



2026 NBYC Annual Regatta
OA: New Bedford Yacht Club Regatta Association
New Bedford Yacht Club
208 Elm Street, Dartmouth, MA USA
August 7-9, 2026
Notice of Race



1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or...

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Notice board before 1700 on or before August 1, 2026.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The official Notice Board is located online on the event website <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/5PLCeLnJvj>
- 3.2. [DP] PHRF, J109 and Sandpiper vessels shall carry a working VHF radio.
- 3.3. [NP] On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF channel designated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4. Emergency communication channels are VHF 16 for the Harbor Master, and the NBYC Dockmaster monitors VHF channel 68
- 3.5. [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal till the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND CREW LIMITATIONS

- 4.1. All entries shall be made online at www.nbyc.com/racing
- 4.2. **Classes**
 - 4.2.1. J109
 - 4.2.2. Sandpiper
 - 4.2.3. PHRF
 - 4.2.3.1. Racing (spinnaker) 2026 PHRF-NE certificate required
 - 4.2.3.2. Cruising (non-spinnaker); 2026 PHRF-NE certificate required
 - 4.2.3.2.1. Cruising rating must be no greater than 165.
 - 4.2.3.3. At its sole discretion, the OA may divide the PHRF classes into multiple divisions.
 - 4.2.4. ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7
 - 4.2.4.1. ILCA Masters
 - 4.2.4.2. ILCA Under 30

5. SCHEDULE

5.1.

Date	Time	Event
August 6, 2026	1500	J109 NAs On-site Check-in
	0900	J109 Measurement
	1800	J109 Skippers Meeting
August 7, 2026	1100	First Warning J109
	1200	Sandpiper Measurement
	1500	Sandpiper On-site Check-In
	1800	Sandpiper Skippers Meeting
	Following Racing	J109 NA Dinner
August 8, 2026	0730-0930	PHRF and ILCA On-site Check in
	1000	Skippers Meeting ILCA
	1100	First Warning PHRF
	1200	First Warning One Design Classes
	1700	Regatta Party Tent Open
August 9, 2026	1000	First Warning Dick Fontaine Distance Race
	1100	First Warning One Design Classes
	1400	No Warning Signal After This Time
	Following Racing	Race Awards

6. FEES

6.1. Entry fees for paid entries **received** by the date indicated are as follows:

Class	After May 1, 2026	After July 27, 2026
J109 North Americans	\$600	\$750
Sandpiper Nationals	\$300	\$350
ILCA Masters Championship	\$125	\$150
PHRF Racing and Cruising (includes the Dick Fontaine Race)	\$250	\$300
Dick Fontaine Distance Race (Only)	\$50	\$75

6.2. Dinner tickets will be available for purchase during the registration process and during the regatta party.

7. VENUE

7.1. The racing area will be South of Padanaram Harbor into Buzzards Bay.

7.2. The courses and circle locations will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. COURSES

8.1. *[INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK]*

9. SCORING

- 9.1.** When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst.
- 9.2.** The race committee intends to run as many races as practicable. One completed race will constitute a series.

10. EVENT VESSEL TRACKING

- 1.1.** Tracking may be available for this event. See Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1.** Appendix V will apply.
- 11.2.** Appendix V 2(b) is modified to read "A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% scoring penalty or 3 places, whichever is greater..."

12. BERTHING

- 12.1.** Visiting boats can be assigned a mooring for use before and after the race. Contact the NBYC office at (508)997-0762 to obtain an available mooring. Mooring reservations must be made by August 1, 2026.
- 12.2.** [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbor.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1.** See Class Specific Addendums
- 13.2.** Sandpiper
- 13.2.1.** Prizes will be awarded for first through third place in each class
- 13.3.** PHRF Classes
- 13.3.1.** Prizes will be awarded for first through third place in each class

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1.** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 combined single limit. Competitors are solely responsible for obtaining the required coverage.

15. ADVERTISING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

- 15.1.** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 15.2.** By participating in this regatta, each competitor grants to the organizing authority and its members, the regatta sponsors, and each class association the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, and to license any other person to so make, show and use, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, sound recordings, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television or other reproductions of them or their property made during the period of the regatta without compensation to such competitor.

16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1. 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.**
- 16.2. The Organizing Authority and hosts will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please go to www.nbyc.com/racing or contact: Brianna Grenier brianna@nbyc.com



