



2026 BELLPORT BAY YACHT CLUB SPRING, SUMMER & FALL SERIES

Notice of Race

Spring Series Register: <https://bellportbayyachtclub.org/regatta/Hf52U31Aaa>

Thursday: May 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9

Summer Series Register: <https://bellportbayyachtclub.org/regatta/JRo4HxoJif>

Thursday: July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27

Fall Series Register: <https://bellportbayyachtclub.org/regatta/qBwHCn7aJV>

Saturday: Sept 12, 19, Oct 3, 9 – Two (2) races each day

Long Distance: Sept 26 & 27 <https://bellportbayyachtclub.org/regatta/lpdHEqZv5i>

Warning Signal:

1900

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1900 July/1830 Aug

Warning Signal:

1030

Warning Signal: 1100

Abandoned Spring & Summer Series Thursday races will be rescheduled for the immediate, following Saturday.

Abandoned Fall Series Saturday races will be rescheduled for the immediate, following Sunday.

Long Distance races will be scored independently from the Fall Series and if abandoned, will not be rescheduled.

Rescheduled races will be listed on Notice Board and all registered Competitors shall receive emailed notices.

Organizing Authority: Bellport Bay Yacht Club

1. **RULES:** The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions. All single-handed sailors shall wear a life jacket at all times. PHRF handicaps based upon handicaps determined by the BBYC Handicap Committee will be used.
2. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** Eligible competitors shall be members of Bellport Bay Yacht Club or their guests with a current BBYC Handicap Measurement Form on file. Only members of BBYC are eligible for season trophies. Eligible yachts shall enter by completing registration online for the series before racing. Competitors shall check in 1/4 to 1/2 hour before the Warning Signal for each race by signing the full name of the helmsman and the yacht sail number on the sheet in the clubhouse.
3. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk, RRS 3 Decision to Race. The Bellport Bay Yacht Club, Officers, and Members will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing.
4. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** shall be posted only by the Race Committee Chairperson or officer of the club on the Official Notice board located inside the yacht club. Sailing instructions will be available at check in and are online.
5. **COURSE CHARTS** are available at check in and are online.
6. **TIME LIMIT**
 - 6.1 The Time Limit for the first boat to finish is 1 3/4 hours. The Finishing Window is 30 minutes for boats after the first boat finishes. Boats scored as TLE (Time Limit Expired) will place one more place than the number of finishers. This changes RRS 35 and A2.1.
 - 6.2 The Time Limit for all boats in the distance race is 5 hours. Boats scored as TLE (Time Limit Expired) will place one more place than the number of finishers. This changes RRS 35 and A2.1.
7. **SCORING:**
 - 7.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, will apply, except that if 5 or fewer races are sailed no score will be excluded, if 6 or more races are sailed the worst score will be excluded, and if 7 or more races are sailed the worst two scores will be excluded. This changes A2.1. One race scored will constitute a Series.
 - 7.2 No score will be calculated for any yacht not registered, or any yacht not displaying proper sail numbers.
 - 7.3 To qualify for the Series Scoring, a boat must race in at least 50% of Races Scored in the Series. To be scored in a race a boat must be within 100 yards of the Start Line within a Time Window of 15 Minutes before or after the Start Time for her Race. A boat not being within the stated Time Window for a Race will be scored DNC for that race and be given one more point than the number of boats that finished that race, and that score will not count as a Qualifying Race for the series.
 - 7.4 The Minimum number of boats appearing in the Starting Area required to Start a Race shall be two (2).
 - 7.5 Boats that race in any race but did not Finish that race shall be scored one more point than the number of boats that finished that race. This changes A2.1 and A2.2
8. **PRIZES** for each series will be awarded at the Fall cocktail party and ceremony.