NEW BEDFORD YACHT CLUB
WHALERS RACE
SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

1.1 The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 All yachts shall comply with the U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Rules for Coastal Racing with the following modifications:
For Monohulls, Section 3.7.2 (Additional Man Overboard Pole), Section 3.16.2 (EPIRB/PLB) and Section 4.3.2 (Safety at Sea Seminar) are all strongly recommended but not required.
For Multihulls, all of the above modifications, and, in addition, 2.2.2 (Stability Index) is waived.

1.3 All yachts must submit the Certificate of Compliance handed out with the Sailing Instructions. No finish will be recognized without a completed and signed Certificate. The Certificate must be signed by the owner or skipper and by the navigator. The Certificate must be filed at the New Bedford Yacht Club office by 0900, Sunday, June 25th or within one hour of finishing if finishing after 0800.

2.0 NOTICES

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at the official notice board located at the New Bedford Yacht Club.

3.0 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0700 hours on Saturday, June 24, 2017

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the NBYC lawn.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5.0. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The Warning signal for the first class will be at 1100 hours on Saturday, June 24 2017.

6.0 CLASS FLAGS

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CLASS I	MULTIHULL	CODE FLAG 1
CLASS II	PHRF SPINNAKER	CODE FLAG 2
CLASS III	PHRF NON SPINNAKER	CODE FLAG 3
CLASS IV	DOUBLEHANDED SPINNAKER	CODE FLAG 4
CLASS V	DOUBLEHANDED NON SPINNAKER	CODE FLAG 5

7.0 COURSE

7.1 **Long Course** - Distance is 103nm
Start – RG "AB" Gong and Committee Boat
R "36" Bell - Sow and Pigs Reef southwest of Cuttyhunk Island, leave to port
Virtual Mark located at N041°12'15" W070°50'
R "4" Whistle – 0.5 miles southwest of South West Point, Block Island, leave to starboard
G "1BI" Bell – north of Block Island, leave to starboard
Buzzards Horn - 3.7 miles southwest of Cuttyhunk Island, leave to port
G "7" Gong – Wilkes Ledge 2 miles southeast of Mishaum Point, leave to port
RG "AB" Gong - 1.8 miles south southeast of Padanaram breakwater, leave to port
NBYC Race Mark "A" – south of Padanaram breakwater, leave to starboard

7.2 **Short Course** – Distance 76nm
Start – RG "AB" Gong and Committee Boat
R "36" Bell - Sow and Pigs Reef southwest of Cuttyhunk Island, leave to port
Virtual Mark located at N041°12'15" W070°50'
Narragansett Bay Entrance, Lighted whistle Buoy "NB", leave to starboard
Buzzards Horn - 3.7 miles southwest of Cuttyhunk Island, leave to port
G "7" Gong – Wilkes Ledge 2 miles southeast of Mishaum Point, leave to port
RG "AB" Gong - 1.8 miles south southeast of Padanaram breakwater, leave to port
NBYC Race Mark "A" – south of Padanaram breakwater, leave to starboard

7.3 **Please note that there is a 5-foot rock approximately .25 miles NE of the "AB" buoy.**

7.4 **SPECIAL COURSE RESTRICTIONS**
Pass east of Dumpling Rock – Gong "5"
Pass east of C "1", Hussey Rock

8.0 THE START

8.1 The starting line will be between the staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of Mark RG "AB" Gong approximately 2 miles south of the Padanaram breakwater.

8.2 Classes will be started in the order shown in SI 6.1.

8.3 The Race will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal
NOTE TO ALL CLASSES: ***The Race Committee intends to conduct rolling starts, but there can be delays that might prevent this. The class flag shall be hoisted at the warning signal for each class. Watch for your class flag.***

9.0 RECALLS

9.1 The race committee will hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. Such hails may be made only on VHF channel 69. Receiving such information does not break RRS 41.

10.0 THE FINISH

10.1 The finish line will be a line bearing 230º from NBYC Race Mark "A". You are on the finish line when mark "A" bears 050°. Leave "A" to starboard when finishing.

10.2 If the finish boat is not on station all yachts shall take their own time using GPS time.

10.3 Yachts taking their own time must record it on the Certificate of Compliance and submit it to the New Bedford Yacht Club office by 0900, Sunday, June 25 or within one hour of finishing if finishing after 0800. See Paragraph 1.4.

11.0 TIME LIMIT

11.1 The time limit for all finishers is June 25 at 1300 hours.

12.0 SCORING

12.1 Scoring will be Time on Distance for monohulls and Time on Time for multihulls.

13.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 For all classes RRS 44.2 will apply.

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14.0 PROTESTS

14.1 Protests shall be in writing in accordance with RRS 61 and shall be delivered to the NBYC Club office by 0900 on Sunday, June 25, or within one hour of the yacht's finish time, if she finishes after 0800 on Sunday, June 25.

15.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 69 prior to and during the starting sequence.

15.2 Each yacht shall monitor channel 16 throughout the race.

15.3 Prompt notice to the Race Committee is mandatory upon retiring. Notify the New Bedford Yacht Club by telephone (508) 997-0762 or VHF channel 68.