



PARKER CONVERSE TOWER RACE (the “Tower Race”) and
THE SALTY 100 RACE (the “Salty”)
July 9-11, 2026
NOTICE OF RACE (v7.1)
(includes Amendment 1)

The Organizing Authority is the Beverly Yacht Club and the Storm Trysail Club

The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by:

- 1.1 The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as may be modified herein or by the Sailing Instructions.
 - 1.1.1 Boats equipped with power winches, water ballast, and or canting keels; may use same. This modifies RRS 51&52
 - 1.1.2 Boats may use autopilots. This modifies RRS 52.
 - 1.1.3 Boats Sailing Double-handed are allowed to communicate amongst themselves. This modifies RRS 41.
 - 1.1.4 RRS 41, OUTSIDE HELP, is changed by adding: (e) Help in the form of information freely available to all boats even if that information is only accessible at a cost. "At a cost" help shall not include private forecast or tactical advice, or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats and/or her/their situation.
 - 1.1.5 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the rules of Part 2 are replaced with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).
- 1.2 The current [US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements](#) for “Coastal” races. (See NOR 2)
- 1.3 The current ORR rating system, rules, and regulations.
- 1.4 The PHRF ratings, rules and regulations of PHRF New England
- 1.5 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”
- 1.6 Tracking – boats may be tracked by third-party software.
- 1.7 Time Limit-the race committee may, at its sole discretion, establish a time-limit. If established, said Time-Limit will appear in the sailing instructions.

2. SAFETY

- 2.1 The Tower Race and Salty races are categorized as “Coastal” under the USSER
- 2.2 Requirements under USSER for “Coastal” races 2.4.4 is hereby amended to allow for suitable synthetic fiber for lifelines
- 2.3 Requirements under USSER for “Coastal” races 3.16.2 (EPIRBs) and 3.9 (AIS) are waived for all boats.

2.4 Requirements under USSER for “Coastal” races 3.1.2 (Lifejacket Features), 3.1.4 (Harness), and 3.2.1 (Jacklines) are waived for boats competing in the Tower Race only.

2.4 [NP] Attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 Life Saving Equipment: “Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions”. Considerations should include but not be limited to the following:

- a) Between the hours of sunset and sunrise;
- b) When alone on deck,
- c) When reefed,
- d) When the true wind speed is 25 knots or more,
- e) When visibility is less than 1 nautical mile,
- f) With due consideration of the water temperature,
- g) At all times when a boat is being sailed Double Handed, and
- h) By all crew on deck at all other times unless the person in charge has I indicated they may be set aside.

2.5 All boats are strongly recommended to be equipped with an AIS transponder and to keep it transmitting while racing.

2.6 All boats shall have a working VHF radio with Channels 16 and 72.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on or about July 1, at:

https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_documents

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 While on the water the Race Committee will make announcements via VHF Channel 72

4.2 Communications with competitors will be via the on-line Notice Board at:

https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 Open to mono-hull boats of no less than 26 feet length overall.

5.2 Open to multi-hull boats of no less than 24 feet length overall.

5.3 Boats sailing under ORR shall provide a “fully” or “partially” measured valid 2026 ORR certificate no later than July 3, 2026.

5.4 Boats sailing under PHRF shall provide a valid 2026 PHRF Certificate no later than July 3, 2026

5.5 Boats shall declare to be racing either the Tower Race or the Salty. Boats that choose to do the Salty will automatically be scored for the Tower as well.

5.6 Entries shall be made on YachtScoring at: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/entry>

5.7 No entry will be accepted after July 3, 2026. This deadline and the deadline to provide a valid PHRF or ORR certificate may be extended at the sole discretion of the OA.

6 ENTRY FEES

6.1 Entry fee will be \$100 for the Tower Race and \$200 for the Salty prior to June 18.

6.2 Entry fees on and after June 18 will be \$125 for the Tower Race and \$250 for the Salty.

7 SCHEDULE]

- 7.1 Skippers Meeting – Thursday July 9 – 1800
- 7.2 First Signal – Friday July 10 – 1055
- 7.3 Awards ceremony and dinner – Saturday July 11, 1730

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The start and finish of both the Tower Race and the Salty will be in the vicinity of Sippican Harbor Lighted Buoy “2” at Centerboard Shoal southwest of Bird Island.
- 8.2 Boats may choose to sail either the Tower Race or the Salty as described below. Boats that choose to do the Salty will be automatically scored for the Tower Race as well.
- 8.3 The Tower Race will consist of one complete passage from the start around either Course 1 or Course 2 as described below.
- 8.4 The Salty will consist of two complete passages from the start around either Course 1 or Course 2 as described below. Note that boats need not sail the same Course for their second passage. In other words, a boat may sail either Course 1 or Course 2 for her first passage and then choose to sail either Course 1 or Course 2 for her second passage.
- 8.5 Course 1 (clockwise): A boat must first pass through Quicks Hole; round Lighted Gong G “31” (Gay Head a/k/a Devils Bridge) leaving G “31” to starboard; then round Buzzard Bay Tower (Buzzards Bay Entrance Light) leaving it to starboard; and thence to the finish. NOTE that on ALL LEGS Cuttyhunk and Penikese Island SHALL be left to starboard.
- 8.6 Course 2 (counterclockwise): A boat must first round Buzzards Bay Tower (Buzzards Bay Entrance Light) leaving it to port; then round Lighted Gong G “31” (Gay Head a/k/a Devils bridge) leaving it to port; then pass through Quicks Hole and thence to the finish. NOTE that on ALL LEGS Cuttyhunk and Penikese Island SHALL be left to port.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM AND PROTESTS

- 9.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply.
- 9.2 A Protest Committee appointed by the OA will decide protests. Protests will be heard as soon as practicable at the Beverly Yacht Club.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 (NP) PHRF classes will use PHRF NE Distance Ratings using time-on-time (ToT) with the conversion factor 650 (550+PHRF) rounded to 4 decimal places.
- 10.2 ORR classes will use ORR Ratings.
- 10.3 Multihulls will be scored using NEMA ratings.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden change in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma,

hypothermia, or other causes. 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 racing.

12. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury, or death.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class.
- 13.2 The Tower Race continues to count towards the Buzzards Bay Trophy Series.
- 13.3 A Team Trophy will be awarded to the two-boat team that has the lowest combined score for both the Tower Race and the Salty. Teams shall declare which member will be scored for each race, one for the Tower Race and one for the Salty.
- 13.4 A trophy will be awarded for the best combined score for the Salty 100 Race and the Marion to Bermuda Race.

14. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors grant the OA, and its official sponsors, the unrestricted right and permission to use their name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the yacht they are sailing during the event, to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information. In this respect, competitors' names, and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

15. FUTHER INFORMATION

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