



BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION 2025 Championship Series

NOTICE OF RACE (“NOR”)

Organizing Authority: Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The BBYRA Championship Series will be governed by the rules defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Sailing Instructions, this NOR, the BBYRA Regulations, and class rules as applicable by each fleet. Documents are available on the website <https://www.bbyra.org>.
- 1.2 In accordance with RRS 40.2, RRS 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices will apply for all single handed competitors while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This modifies Part 4 preamble.
- 1.3 Under RRS 87, the E-Scow class rules are modified to require mainsail floatation at all times.
- 1.4 Under RRS 87, all class rules are modified such that all boats shall carry all safety equipment as specified in NOR APPENDIX 1.
- 1.5 The BBYRA Championship Series is not considered a “class sanctioned event” per the E-Scow NCESA class bylaws. As such, crew substitutions normally disallowed by the NCESA class bylaws are permitted for the E-Scow class in the BBYRA Championship Series.
- 1.6 ILCA class rule 7(a) is restricted as follows: “Only one competitor shall be on board whilst racing. The competitor shall be named when registering and shall not be substituted.”
- 1.7 Changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other rules.

2 CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The BBYRA Championship Series is open to all boats of the following classes: A Cat, E Scow, Ensign, Flying Scot, ILCA 7, ILCA 6, ILCA 4, M Sloop, MC Scow, Sandpiper, Sanderling “B Cat”, Sneakbox, ISCA Sunfish and Melges 15.
- 2.2 ENTRANT ELIGIBILITY
 - 2.2.1 A boat entered for a race must be the bona fide property of a recognized member club or of the person in whose name she is entered, who must be a member of a member club of the BBYRA, except as noted in NOR 2.2.3 and NOR 2.2.4. A person chartering a boat shall be deemed the owner provided said boat has been chartered in good faith for a period of not less than thirty days.
 - 2.2.2 Except as noted in NOR 2.2.3 and NOR 2.2.4, skippers/helmsmen are required to be a member of a member club of the BBYRA and their class organization. Crews are exempt from this requirement.

- 2.2.3 A sailing instructor actively employed by a BBYRA member club may be permitted to enter and/or skipper a boat provided he/she is a member of US Sailing and his/her respective class organization and pays the usual entry fees for the Class in which he/she is entered. Entry will be at the discretion of the Regatta Committee and shall be denied if not in the best interest of the BBYRA.
- 2.2.4 A non-BBYRA member may be permitted to enter and/or skipper a boat as a "Guest" for a maximum of two (2) race days per season, subject to the prescribed daily "Guest" fee. Entry will be at the discretion of the Regatta Committee and shall be denied if not in the best interest of the BBYRA.
- 2.3 There are no age restrictions in any fleet included in the 2024 Championship Series. Entrants are encouraged to include age information when registering in order to establish eligibility for Junior awards and/or Registration Fee discounts as applicable.
- 2.4 Any Competitor notified that they are not in good standing with the BBYRA shall not register, skipper or crew until good standing is re-established.
- 2.5 The person or persons entering a boat is deemed to be the skipper(s) and person in charge under RRS 46 unless the BBYRA is correctly notified of a change prior to a race.

3 REGISTRATION

- 3.1 **Season Registration Forms and Registration Instructions** will be available no later than May 18, 2025 on the BBYRA website (www.bbyra.org).
- 3.2 **ONLINE SEASON REGISTRATION** - Boats are to register online for the season via the BBYRA website (www.bbyra.org) under Championship Series.
- 3.3 **ONLINE DAILY REGISTRATION** - Boats may register for Daily participation online only via the BBYRA website (www.bbyra.org) under Championship Series. Boats must be registered before the stated Class Signal start time.
- 3.4 **ONLINE HOST CLUB DAILY REGISTRATION** – BBYRA member sailors who do not race on the bay regularly are encouraged to register to race free on their home club race day.
- 3.5 See **2025 REGISTRATION FEES** for all registration fees for all classes.

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 There will be two separate sets of sailing instructions published online at <https://www.bbyra.org> under Championship Series. One set applies to the ROSE COURSE (for E Scows and Melges 15 only), the other applicable to GREEN COURSE (for all other classes).
- 4.2 Fixed Mark Courses and starting area maps are available on the BBYRA website at <https://www.bbyra.org>.
- 4.3 **Printed copies of the Sailing Instructions, course sheets or starting area maps will no longer be made available. Should you wish a paper copy, PLEASE PRINT YOUR OWN.**

