



# Event Sailing Instructions

## Wednesday Evening Races

May 16 to September 26, 2018



### **Organizing Authority: The Boston Yacht Club**

**Sponsored by Mortgage Equity Partners, Rumson's Rum, and The Barrelman**

*Entry into this series for the full season includes entry fees for the  
BYC Memorial Day and the James R. Hodder Regattas.*

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. For J/105's, Class Rule 5.4.1 is exempted in accordance with RRS 87. Approval letter details posted on Official PHRF/Wednesday Evening Notice Board as described in paragraph 3 below.

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 1800 hrs on May 15, 2018.
- (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 5/15/2018	\$170	On/After 5/16	\$190
Discounts (each)	USSAILING	\$10		\$10
	MBSA	\$10		\$10
Single Series	By 5/15/2018	\$75	On/After 5/16	\$80
Discounts (each)	USSAILING	\$5		\$5
	MBSA	\$5		\$5

3 **Notices to Competitors:** Will be posted on the Official PHRF/Wednesday Evening Notice Board near the downstairs bar of the BYC.

4.1 **Skippers' Meeting:** Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 1930 hrs in the Main Lounge of the BYC.

5.4 **Changes to the Sailing Instructions:** Will be posted on (i) the official PHRF/Wednesday Evening notice board located near the downstairs bar of the BYC (ii) On the BYC website racing page <http://www.bostonyc.org/racing> (Weds. Eve. Races section) and on [www.regattaman.com](http://www.regattaman.com) (iii) by email to addresses supplied when registering.

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

7.1 **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>Spring</i>	<i>Summer</i>	<i>Fall</i>
6 Races May 16 to June 20	6 Races (No Race 7/4) June 27 to August 8	6 Races (No Race 9/19) August 15 to September 26

8 **Classes and Class Flags:** It is anticipated there will be four PHRF classes. Class breaks will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting. Alphabetical Code Flags shall designate PHRF classes and shall be flown from the backstay of all boats except J/105's, J70's and Vipers. 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 from the front desk of the Boston Yacht Club, on <http://www.bostonyc.org/racing>, and will be distributed at the Skippers’ Meeting.
- 10.4 Course signals will be displayed prior to or with the Preparatory Signal; this changes RRS 27.1
- 10.5 Code Flag “V” signal means that the course for the next race is changed from the previously posted course.
- 12 **Areas that are Obstructions:** Are shown as RESTRICTED AREAS on Wednesday Evening Races, List of Marks.
- 13 **The Start:**
- 13.1 PHRF, J/105 & J70 classes will start in accordance with RRS 26.
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| Class A | Warning 1755 hrs | J105 & J70     | Warning 1800 hrs |
| Class B | Warning 1805 hrs | Class C        | Warning 1810 hrs |
| Class D | Warning 1815 hrs | Sonar & Vipers | Warning 1820 hrs |
- 14 **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).
- 16 **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.
- 17 **Time Limit:** At the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 19 **Protests:** Written protests shall be filed with the Race Committee within 45 minutes of the return of the Committee to the BYC dock as posted in the BYC Yardarm. Redress for scoring errors will be heard no later than one week after the request for redress. This changes GSI 19.1
- 20 **Scoring:**
- 20.1 Low point scoring will be used. In each series, two individual race scores will be excluded if 6 or more races are sailed; 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.
- 20.2 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.
- 21 **Safety Regulations:**
- 21.1 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.
- 21.2 Children under 12 years of age shall wear PFDs at all times.
- 21.3 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.
- 21.4 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.
- 24 **Prizes:** First place prizes will be presented for each class in each race.
- 24.1 Series trophies will be presented in each class for the best scored race results in each series.
- 24.2 Season trophies will be presented in each class for the best combined results in the three series.

- 24.4 The William C. Burke trophy will be awarded for the best performance over the combined spring, summer and fall series.
- 24.5 Season overall prize giving will be held at the Boston Yacht club on Wednesday October 10, 2018 at 7 pm.  
**Please note: This is two weeks after the final race.**

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

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

Entry Fee each\* \$60      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 these events.**