



BASS RIVER YACHT CLUB

2026 BEETLE CAT SUMMER SERIES

Notice of Race

Bass River Yacht Club (BRYC) is the Organizing Authority

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025–2028.

1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing apply.

1.3 The race committee shall be notified of any rig substitution or change of sail numbers prior to the warning signal.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the BRYC website prior to the start of the racing season on July 4, 2026.

2.2 Courses will follow Appendix A course diagrams and will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 Notices will be posted on the official notice board at BRYC and on the BRYC website.

3.2 While it is recommended that racers have a radio on board for communications, from the first warning signal until the end of racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction

also applies to mobile telephones. A radio or mobile telephone of any type may be used, and is encouraged to be carried for use, in an emergency.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to boats of the Beetle Cat class that comply with applicable class rules.

4.2 The person in charge shall be a member of Bass River Yacht Club or a current member of US Sailing.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by registering online via ClubSpot on the BRYC website.

4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete the online registration, sign the required waiver, and pay all applicable fees.

4.5 Boats not properly registered shall be scored DNC.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees will be posted and collected through ClubSpot.

5.2 No boat will be raced unless all forms, waivers, and fees are completed.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Crew shall comply with applicable class rules.

6.2 A Beetle Cat may be sailed by a skipper alone or with one or more crew.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 The event consists of multiple series and special races conducted throughout the 2026 racing season.

7.2 The 2026 Racing Calendar will be published on the BRYC website at <https://bassriveryachtclub.org/calendar>

7.3 Racing will include:

July Series

August Series

Special Races including:

- July 4th Race
- Labor Day Race
- Pope Long Distance Race

7.4 Multiple races may be conducted on a single race day.

7.5 Races will be conducted on Saturdays. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1000.

7.6 A competitors' meeting is scheduled for 0830 on the BRYC deck and is intended to be brief (approximately 10 minutes). Competitors are responsible for any information provided.

7.7 The race committee may modify the schedule, number of races, or racing area as conditions require.

8 VENUE

8.1 Racing will take place on Nantucket Sound or Bass River, as determined by the Race Committee.

9 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions and Appendix A.

9.2 Courses may include windward-leeward, triangle, or government mark courses.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

11 SCORING

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A applies.

11.2 In each monthly series, a boat's worst score will be discarded after completing every five (5) races. If you sail 5 races you drop 1 race, if you sail 10 races you drop 2 races, etc.

11.3 Series scoring applies to July and August series.

11.4 Special races do not count toward monthly series scores.

11.5 Six races are proposed for each monthly series (July and August, respectively), but fewer or more races may be sailed in the series at the discretion of the Race Committee.

12 ADVERTISING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

12.1 By participating in this race or series, each competitor grants to the organizing authority and its members the right in perpetuity to make, use and show and to license any

other person to so make, show and use, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, video recordings, sound recordings, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television or other productions of them or their property made during the period of the series.

13 RISK STATEMENT

13.1 RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

13.2 By participating, competitors acknowledge that sailing involves inherent risks including injury or death.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 Competitors participate in these races entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The Bass River Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after these races.

14.2 Each participating boat is encouraged to carry adequate third-party liability insurance.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Fleet Awards (based on number of boats starting in each fleet):

- 2 boats: 1st place
- 3-4 boats: 1st and 2nd place
- 5 or more boats: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

Beetle Cat Fleet:

- July Series – Awards per participation scale above
- August Series – Awards per participation scale above

Perpetual Trophies (Single Overall Winner):

- Irving K. Taylor Trophy – July 4th Race
- Andrew K. Henry Trophy – July Series Overall
- BRYC Challenge Cup – Labor Day Race
- Pope Long Distance Trophy – Long Distance Race

16 CONTACT INFORMATION

16.1 For further information please contact:

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