NOTICE OF RACE ADDENDUM A

J/109 CLASS REQUIREMENTS



This Addendum pertains to *J/109* Class boats participating in their North American Championship at the 2026 New Bedford Yacht Club.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The J/109 Class Association Executive Board designates this event as the 2026 North American Championship open to all boats of the J/109 Class that conform to the J/109 Class Association Rules (CR). Competitors must meet all ownership and class membership requirements, event requirements, and submit an entry form and pay all event fees before becoming official competitors. J/109 Class Rules (CR) are posted on the Class website at <https://j109.org/class/rules/>.
- 1.2. A J/109 may be chartered for J/109 sanctioned events, including the 2026 North American Championship. The charterer must be a Voting Member or an Associate Member who is an owner of a J/109
- 1.3. The J/109 Class will post any class information for this event on the J/109 Class website page: <https://j109.org/event/2026-na/> (Class Event Page - CEP).
- 1.4. The J/109 Class Association shall designate a Class Representative to coordinate with the Organizing Authority on behalf of the class during the conduct of the event. This designation will be posted on the CEP
- 1.5. The J/109 Class Association Technical Committee (JCTC), assisted by the New Bedford Yacht Club Event Technical Committee (ETC), as needed, shall inspect all boats per the J/109 Class Association Checklist posted on the CEP. Effective 1800 on August 6, 2026, after boat inspections have been completed, the JCTC will relinquish Technical Committee responsibilities to the ETC.
- 1.6. The J/109 Class Association shall designate a Class Representative to coordinate with the Organizing Authority on behalf of the class during the conduct of the event. This designation will be posted on the CEP.

2. Sail Declaration

- 2.1. Sails must be registered per CR 5.1 and shall be declared online via the J/109 Class website at <https://j109.org/declare-sails/> on or before 31 July 2026.
- 2.2. Changes or substitution of sails declared for the regatta (including sails that are lost, damaged beyond repair, or destroyed) may only be made in accordance with the class rules and with the written or emailed consent of the ETC.

3. Inspection & Measurement

- 3.1. Prior to 31 July 2026 owners shall schedule a measurement time to be conducted on 6 August. Measurement may be scheduled using the scheduling link posted on the CEP
- 3.2. The JCTC, assisted by the ETC as needed, shall inspect all boats per the J/109 Class Association Checklist posted on the CEP. Effective 1800 on 6 August 2026, after boat inspections have been completed, the JCTC will relinquish Technical Committee responsibilities to the ETC.
- 3.3. Sails and boats may be inspected / measured at any other time during the regatta at the discretion of the designated Class Representative.

4. Crew Requirements & Sailor Classification

- 4.1.** The J/109 Class Association requires all crew who sail to be declared, World Sailing IDs, and have emergency contact information listed. The check-in sheet will show the declared crew sailing each day.
- 4.2.** Each skipper, driver, and crew member shall have a current World Sailing Sailor ID Number and World Sailing Sailor Classification available at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations/>, and shall meet the World Sailing eligibility requirements of CR 2.2 - 2.4.
- 4.3.** Initial Crew Declaration and Crew Substitution:
 - 4.3.1.** The skipper shall declare their initial crew with whom he or she expects to sail during the regatta and shall enter the name, World Sailing ID Number for each crew on the regatta registration website by end of day 31 July 2026. The declaration shall also include the names, World Sailing ID Number and dates for any substitute crew that the skipper expects to use during the regatta, as well as the names of the crew to be replaced. Should a crew member be designated as a seventh “lightweight person” in accordance with Class Rule 6.1, the declared individual’s weight must also entered for that person.
 - 4.3.2.** If a skipper thereafter needs to provide for previously undeclared substitute crew, the skipper shall:
 - (i) enter such substitute crew member’s name, crew position and World Sailing ID Number on the regatta registration website for this event, and
 - (ii) notify the ETC Chair via email of the name, crew position, World Sailing Sailor ID Number, World Sailing Competitor Classification, and the name of the crew to be replaced not later than 0830 on the first day on which the substitute crew will sail.
 - 4.3.3.** Persons who sail as crew or driver on one boat during the regatta may not thereafter serve as crew or driver on another boat unless the first boat has withdrawn from the regatta.

5. Corinthian Trophy

- 5.1.** In addition to the trophies specified in the NoR, the J/109 Class intends to award a Corinthian trophy to the J/109 with the best regatta score where the entire crew, including skipper, driver and all crew members are World Sailing Competitor Classification 1 (i.e., no Competition Category 3 crew on board). In order to be eligible for the Corinthian trophy, the current sailor classification and World Sailing member number for all crew shall be entered on the event regatta registration website which shall be validated by the organizing committee against the World Sailing database.



ILCA Buzzards Bay Masters Championship Notice of Race Addendum B

1. RULES:

- 1.1. International Laser Class Association (ILCA) Class Rules apply.
- 1.2. Rigs may be switched back and forth throughout the regatta, provided the sail number is the same this changes ILCA CR C.11.1

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. ILCA members who are 30 years of age or older as of the first day of the regatta this changes ILCA CR 28(d).
- 2.2. **ILCA membership is required.**

3. SCORING

- 3.1. Low Point Scoring as per RRS Appendix A.
- 3.2. The North American Masters Age Handicap system will be used to determine the overall winner as follows: Legends (75+) add 0 points per race, GGM (65-74) add 1 point per race, GM (55-64) add 2 points per race, M (45-54) add 3 points per race, and APP (30-44) add 4 points per race to their score.

4. PRIZES

- 4.1. Prizes will be awarded based on registration numbers as of July 6, 2026 at 2000. The number of prizes for each division will be based on the number of entries and will be at the discretion of the organizing authority. In general, one prize for every eight boats registered per division, a minimum of 3 boats must be registered to award one prize, with a maximum of 5 prizes per division.