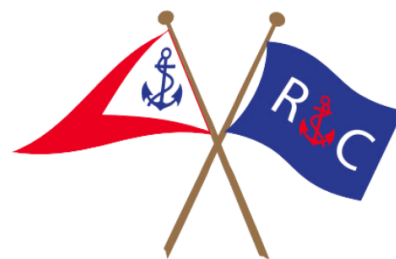


2026 NBYC Annual Regatta
OA: New Bedford Yacht Club Regatta Association
New Bedford Yacht Club
208 Elm Street, Dartmouth, MA
Sailing Instructions
Racing: August 7-9, 2026
Racing Venue: Buzzards Bay



The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule nor request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60 and 61.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. [NP][DP]The PHRF classes shall comply with the US Sailing *Safety Equipment Requirements for Near Shore Racing*.
- 1.3. The following documents also govern the regatta: Supplement A for the Dick Fontaine Memorial Distance Race; and Attachment 1.
- 1.4. RRS 52 is changed as follows: Powered winches are permitted on all PHRF boats.
- 1.5. Boats that race before completing the entry procedures described in the Notice of Race will be scored "Did Not Compete" without a hearing for such races. This changes RRS 60.5(b) and A5.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on <https://theclubspot.com/dashboard/regatta/5PLCeLnJvi/>

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day they will take effect, except that during a postponement ashore a change may be posted at least 15 mins before the removal of the AP flag. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it takes effect.
- 3.2. [NP] [DP]The Race Committee may make changes on the water by hailing the fleet by VHF and describing the change and requesting that boats acknowledge the change.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the NBYC flagpole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signal AP. This changes Race Signals.

5. COMMUNICATION

- 5.1. VHF Channels are as follows:
 - 5.1.1. J109 71
 - 5.1.2. Sandpiper 69
 - 5.1.3. ILCA 05
 - 5.1.4. PHRF 72

6. SCSCHEDULE

6.1.

Date	Time	Event
August 6, 2026	0900	J109 NAs Measurement
	1500	J109 NAs On-site Check-in
	1800	J109 Skippers Meeting
August 7, 2026	1100	First Warning J109
	1200	Sandpiper Measurement
	1500	Sandpiper On-site Check-In

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	1800	Sandpiper Skippers Meeting
	Following Racing	J109 NA Dinner
August 8, 2026	0730-0930	PHRF and ILCA On-site Check in
	0900	Skippers Meeting PHRF
	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

COURSES

- 7.1. Courses will be displayed on the course board located on the signal boat.
- 7.2. Courses will be posted using the marks described in Appendix A.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. The drop marks will be announced at the skippers meeting.

9. THE START

- 9.1. [DP] Before racing each day, each boat shall check in by passing behind the signal boat and hailing her sail number and number of souls aboard until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 9.2. For all classes, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the starting mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat. .
- 9.3. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.4. Class flags are defined below:
J109 - Class Insignia
Sandpiper - Class Insignia
ILCA - Class Insignia
PHRF Race - Pennant 1
PHRF Cruise - Pennant 2

10. RECALLS

- 10.1. The race committee may attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. Such hails will be made on the racing area's VHF channel.
- 10.2. The order of the boats hailed or a competitor's failure to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When the windward mark is changed, there will not be an offset mark. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. The race committee may make minor adjustments to the marks without signaling a change. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the finish mark. For drop mark courses, the finish mark will be located as described at the skippers meeting.

13. PENALTIES

- 13.1. For all PHRF and One Design classes: The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply for penalties taken at the time of the incident. The penalty will be 20% or 2 points whichever is greater.

However, when a boat has broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty will be 30% or 3 points whichever is greater. This changes RRS 44.3(c) No score changed by this can be worse than points equal to DNC.

13.2. A lesser penalty than DSQ may be given for an infringement of rules other than those of Part 2.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

14.2. Time limits per class are as follows

14.2.1. Sandpiper: 60 min time limit. 20 min window.

14.2.2. J109: 90 min time limit. 30 min window.

14.2.3. ILCA: 60 min time limit. 20 min window.

14.2.4. Saturday PHRF: 90 min time limit. 30 min window.

15. PROTESTS, REDRESS AND ARBITRATION

15.1. Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Desk within 60 minutes after the race committee boat or finish boat docks. Protest time limits will be posted on the official notice board.

15.2. Protest forms will be available at the protest desk in the NBYC clubhouse

15.3. Requests for scoring review shall be filed within the protest time limit on forms available at the Protest Desk. Such requests will be reviewed by the race committee and may be resolved before being scheduled for a hearing by a protest committee. If unresolved, they shall be considered a timely Request for Redress.

15.4. Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Parties and witnesses should report to the protest desk. This posting constitutes the notification required by RRS 60.2(a)(2) and 63.1.(a)(1)

15.5. If the race committee posts a list of boats scored NSC, OCS, TLE, ZFP, UFD, or BFD on the official notice board a request for redress shall be made no later than one hour after the posting or within the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 61.2(b)(3).

16. SCORING

16.1. One race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.

16.2. 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 score.

16.3. A boat scored TLE shall receive points equal to the number of boats that finished within the window for that race plus one. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A10.

17. SAFETY

17.1. [NP][DP] IF THERE IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, CONTACT ANY RC VESSEL, COAST GUARD OR HARBORMASTER (VHF CHANNEL 9 OR 16).

17.2. [NP][DP] A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee vessel before leaving the racing area, or, when that is impossible, the NBYC Office immediately after arriving ashore.

18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

18.1. [DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of the prior written permission of the Race Committee.

19. COURTESY BROADCASTS

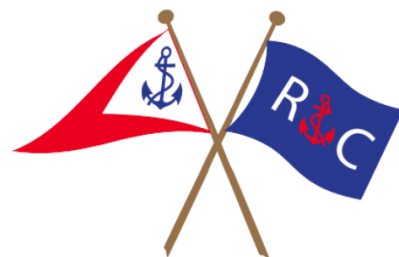
19.1. [NP] Race Committees will make courtesy broadcasts to inform competitors of the order of starting, postponements, general recalls, and other race-related information on their racing area channel.

19.2. The absence, inaccuracy or untimeliness of such broadcasts shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 61.4.

20. PRIZES

20.1. All classes will be awarded first through third place.

SUPPLEMENT A
TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
THE DICK FONTAINE MEMORIAL DISTANCE RACE



C 1.0 A distance race for PHRF Race, PHRF Cruise classes is scheduled for Sunday, August 9, 2026.

C 2.0 The starting line will be between the course side of a portable mark at the port end and the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the race committee signal boat.

C 3.0 Unless the course is shortened, the finish line will be between the course side of the final mark of the course and the staff from which a blue flag is displayed on the race committee signal boat.

C 4.0 The race committee will post the marks of the course in order and the side on which each is to be left P(ort) or S(tarboard) on a white board on the signal boat.

C 5.0 Mark W will be a portable mark. The distance and bearing to this mark, if used, will be posted on the signal boat. Mark W will be used at the discretion of the race committee.

C 6.0 A chart will be posted on the official notice board, showing the locations of each rounding mark. Possible marks of the course, with their approximate location and descriptions are in Attachment 1 below.

C 7.0 [DP]Competitors shall monitor VHF channel 72 while racing. The failure of a boat to hear the changes shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).