



**NBYA ANNUAL REGATTA
AND YACHT CLUB CHALLENGES
August 29, 2026
Notice of Race**

1. Rules

- 1.1. The organizing authority is the Narragansett Bay Yachting Association
- 1.2. The host club is the Bristol Yacht Club
- 1.3. The race will be governed by the rules defined in current version of The Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.4. Current PHRF-NB ratings and rules apply. Only the Protest or Race Committee may protest a boats rating, this changes rule 60.1.
- 1.5. RRS 60.4 (a)(2) is changed to read as follows: “(2) if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but was not involved in and did not see the incident, or”
- 1.6. No advertising allowed, other than “Manufacturer’s and Sailmaker’s Marks” as permitted in the ISAF Regulation 20.7.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. All monohull boats with valid ratings are eligible.
- 2.2. The Entry form is available and must be completed online via the link on the NBYA Fall Regatta under <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/BUS5q1OyMF>.
- 2.3. An entry must be completed by 1200 hours Wednesday, August 26 in order to race. OA may make exceptions to this time limit.
- 2.4. Each entry shall have a current PHRF-NB Certificate on file with [PHRF of Narragansett Bay](#). An entry is not complete until this certificate is issued. OA reserves the right to accept or reject late changes in rating.
- 2.5. The entry fee per boat is **\$40**.
- 2.6. Also see the addendum for additional information for boats on teams also racing for the Challenge Cups

3. Schedule

- 3.1. Saturday, August 29 with first warning at 1200

4. Racing

- 4.1. The race area will be in the vicinity of Half Way Rock
- 4.2. The race committee will run a maximum of 3 races for each class
- 4.3. There will be Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker division. Each division may be divided into classes by the OA.
- 4.4. Courses will be windward-leeward and/or around government marks as further defined in the SI

5. Sailing Instructions

5.1. Sailing instructions will be available no later than August 1 on TheClubSpot

6. Scoring

6.1. Boats will be scored Time on Time using their PHRF-NB handicap.

7. Awards

7.1. Awards will be presented to the winner in each class. Second place for classes with 5 or more boats and third place for classes with 8 or more boats will also be given

7.2. Awards will be presented at the NBYA Annual Dinner.

8. Liability and Media

8.1. Competitors and clubs participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Host Club, Volunteers, Sponsors 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. Attention is also drawn to ISAF Offshore Special Regulation 1.02, Responsibility of the Person in Charge, as well as the "waive and release of liability" as stated on the entry form.

8.2. In participating in this regatta, a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority, Host Club and Sponsors of the regatta the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the regatta, and of all his/her material related to the regatta without compensation

9. Further Information

Please visit the NBYA web site or contact the people listed below:

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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BOATS ALSO REGISTERED FOR THE Yacht Club Challenge Regatta For the Swanson and Bay Cups

1. Rules

- 1.1. Skippers must be members of the Yacht Club or Sailing Association they are representing. Non-member crew may not steer while racing.
- 1.2. RRS Rules A8.1 and A8.2 are amended to replace all references to “boat” or “boats” with “club” or “clubs”

2. Eligibility and Entry

NOTE: IT WOULD BE GREAT IF CLUBS COULD SIGNAL THEIR INTENT TO FIELD TEAM(S) AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO DECLARE THE BOATS ON YOUR TEAM UNTIL NOON ON AUGUST 26. SIMPLY SEND A NOTE TO phrf.racing@nbya.org TELLING US WHICH CLASS(S) YOU WILL BE RACING IN

- 2.1. There will be two classes. A spinnaker class racing for the Swanson Cup and a non-spinnaker class racing for the Bay Cup. A club may choose to enter one or both classes
- 2.2. All boats entered must be entered in the NBYA Fall Regatta taking place at the same time.
- 2.3. For each class entered, each club shall enter three yachts. Each entry may use up to three (3) boats per manufacturer, but not the same type. For example, your entry could include a J/24 & a J/30, but not two J/24s.
- 2.4. Any yacht club or sailing association may enter by registering online or by sending an email to Robyn Earley. The deadline for registration is 1200 August 26. There is no entry fee. Only boats on a team registered for the Challenge will be eligible to race. A tiebreaker will be used to determine the winner of the Challenge.

- 3.2. The final score for each club shall be the sum of each member boat's score for all races completed. The lowest point total earned by a club will determine the winning club. If two or more clubs are tied with the same low point total, the tie shall be broken by applying the procedure listed in Appendix A, section A8 with the word club or clubs replacing boat or boats as per 1.7 above.

- 3.3. If a club enters less than three yachts in a class, non-starters will be scored DNS

4. Prizes

- 4.1. The Swanson Cup for the winner in the spinnaker class and becoming the host club for this regatta next year.
- 4.2. The Bay Challenge Cup for the winner in the non-spinnaker class