



Barrington Yacht Club

Charles V. Cox Memorial Series – 2026

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Notice of Race (NOR)

The notation "[NP]" as it appears in a rule of the sailing instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

Skippers Meeting, including Safety and Rules Review: May 12, 1830 hours

Race Dates: May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25, September 1
Fall Series (does not count for season standings): September 8, 15, 22, 29.

1. RULES

- a) The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- b) [NP] All boats shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER). Requirements can be downloaded at <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Monohull-SER-2022.0-Nearshore.pdf>.
- c) [NP] Each boat is strongly encouraged to have a representative attend the Skippers Meeting, which will include a Safety and Rules Review.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available by 1800 on May 5, 2026. They will be posted on the Clubspot event page, which can be accessed from a link on <https://barringtonyc.com/race>.

3. COMMUNICATION

- a) The official online notice board is located on the Clubspot event page.
- b) [NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 72 and 16.
- c) On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 72.
- d) From the first warning signal until the boat finishes, retires, or the race committee signals a postponement, abandonment, or general recall, a boat shall not receive outside assistance except as permitted by RRS 41. This changes RRS 41.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a) The event is open to all boats with valid 2026 PHRF-NB certificates. Certificates are available at www.phrf-nb.org. Boats are responsible for holding a valid certificate and racing in accordance with it. The Race Committee may verify certificates using the PHRF-NB website.
- b) Boats racing as one design classes are not required to obtain PHRF certificates.
- c) Classes are defined as follows:
 - i. Spinnaker: Class SPHRF
 - ii. Non-Spinnaker: APHRF
 - iii. One Design: The J-29 class and/or any other one design class with at least five (5) boats registered and racing. Scoring as a one design class shall begin on the date the class is established and shall not be applied retroactively.
- d) Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form on Clubspot and submitting it, together with all required fees, by May 18.
- e) Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

5. FEES

- a) Full season registration fee : \$250 for BYC Members and \$275 for BYC non-members.
- b) Late fee (payable if registration deadline is missed): \$50.
- c) Fee adjustments, including any required because of government regulations, will be announced at least 5 days prior to any new registration deadline.

6. ADVERTISING

- a) Advertising shall be in accordance with Regulation 20 in the World Sailing Advertising Code.
- b) Boats will not be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

7. SCHEDULE

- a) Skippers meeting Tuesday, May 12 at 1830.
- b) Tuesday evenings May 19 through September 29.
 - i. For races on May 19 - September 1, the first warning signal will be at 1830.
 - ii. For races in Fall Series, the first warning signal will be at 1800.

8. RACING AREA

- a) The event venue is the Barrington Yacht Club.
- b) The racing area is the northern portion of Narragansett Bay.

9. COURSES

- a) Courses will use either drop marks, fixed (government) marks or a combination thereof.
- b) Details regarding drop marks that may be used and a list of government navigational aids will be included in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V1 and V2 apply.

11. SCORING

- a) PHRF Time on Time scoring applies to boats racing under PHRF.
The Time on Time formula used will be:
$$\text{Corrected Time} = \text{Elapsed Time} \times 650 / (550 + \text{PHRF rating}).$$
- b) The scoring system is as follows:
 - i. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A shall apply. RRS A5.3 applies. This changes RRS 63.1.
 - ii. The scores for 16 races (May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25, September 1) will constitute "the series". How many races constitute the series.
 - iii. The results for the Fall races will not be included in scoring the series.
- c) Exclusions
 - i. If 13 or more races are completed, a boat's score for the series will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
 - ii. If 10-12 races are completed, a boat's score for the series will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- d) [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible.

12. AWARDS

- a) Awards will be presented at Barrington Yacht Club.
- b) Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each class for each evening and for the season. Perpetual awards will be presented to the top season finisher in each class, whose name will be listed on the appropriate perpetual trophy in the Barrington Yacht Club clubhouse.

13. RISK STATEMENTS

- a) 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.
- b) The race area utilizes navigable waters shared by commercial traffic and other stakeholders.
- c) Boats shall comply with the COLREGS when encountering commercial traffic and vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver.
- d) A boat that interferes with commercial traffic or causes a commercial vessel to sound a danger signal (five or more short blasts) may be protested by the Race Committee.

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