

# BULLSEYE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & SINGLE-HANDED CHALLENGE

**July 31 – August 2, 2026**

**Organizing Authority:** Sandy Bay Yacht Club

**Host Club:** Sandy Bay Yacht Club (SBYC), Rockport, Massachusetts

**In conjunction with:** Bullseye Sailing Association (BSA)

## NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

### 1. RULES

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028* and by the Class Rules.

**1.2** The rules will be changed as follows:

(a) US Sailing Prescription V1 will apply.

(b) RRS 60.2 (a)(1) shall be changed to require the display of a protest flag

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

**2.1** The regatta is open to boats of the **Bullseye Class**.

**2.2** All skippers and crew shall be current members of the **Bullseye Sailing Association** in good standing.

**2.3** There will be two events: the **Bullseye Nationals** and the **Single-Handed Challenge**. One entry fee and registration applies to both events.

**2.4** The Nationals event will have two divisions: **Spinnaker**, and **Jib and Main (JAM)**.

**2.5** The skipper for the Single-Handed Challenge may be any of a boat's skipper, co-skipper, or crew and shall be designated at registration.

**2.6** No skipper or crew member may be paid to sail in the Bullseye National Championship. A signed declaration of compliance with this rule may be required at the discretion of the OA and in a form it specifies.

**2.7** No skipper or crew member may be classified as a Group 3 sailor as defined by the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code except those who can demonstrate regular participation in Bullseye racing during the qualification period.

**2.8** All competitors (skippers, co-skippers, and crew) shall sign a release and waiver as part of registration. Competitors under the age of 18 shall also submit, at on-site registration, a release signed by a parent or legal guardian.

### 3. LOANER BOATS

**3.1** Loaner boats may be requested at the time of registration and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. If a loaner boat is not available, the registration fee will be refunded in full.

**3.2** In order to qualify for a loaner boat, a skipper must complete registration and comply with all event requirements, including a **damage deposit of \$500**, payable at on-site registration. Deposits shall be returned following a post-regatta inspection for undamaged boats and may be retained for damaged boats until proper repair estimates can be made. This deposit may be used in whole or in part to cover damage to the loaner boat. Sails are not covered under this policy.

**3.3** Skippers are encouraged to add the loaner boat to their existing insurance policies.

**3.4** The bottom of a loaner boat may not be modified other than cleaning, unless written permission has been granted by the boat's owner.

**3.5** The hardware and deck layout of a loaner boat may not be modified or changed without written permission from the boat's owner.

**3.6** The skipper and crew of a loaner boat are responsible for providing all sails, jib and spinnaker sheets, spinnaker pole, and jib club. Exceptions for travel restrictions may be granted at OA discretion.

**3.7** The sail number must be provided and approved at registration.

**3.8** If a loaner boat suffers a mechanical breakdown that could not have been foreseen by pre-race inspections, redress may be requested for missed races. A replacement boat or repairs will be provided to the extent reasonably possible, at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

## **4. FEES**

**4.1** Entry fees are **\$375** for a skipper and one crew. This includes:

- Morning coffee and pastries Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
- Dinner Friday and Saturday
- Bag lunches Saturday
- Sunday awards lunch after racing
- Launch service to and from SBYC moorings
- Launch, haul, and trailer storage for visiting boats

**4.2** A late fee of **\$100** will apply to registrations received after **July 1, 2026**.

**4.3** The fee for an additional crew member is **\$80** if received by **July 1, 2026**.

**4.4** Guest meal tickets are priced as follows: Friday dinner **\$25**, Saturday dinner **\$35**, Sunday lunch **\$20**.

**4.5** SBYC members are excited to host visiting sailors in their homes. Please complete a housing request as part of registration.

## **5. SCHEDULE**

**5.1 Registration** check-in times at Sandy Bay Yacht Club (SBYC):

- **Thursday, July 30:** 4:00–6:00 PM
- **Friday, July 31:** 2:00–5:00 PM

**5.2 Launch** SBYC (crane, licensed operator, bridle, dock help provided) skippers are responsible for the maintenance of their own keel bolt.

- **Thursday, July 30:** 4:00-6:00 PM
- **Friday, July 31:** 2:00–5:00 PM
- By appointment

### **5.3 Single-Handed Challenge – Friday, July 31**

- 8:30 AM light breakfast
- 9:00 AM – Skippers' Meeting
- 9:30 AM – Harbor Start
- 10:15 AM – First Warning Signal
- A maximum of three (5) races will be attempted
- No warning signal after **1:00 PM**
- 5pm BSA Annual meeting (location TBD)
- 6pm-7:30 Dinner (location TBD)

### **5.4 Bullseye Nationals – Saturday, August 1 & Sunday, August 2**

#### **Saturday, August 1**

- 8 AM light breakfast, pick up bag lunches
- 8:30 AM – Skippers' Meeting
- 8:50 AM – Group Photo
- 9:15 AM – Harbor Start
- 10:30 AM – First Warning Signal
- Multiple races scheduled as time and conditions permit
- 5PM Dinner (location TBD)

#### **Sunday, August 2**

- 8AM light breakfast
- 9:00 AM – Harbor Start
- 10:15 AM – First Warning Signal
- No warning signal after **1:00 PM**
- Post race: Awards at SBYC, lunch.