5 RACING VENUES

- 5.1 All classes (except E Scow and Melges 15) will race on the GREEN COURSE.
 - 5.1.1 GREEN COURSE - UPPER BAY HOST CLUB: On race days hosted by yacht clubs north of the Mathis Bridge, the Green Course classes will race on the "Up Bay Course" located north of the Mathis Bridge and south of the Mantoloking Bridge.
 - 5.1.2 GREEN COURSE -LOWER BAY HOST CLUB: On race days hosted by yacht clubs south of the Mathis Bridge, the Green Course classes will race on the "Wannamaker Course" area near the mouth of the Toms River with the following exceptions:
 - 5.1.2.1 IHYC Race Day – Green Course classes will race on the "Seaside Park Course" located just west of the Seaside Park Yacht Club,
 - 5.1.2.2 BYC/OCC Race Day – Green Course classes will race on the "Seaside Park Course" located just west of the Seaside Park Yacht Club,
 - 5.1.2.3 SPYC Race Day - Green Course classes will race on the "Seaside Park Course" located just west of the Seaside Park Yacht Club.

5.2 The E-Scow and Melges 15 class shall race on the ROSE COURSE.

5.2.1 ROSE COURSE – Except as noted in NOR 5.2.1.1 and NOR 5.2.1.1 below, the ROSE COURSE will race each week on the opposite side of the Mathis Bridge from the GREEN COURSE [e.g., when the host club is north of the Mathis Bridge, the ROSE COURSE is south (either Wanamaker or Seaside Park Courses). When the host club is south of the Mathis Bridge, the ROSE COURSE is north (on Green Island)], with the following exceptions:

5.2.1.1 ROSE COURSE Week 10 (SEASIDE PARK RACE DAY) The ROSE COURSE will race on the Green Island course.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 GREEN COURSE - The first warning signal in the morning is at 0930. No warning signal for morning races shall be made after 1145. The first warning signal in the afternoon is at 1330. No warning signal for afternoon races shall be made after 1530. See **2025 GREEN COURSE SAILING SCHEDULE** for race dates and times for each class.

6.2 ROSE COURSE - Three races are planned for each scheduled race day, to be sailed back-to-back. The E scow first warning signal is at 1000. The M15 warning signal is at 1330. No warning signal shall be made after 1530. See **2025 ROSE COURSE SAILING SCHEDULE** for race dates.

7 SCORING AND QUALIFICATION

7.1 RRS A5.3 applies. A5.3 and A2 are modified in the Sailing Instructions.

7.2 To qualify for the Championship, a boat must have entered as a season registrant no later than 7/12/2025 and check in with the Start Boat in at least 50% of the races started for her class.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 RRS Appendix V1 and RRS Appendix V2 applies.

9 PRIZES

9.1 Daily Prizes

9.1.1 First place individual regatta pennants will be awarded for each race having at least two (2) entrants. Second place pennants will be awarded when there are at least four (4) entrants in any particular race. Third place pennants will be awarded when there are at least seven (7) entrants in any particular race.

9.1.2 The host clubs will provide additional trophies listed in the Club Trophies section of BBYRA website.

9.2 Season Prizes

9.2.1 Season championship flags and trophies will be awarded to the winning boat in each fleet when there are at least three (3) qualifiers. Second place trophies will be awarded when there are at least four (4) qualifiers. Third place trophies will be awarded when there are at least seven (7) qualifiers. Fourth place trophies will be awarded when there are at least eleven (11) qualifiers. Fifth place trophies will be awarded when there are at least fifteen (15) qualifiers.

9.2.2 Fleet Championship Perpetual Trophies will be awarded as listed in the BBYRA Trophies List found on the BBYRA website.

10 COURTESY TEXT MESSAGING

The BBYRA encourages signing up for courtesy text messaging. The RC may attempt to communicate courtesy weather alerts, delays, emergencies, or other notifications in real-time to competitors via text message. The RC may attempt to communicate starting line location no later than 0800 via text and/or VHF on race day. Competitors may sign up for courtesy text messaging by texting the letters: BBYRA to the number (848) 289-8100. An automatic confirmation is sent when the request is received. Texts to Competitors will come from the number (848) 289-8100.

11 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone. Each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks by participating in this event. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in an 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. Additionally, the organizing authority will not accept any liability related to illness prior to, during or after the Regatta.

APPENDIX 1

SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

Class	Paddle	Pump or Bailer ¹	Anchor	Anchor/ Tow Line ²	Life Vest ³	Throwable ³
"A" Cat	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ensign	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
E Scow	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flying Scot	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ILCA 7/6/4	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
MC Scow	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
M Sloop	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sanderling	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sandpiper	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sneakbox	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
ISCA Sunfish	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Melges 15	No	No	No	No	Yes	No

Notes:

1. Manual bailer minimum 4-quart volume.
2. Towline must be solely dedicated to towing and/or anchoring and readily available for use at all times. The line must be at least 24' long and of sufficient strength to tow a swamped boat.
3. All boats must carry a whistle attached to a throwable or life vest.

