



The 101st Annual Hayward Cup
August 16th, 2026
Northeast Harbor Fleet
NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that a protest committee has discretion in assessing a penalty for a boat which breaks this rule.

1. RULES

1.1 All events are governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing For 2025-2028.

1.2 [NP] Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device while racing.

1.3 [NP] Each entry shall have a device easily accessible to retrieve a person overboard.

1.4 [NP] If an entry has only two or fewer persons aboard, they shall have an operable VHF radio attached or on their clothing.

1.5 Starting Times shall be communicated orally by the Race Committee Signal Boat over VHF Channel 65 for each competitor in the race area.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The SIs will be available before August 15, 2025 at The Northeast Harbor Fleet House or online at nehfleet.org.

2.2 The SIs will consist of the instructions as required by RRS Appendix J2 and additional instructions provided by the Race Committee Signal Boat, The Shearwater, or a substitute as specified to the competitors from the Race Committee.

2.3 While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency in accordance with RRS 41, a boat shall neither make voice or data transmissions nor receive voice or data communication that is not

available to all boats.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Hayward Cup is open to all past and current NEHF Racing Classes. If you are unsure whether your boat qualifies or not to compete, please reach out to our Fleet Manager Nick Johnstone at nehfgeneralmanager@gmail.com. All competitors shall indicate to the Race Committee whether they intend to use a spinnaker or not. The Race Committee may alter a boat's handicap rating prior to the start of each Pursuit Race at their discretion. Each entry must have at least one NEHF member aboard.

4. SERIES

The schedule for racing series will be published on the [NEHF Monthly Calendars](#). Help registering can be found on the [Race Registration Guide](#) online at nehfleet.org.

5. VENUE

Racing will be conducted in the waters of the Great Harbor.

6. COURSES AND MARKS

Courses and marks will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

7. PENALTY SYSTEM

7.1 APPENDIX V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

7.2 APPENDIX V2 POST-RACE PENALTIES

- (a) Provided that RRS 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- (b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). However, RRS 44.1(a) applies.
- (c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the Principal Race Officer a written statement that she accepts the penalty, identifies the race number, where and when the

incident occurred.

8. SCORING

8.1 Race scores shall be the order in which boats finish.

8.2 RRS A5.3 is modified and will apply as follows:

SCORES DETERMINED BY THE RACE COMMITTEE

A5.1 A boat that did not start, sail the course or finish, or comply with RRS 30.2, 30.3, 30.4 or 78.2, or that retires or takes a penalty under RRS 44.3(a), shall be scored accordingly by the Race Committee without a hearing. Only the Protest Committee may take other scoring actions that worsen a boat's score.

A5.2 A boat that did not sail the course, start or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in that race. A boat that is penalized under RRS 30.2 or that takes a penalty under RRS 44.3(a) shall be scored points as provided in RRS 44.3(c).

A5.3 If the notice of race or sailing instructions state that RRS A5.3 will apply, RRS A5.2 is changed so that a boat that came to the starting area but did not finish or retired shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished the race.

9. RISK STATEMENT

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.

10. PRIZES

The George Davenport Hayward Trophy will be presented to the overall winner.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Principal Race Officer Nick Johnstone via email at nehfgeneralmanager@gmail.com.