



**Bullseye Nationals 2023**  
**August 18 – 20, 2023**  
**Beverly Yacht Club, Marion Massachusetts**  
Sailing Instructions (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation '[DP]' means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

**1 RULES**

The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS)* and *the BSA Rules for Regattas*.

**2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1800 the day before it will take effect.

**3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

**3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Beverly Yacht Club porch.

**3.2 [DP]** Each boat shall have a working VHF radio onboard.

**3.3** On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 74. Failure to hear radio communication is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

**3.4 [DP]** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Beverly Yacht Club flagpole.

**5.2** Code flag "AP" with 2 sound signals means "All races are postponed." When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the first warning signal will be made not less than forty-five minutes after removal, unless the race is postponed again or abandoned.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

*Friday August 18, 2023*

1630 - 1830 Registration at Beverly Yacht Club

*Saturday, August 19, 2023*

0900 Skipper's Meeting

0930 Harbor Start

1030 First Gun; Multiple races as time and conditions permit

*Sunday, August 20, 2023*

0900 Harbor Start

1000 First Gun. Races as time and conditions permit (a maximum of 7 races will be run in the series).

No warning signal after 1400.

**7. CLASS FLAGS**

The class flag will be a white flag with a red Bullseye emblem.

**8. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in Sippican Outer Harbor or outside Aucoot Cove. The 2 course locations are shown in the chart in Addendum A

**9. COURSES**

**9.1** The diagrams in Addendum B show the course layout and a description of the courses with the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

**9.2** No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the following on the course board designating the course.

- Course #
- Bearing
- Distance

**9.3** Mark 2 may be a gate. If the gate is not in place, the existing mark shall be left to port.

**10. MARKS**

**10.1** Marks 1 and 2 (2P and 2S for gates) will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.

**10.2** Mark 1A, the offset mark, will be an orange sphere.

**10.3** New marks will be inflatable yellow tetrahedrons.

**10.4** The starting mark will be a yellow inflatable cylinder.

**11. THE START**

**11.1** [NP] Before starting its first race of each day a boat is required to sail past the stern of the designated Race Committee boat and verbally report in by hailing their sail number and having it acknowledged by the Race Committee.

**11.2** Any Bullseye failing to check-in in accordance with Rule 11.1 shall receive a scoring penalty equal to 20% more than the number of starters in that race.

**11.3** Races will be started by using Rule 26.

**11.4** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course-side of the port end starting mark.

**11.5** If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the Race Committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed shall not be grounds for a redress request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**11.6** A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

**12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

**13. THE FINISH**

**13.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of an inflatable mark.

**13.2** Each boat shall be prepared to identify the boat finishing immediately ahead and astern by sail number if requested by the Race Committee.

**14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

**14.1** A boat that has taken a penalty or retired shall notify the Race Committee before the start of the next race.

**14.2** US Sailing Prescription V1 will apply

**15. TIME LIMITS**

**15.1** The time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes.

**15.2** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).

**16. HEARING REQUESTS**

**16.1** All boats shall conspicuously display a red flag if protesting another boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a)(2).

**16.2** A boat protesting another boat is requested to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible after she finishes or retires.

**16.3** Protests and Requests for Redress shall be in writing and lodged with the Race Committee within one hour of the docking of the Race Committee boat. Protest Forms are available at the bar at BYC.

**16.4** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the BYC club house.

**17. SCORING**

**17.1** Completion of three races will constitute a series.

**17.2** If more than five races in the series are completed, a competitor's score will be the total of all race scores excluding their worst score.

**17.3** In accordance with RRS A5.3, rule A5.2 is changed so that, a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area, and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

**18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**18.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**18.2** A boat that leaves the racing area before the end of racing without notifying the Race Committee will receive a 20% scoring penalty in the last race in which they finished.

**18.3** (DP) In accordance with RRS 40.2, RRS 40.1 applies. All competitors shall wear properly fastened USCG-approved floatation devices at all times while racing.

**19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

**19.1** The crew in a boat participating in a Nationals Regatta may number either two or three persons, but the number and identity of crew members must be maintained throughout the Regatta.

**19.2** Co-Skippers will be allowed subject to the restrictions of Class Rules Part III Rules for

Regattas 3.1.

**19.3** (DP) Substitution of skippers or crew during the regatta will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

**19.4** (DP) Changes to the sail inventory or equipment during the regatta will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

**20. TRASH DISPOSAL**

**20.1** Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

**20.2** [DP] Any boat observed in violation is subject to disqualification, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, from all races sailed on the day of the infraction.

