



**Palmer's Cove  
Yacht Club**

**Mass Bay Shorthanded Regatta**

**Saturday, June 22, 2024**

**Notice of Race (NOR)**

1. **Eligibility:** Boats with a valid 2024 PHRF-NE Shorthanded Certificate are eligible.
2. **Registration:** Enter online at <https://www.regattaman.com> 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 \$60 with a \$5 discount for US Sailing members, and/or \$5 discount for MBSA members. Register before June 01, 2024, and receive an additional \$5.00 off the \$60.00 entry fee.
4. **Handicap & Scoring:** PHRF, Time on Time will be used.
  - a. For PHRF the Time Correction Factor (TCF) will be calculated as:  
 $TCF = 650 / (550 + PHRF)$
  - b. Calculated to the nearest 0.001 (0.0005 to be rounded upward)
5. **Classes:** There will be two Class.
  1. Class "A" - Spinnaker
  2. Class "F" – Jib & Main (JAM) Non-Spinnaker.The race committee may sub-divide each class into multiple classes.
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 the [2024 Mass Bay Shorthanded Regatta event page](#). There is no Skipper's Meeting.
8. **Signals Made Ashore:** There will be no signals made ashore. Competitors shall monitor VHF channel 72 for announcements.
9. **Schedule of Races:** The RC intends to run one race as provided in the sailing instructions.
10. **Warning Signal:** The warning signal for the first race of the day will be made at 10:55
11. **Sailing Instruction:** The sailing instructions will be available no later than June 15, 2024, Please go to [2024 Mass Bay Shorthanded Regatta](#)
12. **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.
13. **Racing Area:** Start will be in the vicinity of Tinker's Rock Gong, GR 'TR', MBSA List A, Mark D, and sailed within Massachusetts Bay

14. **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 Class. Code Flag “F” is the designated class flag for the JAM (Non-Spinnaker) class.
15. **Courses and Marks:** The description of the possible course will be provided under Course description. There will be multiple courses laid out ranging from 12nm to 20nm in length. The RC will announce the course before the first warning signal of each class. Course designation will be numerical.  
Course: 1,2,3,4,5.
16. **Time Limit:** Five (5) hours after each class/division starts. The finishing window will be 60 minutes. However, the RC may extend the time limit and or finish window if necessary.
17. **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 and leaving the mark on the designated side as outlined in the course description.
18. **Radio Communication:** The RC will monitor VHF Channel 72 from 1000 until all yachts have finished. Emergency conditions should be reported to the RC as well as local authorities.
19. **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, to participate in the trophy presentations and social activities.

**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.