



Barrington Yacht Club

Bud Humphrey Memorial Race

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Barrington Yacht Club invites you to participate in the 47th Annual Bud Humphrey Memorial Race for cruising class boats.

This is an "around the island" pursuit race with starts staggered, according to PHRF rating. Crews consisting of family and friends are strongly encouraged.

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.

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/2024/12/SER-2025.0-Monohull-Nearshore.pdf>.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a) Sailing instructions will be available by September 29th and will be posted on the CLUBSPOT event page.

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) All competitors are expected to maintain an active listening watch on VHF channel 72.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a) The event is open to all monohull non-spinnaker boats with valid PHRF certificates.
 - i. Only a single headsail, fully hanked to the headstay, is allowed, except during the rapid change of headsails.
 - ii. All spinnakers, bloopers, large roach headsails, etc. are prohibited.
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- b) Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form on CLUBSPOT and submitting it, together with all required fees, by October 4th at 5 PM.
- c) Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the race committee and require payment of applicable late fees.

5. FEES

- a) Race registration fee: \$30.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- a) The starting sequence will be as follows:
 - i. Warning signal for all starts: 11:55 (class flag up, with sound),
 - ii. Prep signal for all starts: 11:56 (P flag up, with sound),
 - iii. One minute warning: 11:59 (P flag down, with sound),
 - iv. First start: 12:00 (class flag down, with sound),
 - v. Subsequent starts: one-minute intervals (class flag down, with sound).
- b) The starting time for each yacht is as designated in the time schedule for PHRF ratings, as contained in Appendix A of the Sailing Instructions.
- c) Each subsequent start signal will be raised 30 seconds prior to the next scheduled start signal in accordance with the schedule contained in Appendix A (without sound).
- d) This schedule modifies RRS 26.

7. RACING AREA

- a) The event host is the Barrington Yacht Club.
- b) The racing area is the waters around Prudence Island.
- c) The start/finish shall be at Ohio Ledge.

8. COURSE

- a) The course is a pursuit race around Prudence Island; the direction of rounding shall be counterclockwise
- b) The following marks are to be left to port, i.e. between the island and the competitor:
 - i. R/G (Providence Point),
 - ii. R8 (west of Northwest Point),
 - iii. R/G (south end of the island),
 - iv. C27 (Sandy Point).

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- a) RRS VI and V2 apply.

10. SCORING

- a) Each boat shall be scored in the position she finishes.
- b) [NP] A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

11. AWARDS

- a) Results will be posted by the race committee online through CLUBSPOT and at a reception at Barrington Yacht Club immediately following the race.
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- b) Awards will be presented by the race committee for the top three finishers at the Barrington Yacht Club on Saturday November 1, 2025.

12. RISK STATEMENTS

- a) RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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) The right of way of commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver is absolute.
 - d) [NP] A commercial vessel sounding a danger signal (5 or more horn blasts) shall subject the offending boat to be protested by the Race Committee.
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