



Quissett Yacht Club

Quissett Harbor
Falmouth, Massachusetts

73rd Annual QYC Round the Bay Race

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Pursuit Race, Starting and Finishing off Quissett Harbor

Open to PHRF-NE Racing and Cruising Classes

Notice of Race

1. RULES and REGULATIONS

1.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.1.1. There will be no limit to the number of crew or the number of sails carried or used if they conform to the boat's rating certificate.

1.1.2. Each boat must have a minimum of two people on board.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. The QYC Round the Bay Race is open to single-hulled boats with a valid 2026 PHRF-NE rating certificate.

2.1.1. There will be two classes, Racing and Cruising.

Racing Class: Asymmetrical spinnakers may be used as per PHRF-NE By-Laws.

Cruising Class: Use of any type of spinnaker, including cruising spinnakers, double headed headsail combinations or mizzen staysails is not permitted.

2.1.2. Boats wishing to change class should notify the race committee before 0945 on race day.

2.1.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=31792 and uploading or mailing the boat's PHRF-NE certificate according to the instructions on the online registration form and paying the required fee to Quissett Yacht Club by Thursday, September 10, 2026.

2.1.4. Late entries, received after the due date specified on the race registration form, *may* be accepted by the Race Committee up until the Committee Boat leaves the dock. A late fee will be assessed for all late entries. Late entries may not be listed on the Scratch Sheet and may be assigned a starting time already on the scratch sheet, which may be later than their rating would call for.

3. FEES

3.1. Entry for the QYC Round the Bay Race is \$50 for US Sailing Members and \$55 for Non-Members.

3.2. An additional \$25 will be charged for all late entries.

3.3. Entry fees are non-refundable.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1. Registration: Open until 2400 EST on Thursday, September 10, 2026.

4.2. Late Registration: Open all day Friday, September 11 & Saturday 12, 2026 until 0930 EST.

4.3. Scratch Sheet: Available on the registration website by 1700 EST on Friday, September 11, 2026.

4.4. First Start: 1100 unless postponed.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. The sailing instructions will be available prior to September 1, 2026.

6. VENUE

6.1. The race will be sailed in Buzzards Bay.

6.2. The start will be located outside Quissett Harbor.
Approximate starting pin location: lat. 41.33 North, long. 70.40 West.

6.3. Boats wishing to arrive at Quissett Harbor on Friday, September 11 and spend the night before the race at the harbor may request a mooring for no additional charge by contacting Quissett Harbor Boatyard at 508-548-0506 or emailing quissett@meganet.net with the subject 'RTB Mooring Request'.

7. COURSES

7.1. The Round the Bay Race is a pursuit race. Because of the pursuit start, the handicaps will be calculated ahead of time. In order to give maximum flexibility in setting a course best suited to the prevailing conditions, the handicaps, and therefore the starting times, will be calculated for courses of different lengths, designated as Starting Time W, X, Y and Z on the Scratch Sheet.

Starting Time	Courses	Approx. course length in nautical miles
W	DE or ED or EG or GE	16
X	FG or GF	19
Y	BF or FB or CE or EC or HC or	20
Z	BD or DB	23

7.2. The following marks are used for the courses:

Mark Name	Description	Latitude/Longitude
B	Lone Rock green flasher (north of Quicks Hole)	41 27.7 70 51.1
C	Bell Buoy "BB" , approximately 4 miles NE of Quicks	41 30.6 70 49.9
D	West Island Bell Buoy R "2SE"	41 34.1 70 48.8
E	Nye Ledge Bell Buoy G "1"	41 37.0 70 46.2
F	G "9" Fl G Bell approximately 5 miles WNW from	41 32.8 70 46.4
G	Centerboard Shoal red flasher R "2" , Sippican Harbor entrance buoy	41 39.8 70 43.6
H	R "2" Fl R Bell approximately 4 miles NNW from	41 36.7 70 41.9

8. PRIZES

8.1. Boston Yacht Club Trophy – First finisher

Harbor Challenge Trophy – First Quissett Yacht Club finisher

Round the Bay Race Trophies – First three finishers in Racing and Cruising divisions

8.2. The Race Committee reserves the right to limit classes or awards based on number of entries.

9. MANAGEMENT

9.1. The race will be managed by the Round the Bay Race Committee who shall have the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the race, to decide protests and to reject the entry of any boat at any time prior to the preparatory signal for the start of the race that, in its opinion, is unseaworthy or does not comply with the spirit of the rules and conditions of the race.

10. OWNERS', SKIPPER'S AND CREWS' RESPONSIBILITIES

10.1. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole responsibility of the skipper, who must assure that the boat is thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a competent crew. The skipper of a boat must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. The skipper must assure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.

Neither the establishment of equipment regulations nor any inspecting of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of a boat's skipper. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the skipper and crew of a boat to decide whether or not to start or continue in a race.

The Quissett Yacht Club is in no way responsible for accidents or injury to boats or personnel suffered in any way or from any cause during or related to the QYC Round the Bay Race.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1.** Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1.** For further information, please contact the Race Chair:

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