



The Whalers Race
New Bedford Yacht Club Regatta Association OA
Dartmouth, MA
June 6, 2026
Sailing Instructions



1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted at the official notice board located on the event website.

3.2. The race committee intends to use VHF channel 69 to communicate with competitors.

3.3. Each yacht shall monitor channel 16 throughout the race.

3.4. Prompt notice to the Race Committee is mandatory upon retiring.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the NBYC flagpole indicating postponement or abandonment of the day's racing.

4.1.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than sixty (60) minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. Class 1 PHRF Spinnaker Code Flag 1

6.2. Class 2 PHRF Non Spinnaker Code Flag 2

6.3. Class 3 Multi Hull Code Flag 3

7. RACING AREA

7.1. Please be advised, there is a 5' depth (at mean low) rock approximately 100 yards NE of the AB buoy. Keep this mind while maneuvering in the starting area.

7.2. COURSES

Long Course - Distance is 106 nm

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', leave to starboard

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, leave to starboard

Short Course – Distance 80 nm

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' leave to starboard

Narragansett Bay Entrance, Lighted whistle Buoy "NB", 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, leave to starboard

9. **THE START**

9.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.

9.2. First warning signal 1100.

9.3. The starting line will be between the staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of Mark RG "AB" Gong approximately 2 miles south of the Padanaram breakwater

9.4. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

9.5. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request. This changes RRS 60.4

9.6. Classes will be started in the order shown in SI 6.

9.7. The Race Committee intends to conduct rolling starts if there is enough breeze.

9.8. The Race Committee may also combine starts if the fleets are small. The class flag shall be hoisted at the warning signal for each class.

10. **EVENT VESSEL TRACKING**

10.1. Each boat shall carry a YB GPS tracker supplied by the Organizing Authority at the Competitor's Meeting.

10.2. Each entry shall provide credit card information as security for the tracker when they pick up their tracker. The credit card will not be charged until and unless the entry fails to return the tracker at the of the race in good working order less normal wear and tear. If the entry fails to return the tracker, they will be charged the full replacement cost (approximately \$1,100)

10.3. The tracker shall be mounted and maintained in accordance with the instructions supplied with the unit.

10.4. [DP] The tracker shall be returned to the NBYC Office with the completed Certificate of Compliance on Sunday June 7, 2026 by 3pm.

10.5. Failure to return the GPS Position Locating Transponder may result in DSQ or other penalty without a hearing.

10.6. Trackers returned late will be charged for hazardous material shipping and any late return penalties imposed by the provider. Special arrangements for individual boats to pick up and/or return trackers at an alternate time or place must be coordinated with the Race Office at least one week prior to the event.

11. THE FINISH

11.1. The finish line will be a line bearing 230° from NBYC Race Mark "A". You are on the finish line when mark "A" bears 050° magnetic and is less than 200' from your vessel. Leave "A" to starboard when finishing.

11.2. All boats, when abeam of the NBYC AB buoy approaching the finish, shall hail the Race Committee on VHF Ch 69 and report their boat name and sail number.

11.3. If the finish boat is not on station all yachts shall take their own time using GPS time.

11.4. Yachts taking their own time must record it on the Certificate of Compliance and submit it to the New Bedford Yacht Club office by 1300 Sunday, June 7, 2026.

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1. The time limit for all finishers is June 7, 2026 at 1300 hours.

13. HEARING REQUESTS

13.1. The protest time limit is by 1300 Sunday June 7, 2026. Hearing request forms will be made available at the NBYC Front Office.

13.2. All hearing requests must be submitted via email to brianna@nbyc.com.

13.3. Hearings will be scheduled at a later date.

13.4. Notices will be posted no later than 90 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

13.5. The penalty for a boat that has broken a rule, other than a part 2 rule, shall be at the sole discretion of the protest committee and may be different than disqualification. This changes rule 63.5(a)

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1. [NP] A boat shall check in before her first race by hailing the race committee signal vessel with her sail number and the number of souls on board. A boat is not considered check-in until she receives an acknowledgement from the signal vessel. A boat failing to check in will receive a 20% scoring penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3.

14.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity by texting (508) 843-4426.

14.3. Boats requiring emergency assistance shall first contact the US Coast Guard with the sail number, location, and nature of the emergency including description of any injuries and then NBYC race committee at (508) 843-4426.