



Hingham Bay Racing

Wednesday Night Racing

Spring Series | Summer Series | Flashlight Fall Series

2024 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Hingham Bay Racing, Inc. (HBR), the Organizing Authority of HBR Wednesday Night Racing (WNR), will host three series of races throughout the racing season. These races will be governed by the Mass Bay Sailing Association (MBSA) General Sailing Instructions (GSI), except as amended by these Event Sailing Instructions (ESI).

Eligibility: Open to all HBR Fleet Members with a valid 2024 New England ORR-Ez certificate. HBR Fleet Membership information is available at www.hinghambayracing.org/membership New England ORR-Ez Certificates are available at www.regattaman.com/certificate_page.php

Entry: Registration: All Fleet Members are required to register for each WNR Series (Spring / Summer / Fall) online at www.regattaman.com prior to the commencement of the series.

Check-in: Each week, prior to the first warning signal, registered yachts must check-in online, or verbally, with the Race Committee (RC) boat. At check-in, skippers must declare to the RC their boat name and their intention to sail under their Racing Rating (Spinnaker) or Cruising Rating (Jib & Main). This declaration cannot be altered after the first warning signal.

Fee: Each WNR series fee is \$100. All WNR series fees are included in HBR Season Pass.

Notice to Competitors & Signals Made Ashore: Notices will be made via email to Fleet Members at their registered email address and/or announced via VHF channel 68.

Schedule of Races: Each series (Spring / Summer / Fall) will consist of 5 races. The schedule is posted at www.hinghambayracing.org/calendar.

First Warning Signal: Spring Series – 1830 hrs. / Summer Series – 1830 hrs. / Fall Series – 1815 hrs.

Classes: Class assignments are indicated on the series scratch sheet available on www.regattaman.com. Each boat shall display their class flag from their backstay or stern railing for each race.

Racing Area: Races will be held in the vicinity of the Hingham Bay Starting Buoy “HBSB”, a white ball North of Sheep Island at approximately Lat 042° 17. 3’ N Long 070° 55.4’ W.

Course: Courses, as determined by RC, will be made with marks from the MBSA Standard Rounding Mark List C: Greater Boston & Hingham Harbor, attached to these Sailing Instructions and available at <http://www.hinghambayracing.org/races/>.

Courses will be posted on the RC boat prior to the first warning signal. RC may designate each class with its own course.

RC may add a windward drop mark (inflatable tetrahedron) by prefacing the course with WP (Windward mark to be left to Port) or WS (Windward mark to be left to Starboard).

Courses may be made twice, or thrice, around when the RC posts the corresponding number in a circle at the end of the posted course. Boats may, but are not required to, pass between the RC boat and the pin on the second, or third, lap around the course.

If a GREEN flag or placard is displayed above the course, ALL turning marks shall be rounded to STARBOARD; otherwise, a GREEN color or the letter S associated with a turning mark, letter or number, will indicate STARBOARD rounding for that specified mark.

If a RED flag or placard is displayed above the course, ALL turning marks shall be rounded to PORT; otherwise, a RED color or the letter R associated with a turning mark, letter or number, will indicate PORT rounding for that specified mark.

In the absence of indication by the RC on the course board, all turning marks shall be left to PORT.

The Start:

Races will start between the Hingham Bay Starting Buoy “HBSB”, a white ball North of Sheep Island at approximately Lat 042° 17. 3’ N Long 070° 55.4’ W, and a staff displaying an orange or yellow flag on the RC boat.

RC has the option to move the starting area at their discretion. If RC determines to move the starting line, they will attempt to: hoist Follow Me code flag “L”, blow two horns, and broadcast their intention to move and identify the new starting pin on VHF 68.

Class starts may be combined at the discretion of the RC based on boats participating.

Class starts are intended to be run in accordance with RRS 26. If conditions warrant, RC may change the Class starting order. If Class starting order is changed, RC will broadcast the new starting order on VHF 68 prior to the first warning.

RC will be using rolling starts – The starting signal of one class serves as the warning signal for the subsequent class:

1830	Class A Warning	One Horn	A Flag Raised
1831		One Horn	P Flag Raised
1834		One Long Horn	P Flag Lowered
1835	A Start / B Warning	One Horn	A Flag Lowered + B Flag Raised
1836		One Horn	P Flag Raised
1839		One Long Horn	P Flag Lowered
1840	B Start / C Warning	One Horn	B Flag Lowered + C Flag Raised
1841		One Horn	P Flag Raised
1844		One Long Horn	P Flag Lowered
1845	C Start	One Horn	C Flag Lowered

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area and keep clear of boats in their starting sequence.

Recalls:

The RC will attempt to hail boats that are over early on VHF channel 68.

Withdrawals:

In the event of an emergency, or if a boat withdraws, the boat shall notify the RC via VHF 68 at the first reasonable opportunity.

The Finish: Finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat and the course side of the last mark of the course.

Time Limits: The time limit for all boats in each class shall be 2040 hrs.

Penalty System: RRS 44.1 is amended herein as follows “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*.” Otherwise the turning penalty rule shall be used as per RRS 44.2.

Protests: Written protest must be filed by email to RC@hinghambayracing.org on the US Sailing Protest Form, available at www.hinghambayracing.org/races by 1830 hrs. on the day following the race.

RRS Appendix T – Arbitration is in effect for this event. At a minimum the arbitrator will consist of a three-person panel made up of HBR Members.

Scoring: The series will be scored under Time-on-Time ORR-Ez with the default wind conditions of Random Leg Medium rating, as adjusted at the discretion of the RC. The wind rating selection shall not be protested. Each of the series will be scored using a modified high point system encouraging race participation. In this scoring system, points are received for each race per the following table:

Place	Points
1 st	102
2 nd	98
3 rd	96
4 th	93
5 th	91
6 th , 7 th , 8 th , ...	89
DNF, WD, OCS	85
DNS, DSQ	0

The boat with the most total points at the end of the series wins. A race is scored as part of a series if there is a start, even if no boats finish (all starters scored DNF, 85 points). Provided at least one boat in any class starts a race, all boats that do not start will be given a score of DNS (0 Points) even if no other boats in their class start. There will be one throw out per series allowed, when four or more races are scored in the series. A zero score (DNS, DSQ) may be used as a throw out for a series.

Ties will be broken in favor of the boat with the most first places, and if the tie remains, the most second places, and so on. If this method fails to break the tie it will be broken in favor of the boat with the lowest corrected time total for all the Series races for each race that the boats competed head-to-head.

In races in which a Fleet Member provides race committee duties, their boat will be scored for that race with their average number of points for all other races in the series. Throw outs are used in this calculation.

Prizes: Awards are given for the top 3 boats in each class for each series. The Hingham Bay Cup is awarded to the boat in each class with the highest 10 race total points for the combined series of races.