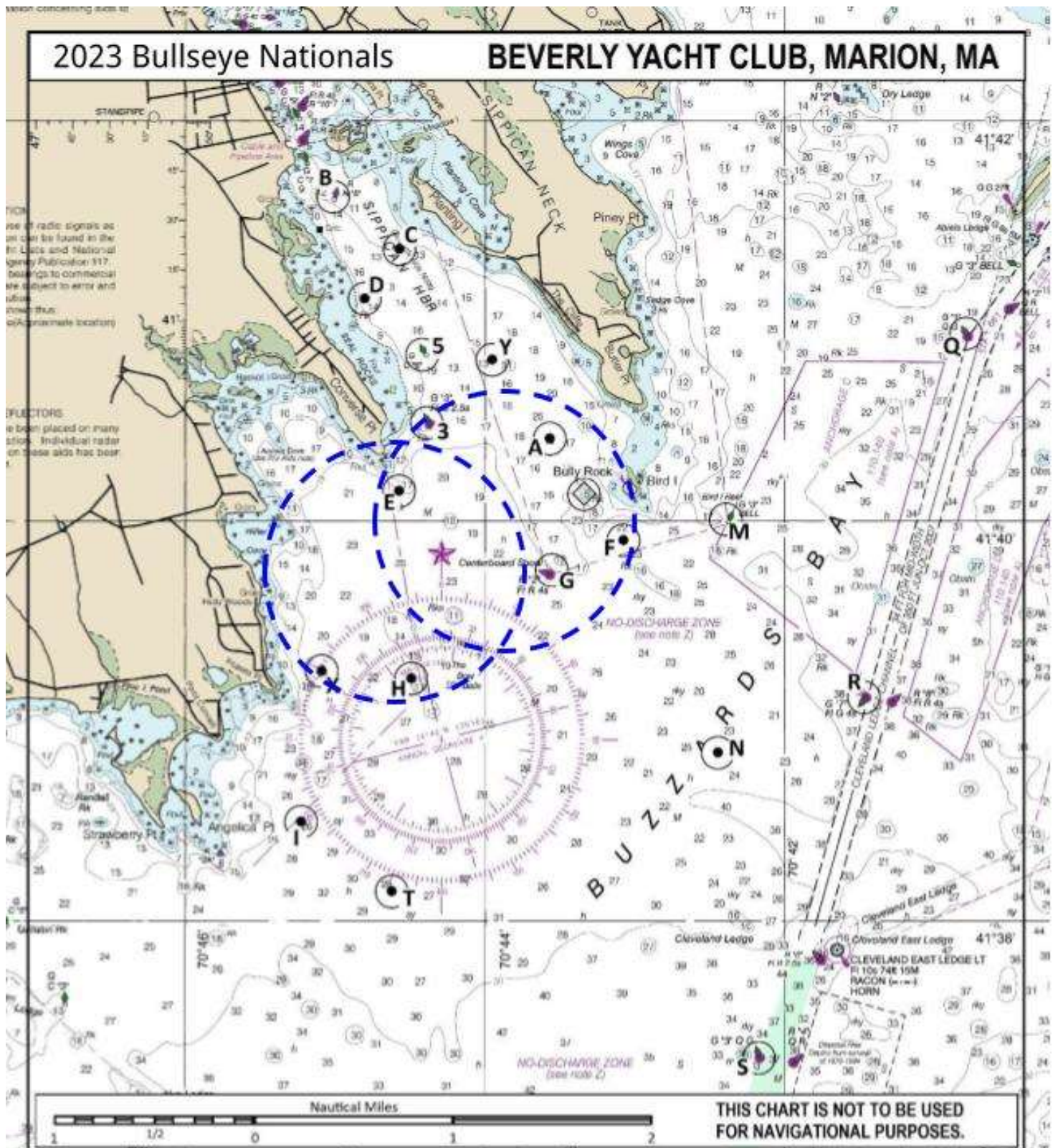
**21. RISK STATEMENT**

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.

**22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. Beverly Yacht Club, its employees and its volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races.

## Addendum A Course Areas



### Addendum B - Courses

#### Course 3

Start  
 1  
 1a  
 2 (or gate)  
 Finish (upwind)

#### Course 6

Start  
 1  
 1a  
 2 (or gate)  
 1  
 1a  
 2 (or gate)  
 1  
 1a  
 Finish (downwind)

#### Course 4

Start  
 1  
 1a  
 2 (or gate)  
 1  
 1a  
 Finish (downwind)

#### Course 5

Start  
 1  
 1a  
 2 (or gate)  
 1  
 1a  
 2 (or gate)  
 Finish (upwind)

