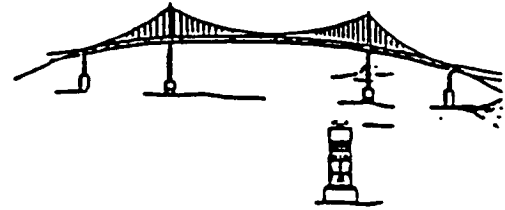


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MOUNT HOPE BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION

MOHOSA RACE WEEK

FEATURING

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORLDS

WEDNESDAY EVENING, July 24, 2024

and

MOHOSA REGATTA

SUNDAY, July 28, 2024

General Conditions

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2024 HOST ORGANIZATION

BRISTOL YACHT CLUB

MOHOSA COMMITTEE

Commodore	Charles Roger Saccardo
Treasurer	Charles Roger Saccardo
Secretary	Bob Horton
Race Committee	Bristol Race Committee Mark Rotsky

MEMBER YACHT CLUB OFFICERS/REPRESENTATIVES

Tiverton Yacht Club	Gregg Morash
Spar Island Racing Association	Bob Horton
Bristol Yacht Club	Mark Rotsky

2024 MOHOSA Race Week – Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2. It is recommended that all yachts...
 - 1.2.1. comply with the OCR Special Regulations Category 4 safety equipment requirements; and
 - 1.2.2. Carry on board an *RRS* copy for interpretation of flag signals and rule reference.
- 1.3. Other documents that are required prior to participation in any race are:
 - 1.3.1. A validated PHRF of Narragansett Bay Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker Rating Certificate.
 - 1.3.2. A valid, signed Entry Form including a liability waiver by all participants with full payment of fees.
 - 1.3.3. All participants shall meet RRS 77 (Sail Numbers).

1.4. NON-SPINNAKER CLASS

- 1.4.1 To qualify as a non-spinnaker class yacht; the yacht shall not fly sails other than:
 - A. One Mainsail or similar on each mast on the yacht, and;
 - B. One headsail retained in close proximity to the head stay by either an extruded foil or a series of hanks. Two (2) such headsails may be flown temporarily when conducting a sail change.
 - C. Staysails, mules, bloopers and Code Zero's are not permissible in the non-spinnaker classes unless as part of the original sail plan of the yacht's rigging and included in her PHRF rating.
- 1.4.2 Spinnaker poles and/or whisker poles may be used to boom out the clew of a non-spinnaker class headsail.
- 1.4.3 Non-spinnaker yachts shall race using their 2024 PHRF-NB non-spinnaker ratings.

1.5. One Design Classes

- 1.5.1 In the event that 5 or more competitors with the same design and rated boats enter any of the above classes, (ex. J30, Sea Sprite) an additional One Design Class trophy would be awarded to the first finisher of that group regardless of the finish within the original class A, B, C, or D.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the bulletin boards at Bristol Yacht Club, Tiverton Yacht Club and SIRA, Swansea Marina, and on the Bristol Yacht Club web site, on the MOHOSA page under the RACING section: <https://www.bristolyc.com/mohosa-regatta>.

3. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. VHF Channel 71 will be used for any announcements by the race committee and for communication with competitors.
- 3.2. The race committee will make efforts to broadcast courtesy racing information such as weather, courses, starting sequence, starting violations, time limits, etc. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions or scratch sheet will be posted before 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpoles at the Bristol Yacht Club and the Tiverton Yacht Club.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

- 6.1. The “Wednesday Night Worlds” will be on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 and the scheduled time of the warning signal is 1830 hours.
- 6.2. The “Regatta” will be held on Sunday, July 28, 2024, and the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first of two scheduled races is 1100 hours.
- 6.3. The warning signal for the final Regatta race will be at least 5 minutes after the conclusion of the first race of the day.
- 6.4. For the Sunday Regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1430.
- 6.5. The Post Regatta Awards Ceremony will be held at Bristol Yacht Club at 1730 hours.

7. CLASS FLAGS:

Class A	RED letter / WHITE field	Class C	GREEN letter / WHITE field
Class B	RED letter / BLUE field	Class D	YELLOW letter / GREEN field

8. RACE AREAS, COURSES, AND MARKS

The course information included herein is different for each of the two race dates. **PLEASE BE SURE YOU IDENTIFY AND ADHERE TO THE COURSE INFORMATION FOR THE DATE(S) YOU ARE RACING AS FOLLOWS:**

- 8.1. **Appendix A** describes the racing areas, courses and marks for the **Wednesday Night Worlds ONLY**.
- 8.2. **Appendix B** describes the racing areas, courses and marks for the **Sunday Regatta ONLY**.

