

# Buzzards Yacht Club

## 2011 PHRF Race Series

Wings Neck, Pocasset, Massachusetts 02559

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RULES

All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, these sailing instructions, and the PHRF-NE class rules. For the purposes of this series, the zone for mark room is defined as three boat lengths.

#### 2. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Prior to 1250, each yacht that intends to participate in the racing must check in with the RC either by hail or VHF 72.

The warning signal for the PHRF race will be at about 1255 pm. No race will be started after 3 pm.

#### 3. COURSES

Courses will be posted on a course board on the Committee Boat that will include the marks and whether they should left to port or starboard. The course will also be announced at varying intervals on VHF CH 72 prior to the warning signal.

#### 4. MARKS

The starting line will be between the BYC pin buoy or government mark and an orange flag on the committee boat. All other marks will be government buoys as described in the attached course sheet.

#### 5. ORAL INSTRUCTIONS

Hails to the Race Committee should be limited. The Race Committee may not be able to respond to requests for information unless code flag "L" (black and yellow large check) is displayed.

#### 6. THE START

Racing will be started under RRS 26 (5-4-1- 0 minute flags and horn sounds) as modified below.

A courtesy sound / radio call may be made in advance of the first gun to advise that the start sequence is imminent.

There will be the one division to start unless specified by the Race Committee that there will be two divisions. There will be only one class flag. Sound and visual signals will be as follows:

<u>Time to start</u>	<u>Visual Signal</u>	<u>Sound Signal</u>
~6 min		Multiple
5 min	Hoist Class Flag	1 long
4 min	Hoist "P"	1 long
1 min	Drop "P"	1 long
START	Drop Class Flag	1 long

If specified by the Race Committee that there will be two divisions, the 6 minute warning signal for the Race Division start will be given 1 minute after the Cruising Class Division start.

Code flag "X" (blue cross on white field) will be displayed and one sound made for Individual Recall

A yacht whose warning signal (class flag hoist and 1 sound) has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose warning signal has been made.

#### 7. RECALLS

The Race Committee will attempt to call the sail number(s) of the yacht(s) over early both by hail and broadcast on VHF CH 72.

## 8. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

The race course may be shortened after the start of the race. The finish of a shortened course will be between one of the marks of the course and an orange flag on the committee boat. The committee boat will fly code flag "S" (white field with centered blue square).

## 9. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the starting mark and the flagstaff with an orange flag on the Committee Boat. For yachts recording their own finish time, the finish line will be "close aboard" the starting mark.

## 10. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 3 hours for all races. Yachts finishing more than 60 minutes after the first yacht finishes should record their finish time and report that time to the Race Committee if the Race Committee is no longer on station.

## 11. RETIRING

A yacht that starts a race and retires from the race before finishing must make every effort to notify the Race Committee.

## 12. PROTESTS

Protests are discouraged. Race participants are encouraged to rectify rule infractions by executing a 360 degree turn on the race course during the race.

A protesting yacht should attempt to notify the protested yacht on the race course and the Race Committee upon finishing. All protests will be filed in person before attending race participants at the Buzzards Yacht Club clubhouse approximately 1 hour after the finish of the last yacht. Each interested party in the protest will be given 2 minutes to present their case before the race participants. Protest will be decided by a show of hands of attending race participants. Party losing any protest will buy a round of refreshments for those attending the protest hearing.

## 13. SCORING

Races results will be based on time on distance allowances and declared PHRF handicaps. Yachts carrying spinnakers will use their racing ratings. Results will be adjusted as follows:

OCS – 10% reduction in PHRF rating for the race.

DSQ - 10% reduction in PHRF rating for the race in which the yacht starts.

## 14. RESAILS

If the racing is cancelled for any day or days, the cancelled races will not be resailed.

## 15. NUMBERS/MARKINGS

Yachts should attempt to have a unique number or marking on their mail sail.

## 16. LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT

All competitors are encouraged to wear an approved PFD throughout the race.

## 17. OTHER VISUAL SIGNALS (Code Flags)

**N over A** (small blue and white check over red and white vertical stripes) - All races are abandoned for the day.

**AP** (red and white vertical stripes) - All races not started are postponed.

**P** (blue field with centered white square) – preparatory signal.

### Class Flags

Cruising Class - Red

## **18. RACE CANCELLATIONS**

Races will be cancelled if the sustained winds are over 25kts 2 hours before the start of the race. Notice of cancellation will be posted on the Buzzards website [www.buzzardsyc.org](http://www.buzzardsyc.org) and a message will be posted on the Buzzards phone 508-563-9757 (Press #5)