The First District Championship (Blue and Green) is open to all ISCYRA First District and Isolated members in accordance with STCR 29.2. Skipper and Crew must comply with the provisions of STCR 26 eligibility and must have their 2026 dues shown as paid with the ISCYRA by Friday, August 7th. Notwithstanding the provision contained in STCR 28.2, the District Secretary will waive the requirement and accept late registrations.
 - c. Boats must have a valid Star Class certificate on file in the ISCYRA database.
 - d. Boats may enter the event by registering online through the event page at www.sandybay.org or in person before 09:30 on August 7th. Ned Hay only boats may register in person before 0830 on August 8th.

- e. Eligibility for the Green Star will be governed by STCR 26.3, 23.7.1 and 23.7.2.
- f. Eligibility for the Blue Star will be governed by STCR 26.1 and 26.2.

6. FEES The entry fee for the Districts, including racing, Club access, hoist, regatta events and boat storage, is \$280. The entry fee for the Ned Hay only is \$250. Payment may be paid by credit or debit card on the SBYC website.

7. CREW LIMITATIONS

- a. All competitors wishing to compete for the Blue or Green Star shall comply with STCR 31.1.3. Each competitor shall be weighed before 0930 on Friday August 7th.
- b. If a team does not meet STCR 31.1.3, they will be allowed to race, and they will be scored, but they will not be eligible for the Blue or Green Star.

8. EQUIPMENT All boats must be in compliance with STCR 31.2.2, safety equipment.

9. SCHEDULE

- a. Registration for District Championship (Green and Blue Star) is open until 0930 on August 7th. Registration for the Ned Hay Regatta only is open until 0830 on August 8th.
- b. Dates and number of races and tentative social calendar:

Thursday, August 6 and Friday, August 7

Early arrivals must follow these arrival windows for rigging/moving boats on the deck 1030 to 1500 & after 1700. Junior sailing camp and lessons will be on deck 0900-1000 and 1600 to 1700. Please do not interfere with sailing campers. Friday arrivals may go sailing. Find a Club employee or certified member to operate hoist. Mass. Law requires certified operators.

Friday August 7

0700-1000	Boat setup and late registration.
1030	Competitor's Meeting
1100	Harbor Start
1200	Warning Signal for 1st Race. Additional races to follow. Post race social

Saturday August 8

0700-0930	Boat setup and late Registration for Ned Hay only.
1000	Competitor's Meeting Ned Hay only.
1100	Harbor Start
1200	Warning Signal for 1st Race. Additional races to follow.
1730	Post race social and BBQ dinner to follow at 1800.

Sunday August 10

0900	Harbor Start
1000	Warning Signal for 1st Race. Additional races to follow.

1430 No Warning Signal after this time.
 Post race social and awards.

10. NUMBERS Boats with incorrect numbers must be reported to the Race Committee **before** Harbor Start each day of racing.
11. VENUE Racing will be conducted in Thatcher's Bay and Sandy Bay.
12. COURSES The Race Committee will use STCR courses which will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
13. PENALTY SYSTEM RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One Turn Penalty.
14. SCORING
 - a. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a District Championship. Two races are required to constitute a Ned Hay Championship.
 - b. For the District Championship, when at least five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. For the Ned Hay Championship, no scores will be thrown out.
15. BERTHING Boats and trailers shall be kept in assigned places as indicated by the host fleet.
16. MEDIA RELEASE By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any and all still or motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the competitor taken during the period of the competition without compensation.
17. RISK STATEMENT 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.
18. INSURANCE Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.
19. PRIZES Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place skippers and crews in the District and Ned Hay Championships as well as other perpetual District and Ned Hay trophies.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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