2025 GREEN COURSE SAILING SCHEDULE

Green Course

X indicates Class scheduled.

Signals will be omitted for Classes not scheduled.

MORNING RACES: FIRST WARNING 9:30 AM

		6/21	6/28	7/5	7/12	7/19	8/2	8/9	8/16	8/23	8/30
CLASS	SIGNAL	BH MC	IH+	MA MR	TR	SA	OG PB	NB	BD+ OCC	LA	SP+
MC SCOW	G	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
M SLOOP	T	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
ILCA 7	R	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
ILCA 4/ILCA 6	R	X	X			X	X			X	X
SNEAKBOX	K		X	X	X		X		X	X	X
SANDPIPER	O	X	X	X		X		X		X	X
ISCA SUNFISH	W	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X
SECOND MORNING RACES											
MC SCOW	G	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
M SLOOP	T	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
ILCA 7	R	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
ILCA 4/ILCA 6	R	X	X			X	X			X	X
SNEAKBOX	K		X	X	X		X		X	X	X
SANDPIPER	O	X	X	X		X		X		X	X
ISCA SUNFISH	W	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X

AFTERNOON RACES: FIRST WARNING 1:30 PM

CLASS	SIGNAL	BH MC	IH+	MA MR	TR	SA	OG PB	NB	BD+ OCC	LA	SP+
A CAT	F	X	X	X	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X
FLYING SCOT	FS Class	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ENSIGN	D	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X
SANDERLING	J	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
SECOND AFTERNOON RACES											
A CAT	F	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
FLYING SCOT	FS Class	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
ENSIGN	D	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	
SANDERLING	J	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	

X – CLASS SCHEDULED GREEN AREA

+ Green classes race on Seaside Course

* A-Cats separate start, see OGYC ANCHOR START ADDENDUM

SIGNAL specifies the class's class flag

2025 ROSE COURSE SAILING SCHEDULE

1. The E Scow class signal shall be code flag E. The Melges 15 class signal shall be code W.
2. First Warning Signal shall be 10:00 AM for the E Scow class each scheduled race day.
3. First Warning Signal shall be 1:30 PM for the Melges15 class each scheduled race day
4. Three races are scheduled for each day.

DATE	RACING AREA	HOST CLUB
June 21	Seaside or Wanamaker Course E Scow only	Bay Head Yacht Club Metedeconk River Yacht Club
June 28	Green Island Course E Scow & Melges15	Island Heights Yacht Club
July 5	Seaside or Wanamaker Course E Scow only	Mantoloking Yacht Club Manasquan River Yacht Club
July 12	Green Island Course E Scow & Melges15	Toms River Yacht Club
July 19	Seaside or Wanamaker Course E Scow only	Shore Acres Yacht Club
July 26	BBYRA OPEN WEEKEND NO RACES	
August 2	Green Island Course No Races	Ocean Gate Yacht Club Pine Beach Yacht Club
August 9	Seaside or Wanamaker Course No Races	Normandy Beach Yacht Club
August 16	Green Island Course E Scow & Melges 15	Beachwood Yacht Club Ocean County College
August 23	Seaside or Wanamaker Course E Scow Lavallette Course Melges 15	Lavallette Yacht Club
August 30	Green Island Course E Scow & Melges 15	Seaside Park Yacht Club

2025 REGISTRATION FEES

Class *	Series Fee	Daily Racing Fee PER WEEK (see NOR 3.4 related to Home Club option**)	Non-Member Guests Daily Racing Fee PER WEEK (limited to two weeks per season)
E Scow	\$350	\$50	\$50
MC Scow	\$160	\$30	\$30
M Sloop	\$185	\$30	\$30
ILCA 7	\$140	\$30	\$30
ILCA 6/4	\$120	\$30	\$30
Sneakbox	\$150	\$30	\$30
Sandpiper	\$150	\$30	\$30
ISCA Sunfish	\$160	\$30	\$30
A Cat	\$275	\$40	\$40
Flying Scot	\$200	\$30	\$30
Ensign	\$170	\$30	\$30
Sanderling	\$160	\$30	\$30
Melges 15	\$50	\$10	\$10

*The number of races and number of awards are considered when fees are calculated.

****Note: BBYRA Member Sailors who do not race on the bay regularly, and would love to try, are encouraged to register to race for free on their Home Club's race week. Use promo code "HOME CLUB" during registration.**

Note: Juniors sail for free if registered for the season!

Junior skippers with ALL junior crews (born after 2005+) will have their Registration Fees paid by the Sailing Foundation of Barnegat Bay (SFBB).

Use promo code "JUNIOR" during registration.