



## BHYC Commodore's Cup & Classics Series 2023

July 1, 2023

July 15, 2023

August 5, 2023

August 19, 2023

### Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club

Boothbay Harbor, Maine

## NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 All boats must comply with Federal and State safety requirements.
- 1.3 Boats sailing in a One Design class must comply with the requirements of their Class Rules.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions for the races will be available online on the event website at [regattaman.com](https://www.regattaman.com) on or before 9:00 AM the day of the Race.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board for the races is located at <https://www.regattaman.com/>.
- 3.2 All boats must carry a functioning VHF radio.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat may not make voice or data transmissions and may not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats without valid PHRF-New England (PHRF-NE) handicap certificate will be handicapped by the Race Committee based on PHRF-NE handicaps of similar boats. Determinations by the Race Committee regarding handicapping in the event that PHRF-NE certificates are not present will be final and not subject to redress.
- 4.2 Boats must enter the event by registering online at <https://www.regattaman.com/> for each race.
- 4.3 Division breaks will be at the discretion of the Organizing Authority and will be announced at the skippers meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board.

### 5 FEES

- 5.1 There is no fee to participate in this series. Voluntary donations (not tax deductible) to support the costs of racing at BHYC are welcome, and can be made at the time of registration. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make this event happen each year.

- 5.2 Other fees: Overnight moorings are available through Dockwa:  
<https://dockwa.com/explore/destination/x1cvz-boothbay-harbor-yacht-club>

### 6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Dates of Racing: The BHYC Commodore’s Cup and Classics races will be held on Saturdays, July 1, July 15, August 5, and August 19, 2023.
- 6.2 Times of racing will be:
- Skippers’ Meeting 12:00 PM
  - First Warning 1:00 PM (scheduled)
  - Post-race activities 4:30 or upon return to BHYC dock

**7 VENUE**

7.1 The races will be held in Boothbay, Linekin Bay and the surrounding waters. Note: laminated “not for navigation” charts showing the location of marks are available for purchase at the BHYC Ship’s Store.

**8 COURSE**

8.1 Courses will be either windward-leeward or “around the buoy” courses determined by the Race Committee using marks and locations as specified in the Sailing Instructions. The goal is to provide a mix of at least one W-L and at least one race among the islands for the cruising and PHRF classes.

**9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

9.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**10 SCORING**

- 10.1 One race will constitute a series.
- 10.2 A boat’s score will include all races held without discards. This modifies **RRS Appendix A2**.
- 10.3 The low point scoring system, **RRS Appendix A4**, will be used.
- 10.4 Ties will be broken in strict accordance with **RRS Appendix A8**.

**11 RISK STATEMENT / DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 11.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.**
- 11.2 The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Attention is drawn to RRS 46 and WSOSR 1.02.1.

**12 INSURANCE**

12.1 Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

**13 PRIZES**

- 13.1 For the series, in classes/divisions with 6 or more entries, prizes will be given to first, second, and third place boats. First and second place prizes will be awarded to classes/divisions with 3 to 5 entries. No prizes will be awarded for classes/divisions with fewer than 3 entries.
- 13.2 Series awards and BHYC Perpetual Trophies will be presented at the BHYC Racing Awards dinner, on a date to be announced.

13.3 Boats with a valid rating certificate issued by PHRF-NE and which are registered as members of the Gulf of Maine Ocean Racing Association (GMORA) may be scored as part of the GMORA Boothbay Region and Overall series.

**14 FURTHER INFORMATION**

14.1 For further information go to the regattaman Calendar <https://www.regattaman.com/calendar.php> select the race and click info, or [www.bhyc.net](http://www.bhyc.net), or contact BHYC event organizer Scott Blake (blake@homeport.org).