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The following marks shall be observed at all times, unless identified as a turning mark in the specific course:
 - 9.1.1. R”4” BELL Common Fence Point Mt Hope Bay – pass to the north
 - 9.1.2. Mt. Hope Bridge – Pass through the center span only
 - 9.1.3. Observe mark R “6” South of Mt. Hope Bridge West of Portsmouth shore
 - 9.1.4. Do not sail between Hog Island and Hog Island Shoal Lighthouse
 - 9.1.5. Observe RN “2” SW Bristol Point – Pass to SW
 - 9.1.6. Spar Island – shall not pass between the halves

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started by using rule 26.
- 10.2. Prior to the first warning, or following a long postponement, a flurry of sounds will be made to alert the boats 1 minute before the warning signal.
- 10.3. The starting line will be between an orange, inflatable buoy and a staff displaying an orange or white flag on the Race Committee signal boat.
- 10.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.5. The starting sequence for all classes will be a 5-minute rolling start. The warning signal for subsequent classes will be the starting signal for the preceding class.

11. RECALLS

- 11.1. All premature starters must round an end of the starting line before restarting.
- 11.2. General Recalled class(es) will start after Class D, in the order in which they originally started. This changes RRS 29.2

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. After starting, the Race Committee may shorten the start/finish line by moving the pin or relocating the finish boat(s) to another mark without signaling. This changes RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange or white flag on the race committee boat and the anchored finish mark, which is described in Appendices A and B.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The first finisher in a class must finish within the time limit for a race to be scored for that class.
- 14.2. A boat finishing outside of the time limit, AND more than 30 minutes after the first *finisher* of a scored race for their class, exceeds the Finishing Window. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, shall be scored TLE (*Time Limit Expired*) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 14.3. In the Wednesday Worlds, the first finisher in a class must finish by 2030 for the race to be scored for that class.
- 14.4. In the Sunday Regatta, the time limit for all classes is 2.0 hours from their starting signal.

15. CANCELLATIONS and POSTPONEMENTS

- 15.1. Abandonment Signals will be in accordance with RRS Race Signals. A postponement will be signaled by hoisting the Answering Pennant (AP) with two sound signals.
- 15.2. After a postponement has been made, the Answering Pennant will be lowered with one sound signal followed one minute later by the Warning Signal. The Race Committee may precede the lowering of the Answering Pennant by a flurry of sounds to call attention to it.
- 15.3. The abandonment of all races will be signaled by hoisting flags N over A with 3 sound signals.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. A yacht shall notify the Race Committee of her intent to protest and identify the yacht that is the subject of the protest as soon as possible after finishing without interfering with the continued management of the race.
- 16.2. Written protests must be filed at the Bristol Yacht Club within two (2) hours of the race committee boat leaving station. The Race Committee shall announce on VHF-71 when it leaves station and shall post that time on the Racing Notice board at Bristol Yacht Club.
- 16.3. Protests shall be conducted in accordance with RRS Part 5.
- 16.4. Protests will be heard the night of the race if feasible. The Protest Committee, at its discretion, may agree to change the time or place of the hearing.

17. SCORING

17.1. The scoring system will be:

17.1.1. Time-on-Time race scoring shall be used, based on Narragansett Bay PHRF handicaps (2024).

17.1.2. The Low Point System will be used except that 1st Place equals 0.75 points. This changes RRS A4.1.

17.2. A minimum of one (1) race must be sailed to constitute the regatta.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. A boat shall Check-In with the Race Committee prior to racing by passing within hailing distance of the RC signal boat, hailing her sail number and reporting the number of Crew aboard. It is each boat's responsibility to assure acknowledgement of her check-in from the race committee.

18.2. A boat shall Check-Out with the race committee by finishing the race, or, if retiring, to do so as soon as possible by VHF radio Channel 71, or by passing within hailing distance of the RC boat and so communicate verbally. A yacht that has withdrawn must not cross the finish line.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water.

20. AWARDS

20.1. Wednesday Worlds and Sunday Regatta trophies will be awarded separately for each class.

20.2. Each class will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies.

20.3. One additional trophy will be awarded to the winners of any One Design classes.

20.4. Trophies will be awarded for all races at the Bristol Yacht Club after the completion of the Sunday Regatta racing.

21. NORTH SAILS PERFORMANCE TROPHY

The North Sails Performance Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the lowest combined overall score of the Wednesday Night Worlds and Sunday Regatta results. Only classes with 5 or more competitors in each race are eligible. North Sails is also providing an inflatable Paddle Board setup for the winner of this year's Performance Trophy.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.