



**Notice of Race and
Event Sailing Instructions
Wednesday Evening Races
May 12 to September 22, 2010**

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Entry into this series for the full season includes entry fees for the BYC Memorial Weekend, Hodder Memorial, and the Fall Regattas.

1 Introduction: The Boston Yacht Club invites all PHRF, Sonar, J/105 and Viper Class boats to compete in this series of races. PHRF and Sonar class boats will race without spinnakers. J/105 boats will race as a one design class.

2 Rules: These races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as changed by these Event Sailing Instructions (ESI).

2.1 This event will be ISAF Category 5; see OSR Appendix J.

2.2 One design boats shall be equipped with a 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.

2.3 Children under 12 years of age shall wear PFD's at all times. All people on board shall wear PFD's at the start and finish and at other times as determined by the Skipper.

3 Entries: Entries should be made by submitting the entry form with the appropriate Entry Fee and PHRF-NE handicap certificate to the BYC by mail, or by Email to: raceregistration@bostonyachtclub.net the entry form is provided in the 2010 Mass Bay Handbook, or is available from the Boston Yacht Club, or online at the Race Website: www.bostonyachtclub.net/Racing.

3.1 Entry Fees:

Full Season	By 5/12/2010	\$140	On/After 5/12	\$150
Single Season			On/After 5/12	\$65
Discounts	USSAILING	\$14		\$5
	MBSA	\$5		\$5

3.2 Entry Deadline: 1630 hrs on any race day.

4 Skippers' Meeting: Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 1930 hrs in the Main Lounge of the Boston Yacht Club.

5 Notices to Competitors: Will be posted on the Official Notice Board near the Main Lounge of the Boston Yacht Club.

6 Sailing Instructions: Will be distributed at the Skippers' Meeting, and thereafter may be downloaded from the Race Website: www.bostonyachtclub.net/Racing.

6.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions: Will be posted on the Race Website before 2100 hrs on the Thursday before they are to take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2100 hrs on the day before it will take effect. Changes will also be posted on the Official Notice Board within 12 hours of the Race Website posting.

7 Signals Made Ashore: Will be displayed from the Boston Yacht Club Flagstaff.

8 Schedule of Races: One race will be held each Wednesday evening as follows; the first Warning Signal will be made at 1755.

<i>Spring</i>	<i>Summer</i>	<i>Fall</i>
7 Races May 12 to June 24	7 Races June 30 to August 11	6 Races August 18 to September 22

9 Classes and Class Flags: Class breaks will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting; see Paragraph 4 above. Alphabetical Code Flags shall designate PHRF classes and will be flown from the backstay of all boats except J/105, Viper 640, and Sonar classes.

10 Racing Area: In the vicinity of Cat Island where the Race Committee Signal boat, Carl Alberg, will set a starting line.

11 Courses and Marks: Letter designations and positions of the marks are given on the WEDNESDAY EVENING RACES, LIST OF MARKS, which is available from the front desk of the Boston Yacht Club, and will be distributed at the Skippers' Meeting.

11.1 Course signals will be displayed prior to or with the Preparatory Signal; this changes RRS 27.1

11.2 Code Flag "V" will signal means that the course for the next race is changed from the previously posted course.

11.3 The finishing line will at the last posted mark unless the course is shortened in the prescribed manner.

11.4 Areas that are Obstructions are shown as RESTRICTED AREAS on the ... LIST OF MARKS.

12 The Start:

12.1 PHRF classes will start in accordance with RRS 26, with the first Warning signal at 1755 for Class A.

12.2 The Viper and Sonar classes will start in accordance with the RRS Appendix S – Sound-Signal Starting System. The Warning Signal for the J/105 class will be given with the Starting Signal for Class A; the Warning signal for the Viper class will be given with the Starting Signal for Class B and the Warning signal for the Sonar class will be given with the Starting Signal for Class C.

12.3	Class A	Warning 1755 hrs	J/105	Warning 1800 hrs	Class B	Warning 1805 hrs
	Viper	Warning 1805 hrs	Class C	Warning 1810 hrs	Sonar	Warning 1815 hrs
	Class D	Warning 1815 hrs				

13 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.

14 Time Limit: At the discretion of the Race Committee.

15 Protests: Written protests shall be filed with the Race Committee within 30 minutes of the return of the Committee to the BYC dock. If participants are not available for a hearing at that time the Race Committee reserves the right to hear and decide the protest on the basis of the information available. Redress for scoring errors will be heard no later than 1 week after the request for redress.

16 Scoring:

16.1 Low point scoring will be used. Individual race scores will be excluded from series scores in accordance with 17.1 and 17.3.

16.2 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 may be cumulative, but will not extend beyond the week for which they are intended (despite cancelled races), nor will they extend between the three separate series. Special penalties will NOT be assessed for the one-design classes.

17. Trophies: First place prizes will be presented for each class in each race.

17.1 Series trophies will be presented in each class for the best five race results in the spring and summer series, and the best four races in the fall series.

17.2 Season trophies will be presented in each class for the best combined results in the three series.

17.3 The Race Committee may reduce the number of qualifying races in each series.

17.4 The William C. Burke trophy will be awarded for the best performance over the combined spring, summer and fall series.

Fee Structure for BYC Weekend PHRF Racing Events

For each of the Memorial Day Weekend Regatta, the James R. Hodder Regatta and the Fall Regatta the individual event fees are:

Entry Fee*	\$50
USSAILING Discount	\$5
MBSA Discount	\$5

*** For boats registered in the full season of BYC Wednesday Evening racing no entry fee is required for these events.***