



Event Sailing Instructions
BYC Wednesday Evening Races
20 Wednesday Evening Races.
From May 14 to September 24, 2008
Organized and Sponsored by Boston Yacht Club
Marblehead, MA.
****Amended May 8, 2008**

Entry into this series for the full season automatically includes entry fees for the BYC Memorial Weekend, Hodder and Fall Regattas. See box at end of this Event Sailing Instructions.

1. Introduction: The Boston Yacht Club invites all PHRF, Sonar and Viper Class boats to compete in this series of races. PHRF and Sonar class boats will race without spinnakers. J105 boats will race as a one design class.

2. Skippers Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, at the Main Lounge of the BYC at 1930 hrs.

3. **Rules: Mass Bay Sailing Association General Sailing Instructions (GSI) will apply except as changed below:

- A. ****Para. 3. B:** Rules of Part II of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will apply at all times.
- B. ****Para. 3. C:** Add: One-Design class boats must be equipped with navigation lights in accordance with Coast Guard regulations, current distress flares, and have a motor or designated tow partner.
- C. ****Add Para.3. E** as follows: Children under 12 must wear PFD's at all times.

4. Entries: Entries should be made by submitting the entry form provided in the 2008 Mass Bay Handbook or available from BYC, together with appropriate fee and current PHRF-NE rating certificate to: BYC Race Committee, P.O. Box 487, Marblehead MA, 01945.

Fees:	Full 3 Seasons	Before 5/14	\$140*	After 5/14	\$150*
	Single Season			After 5/15	\$65*
	*Discounts		US Sailing	\$14	
			MBSA	\$5	

Entry Deadline: 1630 hrs of any race day.

5. *Notices to Competitors: Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board *near the main lounge* of the Boston Yacht Club.

6. Changes to Sailing Instructions: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 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.

7. Signals Made Ashore: Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the BYC flagstaff.

8. Schedule of Races:

<i>Spring</i>	<i>Summer</i>	<i>Fall</i>
14 May – 25 Jun	2 July – 13 Aug	20 Aug – 24 Sep

The first Warning Signal will be at 1800 hrs.

9. Classes: Alphabetical Code Flags designate PHRF Classes and will be flown from the backstay of all boats except J105, Viper and Sonar classes..

Class breaks will be announced at the Skippers Meeting. (Paragraph 2 above.)

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

11. Course:

- A. Letter designations for marks are shown on the Wednesday Evening Races Chart, available at the BYC front desk.
- B. Code Flag "V" will signal changes to previously posted courses prior to the next start.
- C. Course signals will be displayed prior to or with the Preparatory Signal (changes RRS 27.1).
- D. ****Code flag "T"** shall be used to indicate that the posted course is to be sailed twice around. (second sentence deleted)
- E. The finishing line will at the last posted mark unless the course is shortened in the prescribed manner.

12. Marks. Marks will be as identified in the Boston Yacht Club Wednesday Evening Races List of Marks.

13. The Start:

- **A. PHRF classes will start in accordance with Paragraph 14 of the GSI
- B. The J105, Viper and Sonar classes will start in accordance with the RRS Appendix Q – Sound Signal Starting System. The Warning Signal for the J105 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.

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

15. Protests: Written protests must be filed with the Race Committee within 30 minutes of the return of the Committee Boat to the BYC float. If participants are not available, the Protest Committee reserves the right to hear and decide the protest on the information available at the time. Redress for scoring errors will be heard no later than one week after the request for redress.

16. Scoring:

- A. Low point scoring will be used with ¾ points awarded for first place (changes RRS A 4.1). Individual race scores will be excluded from series scores in accordance with paragraphs 17 (B) and (C) below (changes RRS A2).
- B. If the scoring penalty of RRS 44.3 is invoked the number of penalty places shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest 20% of the number of boats starting in the class, with a minimum value of 2 places. The penalized boat shall not be scored worse than DNF. The scores of other boats shall not be changed.
- C. 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:

- A. First place prizes will be presented for each class in each race.
- B. Series trophies will be presented in each class for the best four race results in the spring and summer series, and the best three races in the fall series.
- C. The Race Committee may reduce the number of qualifying races in each series.
- D. 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

Memorial Day Weekend Regatta

Entry Fee*:	*\$50.00
USSA Discount	\$5.00
MBSA Discount	\$5.00

James R. Hodder Memorial Regatta

Entry Fee*:	*\$50.00
USSA Discount	\$5.00
MBSA Discount:	\$5.00

BYC Fall Regatta

Entry Fee*:	*\$50.00
USSA Discount	\$5.00
MBSA Discount	\$5.00

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