

John Bentley Regatta

for the
2017 CHAMPIONSHIP OF BUZZARDS BAY
(Saltmarsh Trophy)
June 24, 2017

Organizing Authority: New Bedford Yacht Club
Host: New Bedford Yacht Club, South Dartmouth, MA

Notice of Race Posted March 1, 2017

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing and the rules of the Laser Class*.
- 1.2. RRS 40 will be changed to require competitors wear a personal flotation device while racing.
- 1.3. Changes to RRS will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.4.1. Rule 29.1 and rule 30.1 are changed to permit the hailing of recall numbers. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress;
 - 1.4.2. Rule 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules;
 - 1.4.3. Rule 61.1(a) is changed so that "A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested";
 - 1.4.4. Rule 64.1 is changed to allow penalties imposed by the Protest Committee, for hearings held under Rule 60.3, as changed, which may range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta;
 - 1.4.5. Rule 44 shall be a 360 degree turn.

2. Classes

- 2.1. This event is open to Laser and Radial classes for both Men and Women. Based on registration numbers, all fleets may start on the same line.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. All Laser competitors must be members of the ILCA-NA or their national Laser Class Assoc. and US Sailing.
- 3.2. Competitors under the age of 18 must complete the Parental Release & Medical Waiver and signatures must be provided by their parent or guardian.
- 3.3. A minimum of three (3) entries may required to constitute a class.

4. Fees

- 4.1. The early entry fee is \$50 for entries received by June 16, 2017. Entry fee includes food after racing.
- 4.2. Registration will be handled through Regatta Net.
- 4.3. Entry fees received later than June 16, 2017 will be \$75.
- 4.4. Entry may be made on site June 24, 2017.

5. Schedule

- 5.1. Registration June 24, 2017 between 0930 and 1030 at New Bedford Yacht Club.

5.2. There will be a skipper's meeting at 11am. First race shortly thereafter.

6. **Measurement**

6.1. Sail numbers shall be in accordance with ILCA class rules.

6.2. All sails must be class legal sails as defined in the ILCA Fundamental Rule.

7. **Sailing Instructions**

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1000 at registration. Changes to Sailing Instructions MAY be given verbally during the skippers' meeting(s) or on the water. This modifies RRS 90.2 (C).

8. **Venue**

8.1 Registration, the skippers' meeting, launching, and awards will be held at New Bedford Yacht on or near the lawn in front of the clubhouse.

8.2 Racing will be outside of Padanaram, also known on some charts as Apponagansett Bay.

9. **Courses**

9.1. Courses will be windward – leeward, triangle, or trapezoid around temporary inflatable marks. Course diagrams and identification will be in the Sailing Instructions.

10. **Scoring**

10.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A4 will apply

10.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series. The Race Committee will endeavor to sail as many races of as conditions and time permit.

10.3. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. **Support Boats**

11.1. All coach and support boats must register with the race committee before the start of the regatta and monitor a VHF radio. They are restricted to outside the race area during all races and may be called upon to assist as a rescue boat at any time.

12. **Prizes**

12.1. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each fleet. Depending on turnout, 4th and 5th place may also be awarded.

13. **Further Information**

13.1. For further information contact Mary Ellen DeFrias at mary@defriasgroup.com or 508-326-3906.