



**Palmer's Cove
Yacht Club**

Mass Bay Shorthanded Regatta

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Notice of Race

1. **Eligibility:** Boats with a valid 2022 PHRF-NE Certificate are eligible for "Spinnaker" and "JAM" Divisions. If you don't have a valid PHRFNE certificate, we will assign you a rating which will be uncontestable.
2. **Registration:** Enter online at www.regattaman.com/calendar.php no later than 0900 the morning of the event. Entries received thereafter may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC).
3. **Fees:** The entry fee is \$40 with a \$5 discount for US Sailing members, and/or \$5 discount for MBSA members.
4. **Handicaps & Scoring:** PHRF, Time on Time
5. **Classes:** There will be two classes. Class "A" will be the Spinnaker Class and Class "F" will be the JAM Class.
6. **Rules:** The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the MBSA General Sailing Instructions, except as changed by this NOR.
 - a. **Autopilot:** The use of autopilots is permitted where a boat is single-handed or doublehanded. This changes RRS 52.
7. **Notices to Competitors:** Will be posted on the official notice board on <https://www.pcycsailing.com/mass-bay-shorthanded-regatta> and www.regattaman.com as well at the notice board located in the PCYC lounge. There is no Skipper's Meeting.
8. **Signals Made Ashore:** There will be no signals made ashore. Competitors shall monitor VHF channel 68 for announcements.
9. **Schedule of Races:** The RC intends to run one race as provided in the sailing instructions
10. **Sailing Instruction:** The sailing instructions will be available by May 28, 2022, on the event page for this event at www.regattaman.com.
11. **Check-in Before Start:** All boats must check-in by sailing past the race committee boat before the first warning signal. All boats must report, boat name and number of souls onboard.
12. **Start:** There will be two starts. First start will be the Class "A" Spinnaker class. The second start will be Class "F" JAM class. If there are many entries, the RC may decide to have more than two starts.
 - a. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal vessel and either Tinkers Gong or an orange inflatable mark.
 - b. A boat that does not start within 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
13. **Warning Signal:** The warning signal for the first race of the day will be made at 11:00.
14. **Racing Area:** Start will be in the vicinity of Tinker's Rock Gong, and sailed within Massachusetts Bay

15. **Class Flag:** Vessels shall fly their class flag from the backstay of their boat. Code Flag "A" is designated as the class flag for the Spinnaker Division. Code Flag "F" is the designated class flag for the JAM division.
16. **Courses and Marks:** The description of each of the courses will be provided under Course description. There are multiple courses laid out. The courses range from 9nm to 20nm. RC will announce the course before the first warning signal of each class. Course designation will be numerical. Course: 1,2,3,4,5, etc.
17. **Over early OCS:** The RC will use VHF channel 68 to attempt to advise individual boats that are OCS. Failure to hear will not be grounds for redress. Boats that are OCS and fail to restart shall incur a 5-minute penalty which will be added to their finish time.
18. **Time Limit:** Five (5) hours after each class/division starts. The finishing window will be 60 minutes.
19. **Finish:** The finish will be between the RC boat and the Finish mark. In case there is no committee boat on station, you will be required to take your own time by finishing within one boat length of the finish mark.
20. **Radio Communication:** The RC will monitor VHF Channel 68 from 1000 until all yachts have finished. Emergency conditions should be reported to the RC as well as local authorities.
21. **Prizes and social activities:** First and second place trophies will be awarded in each division with three (3) or more boats. Third place trophies will be awarded in each division with at least five (5) or more competitors. The hospitality of the club is extended to all skippers, their crews and guests, to participate in the trophy presentations and social activities that evening.

RISK STATEMENT RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.