



Sailing Instructions As Amended

Wednesday Evening Races

July 15 to September 16, 2020

Sponsored by West Marine and Rumson's Rum



Organizing Authority: *The Boston Yacht Club*

Entry into this series for the full season includes entry fees for the *BYC James R. Hodder Race*.

1 Rules: This Event will be governed by the Mass Bay Sailing Association (MBSA) General Sailing Instructions (GSI) except as changed by these Event Sailing Instructions or the Notice of Race, as well as any and all COVID-19 related standards, guidelines, and rules required by state and local law. The regatta shall follow the Marblehead Harbormaster's document entitled 'Marblehead Sailing Guidelines Proposal', which supersedes current state guidelines, and does not limit crew size.

2.2 Entries:

- (a) Entry and payment at <http://www.bostonyc.org/racing>. Navigate to Wednesday Evening Races, then to online registration. Entries should be submitted before July 14, 2020.
- (b) For information: BYCrace@bostonyc.org. PHRF boats **must have a valid PHRFNE certificate**. See RRS 78.
- (c) **All boats entering this event must complete the online registration process for each series in this event even if they are paying with the Season Pass.**

2.3 Entry Fees:

Full Season	By 7/14/2020	\$130	After 7/14/2020	\$130
Discounts (each)	USSAILING	\$10		\$10
	MBSA	\$10		\$10
Single Series	By 7/14/2020	\$70	After 1 st Race of Series	\$70
Discounts (each)	USSAILING	\$5		\$5
	MBSA	\$5		\$5

- 3 Notices to Competitors:** Will be posted on the event page at www.regattaman.com.
- 4 Skippers' Meeting:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 1930 hrs via Ring Central, link to be posted and emailed to all registrants.
- 5 Changes to the Sailing Instructions:** Will be posted on (i) the event page at www.regattaman.com (ii) by email to addresses supplied when registering.
- 6 Signals Made Ashore:** Will be displayed from the Boston Yacht Club Flagstaff.
- 7 Schedule of Series Races:** One race will be held each Wednesday evening as follows; the first Warning Signal will be made at 1755 hrs.

<i>Summer</i>	<i>Fall</i>
5 Races July 15 to August 12	5 Races August 19 to September 16

- 8 Classes and Class Flags:** It is anticipated there will be four PHRF classes. Class breaks will be announced pursuant to Paragraph 5 above by 2000 hrs the day prior to the first race. Alphabetical Code Flags shall designate PHRF classes and shall be flown from the backstay of all boats except for those racing in a one design class. This changes GSI 20.6.
- 9 Racing Area:** In the vicinity of Children's Island where the Race Committee Signal boat, Carl A. Alberg, will set a starting line.
- 10.1 Courses and Marks:** Letter designations and positions of the marks are given on the WEDNESDAY EVENING RACES, LIST OF MARKS, which is available on <http://www.bostonyc.org/racing>, and on the event page on www.regattaman.com.

- 10.2 Course signals will be displayed prior to or with the Preparatory Signal; this changes RRS 27.1
- 11 Areas that are Obstructions:** Are shown as RESTRICTED AREAS on Wednesday Evening Races, List of Marks.
- 12 The Start:**
- 12.1 PHRF and any One Design classes will start in accordance with RRS 26, with the first Warning Signal at 1755 hrs. Order will be alphabetical by classes present and checked in. There will be approximately 1 minute between the start of one class and the warning for the next class. **First warning for One Design Classes is at 1830 hrs.**
- 12.2 Other One Design classes may be substituted for those listed in 12.1.
- 13 Recalls:** The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats that are identified as on the course side (OCS) on VHF channel 72. The failure to hail, the hail of some but not all boats, or untimely hail of a boat or boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14 The Finish:** The finish line will be between the last posted mark of the course and an orange flag on the nearby Race Committee boat unless the course is shortened in the prescribed manner.
- 15 Time Limit:** At the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 16 Protests:** Written protests shall be filed with the Race Committee by emailing byrace@bostonyc.org within 45 minutes of the return of the Committee to the BYC dock as posted on the Notice board on the event page at regattaman.com. Redress for scoring errors will be heard no later than one week after the request for redress. Protests and Redress shall be done virtually. This changes GSI 19.1
- 17 Scoring:**
- 17.1 Low point scoring will be used. In each series, one individual race score will be excluded from each series if 5 races are sailed and there will be no excluded individual race scores if 4 or fewer races are sailed. One race shall constitute a series. Series score ties will be broken according to RRS A8.1 and A8.2, and the series will be scored according to RRS A9, changing GSI 20.5.
- 17.2 A special penalty will be assessed the winner of each PHRF class as follows: 36 seconds per nautical mile the first week after winning and 18 seconds the second week. These penalties are cumulative, but will not extend beyond the week for which they are intended (despite cancelled races), nor will they extend between the separate series. Special penalties will NOT be assessed for the one-design classes.
- 18 Safety Regulations:**
- 18.1 One-design boats shall be equipped with a working VHF radio, navigation lights in accordance with Coast Guard regulations, current distress flares, an operational flashlight, and have either an engine or a designated tow partner.
- 18.2 **All crew shall wear face coverings while racing.** Neck gaiters, or “buffs” comply with this rule.
- 18.3 Check-in will be conducted on the Signal Boat, Carl A. Alberg, Checking in by radio is not allowed unless the race committee announces an exception on VHF 72.
- 18.4 Withdrawal from the race without notifying the Race Committee on VHF 72 will result in a 20% penalty applied to the next scored race. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 18.5 Each skipper shall maintain a list of all crew name, phone and email address and date they sailed for contact tracing purposes, as well as complete a Covid Release form, provided on the regattaman.com page for this event, for each race, and certify at check-in that crew is symptom free.
- 19 Prizes:** First place prizes will be presented for each class in each race.
- 19.1 Series trophies will be presented in each class for the best scored race results in each series.
- 19.2 Season trophies will be presented in each class for the best combined results in the two series.
- 19.3 The William C. Burke trophy will be awarded for the best performance over the combined summer and fall series.
- 19.4 Season overall prize giving will be held at the Boston Yacht club on Wednesday September 30, 2020 at 7 pm, Covid-19 guidelines permitting, otherwise prizes will be given virtually at same date and time, and a link will be sent to all registrants.

Please note: This is two weeks after the final race.

--- Fee Structure for BYC Weekend PHRF Racing Events ---

For the James R. Hodder Race the individual event fee is: \$65, USSAILING Discount: \$5 MBSA Discount: \$5

***For boats registered in the full season of BYC Wednesday Evening racing, purchasing a Season Pass, no entry fee is required for this event.**