## **6. VENUE AND COURSES**

**6.1** Racing will be conducted in the vicinity of Sandy Bay and Thatcher's Bay. Depending on conditions, the racing area and courses will be at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC).

**6.2** Courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions

**6.3** Courses will be appropriate for the conditions and fleet size.

## **7. SAILS AND MEASUREMENT**

**7.1** Legal class mainsails, working jibs, and spinnakers shall be used during the regatta. Genoa jibs may not be used.

**7.2** Every sail used in the regatta must have been measured, be legibly marked by the measurer, and conform to class specifications prior to arriving at the event. Sandy Bay Yacht Club will not be responsible for sail measurement during the event.

## **8. EQUIPMENT AND CREW**

**8.1** Boats must adhere to class one-design specifications and rules and are subject to inspection at any time to ensure compliance with BSA Technical Specifications.

**8.2** Crew or equipment changes require advance written permission of the Organizing Authority.

**8.3** Required portable equipment includes, but is not limited to, a working VHF radio, an anchor with chain and rode (please note that the race area is in more than 100 ft of water) , paddle or oar, horn or whistle, bucket, and compass.

**8.4** In accordance with RRS 40.2, RRS 40.1 applies. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. The PFD shall be worn outside all clothing except a thin shirt if preferred. The "Y" flag will not be displayed.

## **9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**9.1** Sailing instructions will be available online prior to the event and posted on the bulletin board located at the rear of the clubhouse above the ice machine.

**9.2** in the event of a conflict between this NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail

**9.3** Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be posted no later than two hours before the scheduled first warning signal on the day they take effect, except changes to the schedule which shall be posted by 7PM on the day prior.

## **10. SINGLE-HANDED CHALLENGE SCORING**

**10.1** The Single-Handed Challenge will be scored using the Low Point Scoring System.

**10.2** A minimum of one (1) race completed shall constitute a series.

**10.3** No more than five (5) races will be sailed.

**10.4** The Single-Handed Challenge shall be sailed jib and main only; spinnakers or whisker poles are not permitted.

## **11. BULLSEYE NATIONALS SCORING**

**11.1** The regatta will be scored using the **Low Point Scoring System**.

**11.2** A minimum of three (3) races completed shall constitute a series.

**11.3** A maximum of seven (7) races may be sailed.

**11.4** When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall exclude her worst score.

**11.5** The **Jib and Main (JAM)** division shall be sailed without spinnakers, genoas, or whisker poles. Single-handing is not permitted. JAM division boats shall be identified throughout the Nationals with a **blue burgee** (provided in the entry packet) flown on the **port-side shroud**.

**11.6** Both divisions (Spinnaker and JAM) will start and finish concurrently. The sailing rules shall apply equally.

## **12. PRIZES**

### **12.1 Event and Division Prizes**

**Single-Handed Challenge:** Prizes will be awarded to the skipper for the top three (3) places.

**Nationals Regatta – Spinnaker Division:** Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crew for the top five (5) places.

**Nationals Regatta-Spinnaker Division:** Prizes will be awarded to first place skippers and crew for each race in the regatta.

**Nationals Regatta – JAM Division:** Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crew for the top three (3) places.

### **12.2 Perpetual Trophies**

The following perpetual trophies will be presented:

- **The E. L. Goodwin Bullseye National Trophy**, awarded to the winner of the National Regatta;
- **The Beverly Trophy**, awarded to the skipper who shows the most improvement from one National Regatta to the next;
- **The Rockport Trophy**, awarded to the highest finishing boat that is not a member of the host fleet;
- **The George Lucas Filial Trophy**, awarded to the highest finishing boat with at least two generations of the same immediate family as skipper and crew;
- **The David Burnham Bullseye Masters Trophy**, awarded to the highest finishing boat with a skipper aged seventy-five (75) years or older.

## **13. COMMUNICATIONS**

**13.1** The official notice board is located on the BSA website. Courtesy notices will also be posted on the bulletin board on the back wall of SBYC.

**13.2** All boats shall carry a working VHF radio.

**13.3** race officers are encouraged to use VHF radios for communication with competitors as a courtesy. Failure to hear a radio communication is not grounds for redress.

**13.4** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make or receive radio or cellular transmissions not available to all boats.

## **14. FAIR PLAY, SPORTSMANSHIP, AND CAMARADERIE**

**14.1** Competitors are expected to compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play as described in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

**14.2** The Organizing Authority encourages camaraderie, mutual support, and courtesy both on and off the water, recognizing that this championship is also a gathering of the Bullseye class community.

## **15. DISPOSAL OF TRASH**

**15.1 [DP]** The intentional discharge of trash into the water is prohibited.

## **16. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**16.1** Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3. Decision to Race

**16.2** The Organizing Authority, SBYC, sponsors, BSA, and affiliated organizations accept no liability or material damages, personal injury, or death in conjunction with, prior to, during and after the regatta.

## **17 Insurance**

**17.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per incident or equivalent.