



## BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION 2026 Championship Series

### NOTICE OF RACE (“NOR”)

#### Organizing Authority: Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA)

The notation ‘[DP]’ in a rule means the Protest Committee may award a penalty other than disqualification. The notation ‘[NP]’ in a rule means it shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This change is added to RRS 60.1.

#### 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, 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 ILCA class rule 7(c) is designated as **[NP]** for the ILCA 7 class.
- 1.8 ISCA Sunfish class rule 4.1.1 is restricted as follows: “The competitor shall be named when registering and shall not be substituted.”
- 1.9 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, Sneakbox, ISCA Sunfish and Melges 15.
- 2.2 ENTRANT ELIGIBILITY  
A boat is eligible to be entered by:
  - 2.2.1 A member of a BBYRA Member or Associate Club in good standing.
  - 2.2.2 A sailing instructor actively employed by a BBYRA Member club provided he/she is a member of US Sailing or their Member National Authority, subject to the “Member” Season or Daily entry fee.
  - 2.2.3 An entrant that is not a member of a BBYRA Member or Associate club, subject to the “Guest” Season or Daily entry fee.

- 2.3 All entrants must reach their 10th birthday within the 2026 calendar year.
- 2.4 Entrants are encouraged to include age information when registering in order to establish eligibility for Junior awards and/or Registration Fee discounts as applicable.

### 3 REGISTRATION

- 3.1 **Season Registration Forms and Registration Instructions** will be available no later than May 17, 2026 on the BBYRA website ([www.bbyra.org](http://www.bbyra.org)).
- 3.2 **ONLINE SEASON REGISTRATION** - Boats are to register online for the season via the BBYRA website ([www.bbyra.org](http://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](http://www.bbyra.org)) under Championship Series. Boats must be registered before midnight the night before the scheduled race day.
- 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 **2026 REGISTRATION FEES** for all registration fees for all classes.

### 4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The sailing instructions shall be published online at <https://www.bbyra.org> under Championship Series.
- 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 There are two race venues, the GREEN COURSE and the ROSE COURSE.
- 5.2 The GREEN COURSE race areas shall be:
  - 5.2.1 GREEN COURSE - UPPER BAY HOST CLUB: On race days hosted by yacht clubs north of the Mathis Bridge, the race area for classes scheduled on the Green Course shall be the “North Green Island Course” located north of the Mathis Bridge and south of the Mantoloking Bridge with the following exceptions:
    - 5.2.1.1 BHYC/MCYC Race Day – the race area for classes scheduled on the Green Course shall be the “Metedeconk River Course” in the Metedeconk River.
  - 5.2.2 GREEN COURSE - LOWER BAY HOST CLUB: On race days hosted by yacht clubs south of the Mathis Bridge, the race area for classes scheduled on the Green Course shall be the “Wanamaker Course” area near the mouth of the Toms River with the following exceptions:
    - 5.2.2.1 IHYC Race Day – the race area for classes scheduled on the Green Course shall be the “Seaside Park Course” located just west of the Seaside Park Yacht Club,
    - 5.2.2.2 TRYC Race Day – the race area for classes scheduled on the Green Course shall be the “Seaside Park Course” located just west of the Seaside Park Yacht Club.
    - 5.2.2.3 SPYC Race Day – the race area for classes scheduled on the Green Course shall be the “Seaside Park Course” located just west of the Seaside Park Yacht Club.
- 5.3 The ROSE COURSE race areas shall be for all weeks the South Green Island Course, north of the Mathis Bridge and south of the Ocean Beach channel with the following exceptions:
  - 5.3.1 IHYC Race Day - The race area for the E Scow class shall be the “Seaside Park Course” located just west of Seaside Park Yacht Club.
  - 5.3.2 TRYC Race Day – The race area for the E Scow class shall be the “Seaside Park Course” located just west of Seaside Park Yacht Club.

### 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 1200. The first warning signal in the afternoon is at 1330.

No warning signal for afternoon races shall be made after 1530.

6.2 ROSE COURSE – The first warning signal for the morning is at 1000. No warning signal for morning races shall be made after 1230 for the E Scow class, or 1200 for all other classes. The first warning signal in the afternoon is at 1330. No warning signal for the afternoon classes shall be made after 1600.

6.2.1 IHYC Race Day – The E Scow class shall race on the Friday evening 6/26/2026 with a first warning of 1800. No warning signal shall be made after 2000.

6.2.2 TRYC Race Day – The E Scow class shall race on the Friday evening 7/17/2026 with a first warning of 1800. No warning signal shall be made after 2000.

6.3 Classes may be scheduled for the GREEN COURSE and ROSE COURSE throughout the season. See **2026 GREEN COURSE SAILING SCHEDULE** and **2026 ROSE COURSE SAILING SCHEDULE** for race dates and times for each class for each race course, as a class may sail on GREEN COURSE one week but ROSE COURSE on a different week.

## 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 7/11/2026 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 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 Season championship flags and Fleet Championship Perpetual will be awarded to the first overall BBYRA member entrant in each fleet.

## 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 <sup>1</sup>	Anchor	Anchor/ Tow Line <sup>2</sup>	Life Vest <sup>3</sup>	Throwable <sup>3</sup>
"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.  
\* The ILCA 4/6/7 mainsheet is considered a towline so long as it is at least 24'.
3. All boats must carry a whistle attached to a throwable or life vest.

# 2026 GREEN COURSE SAILING SCHEDULE

X indicates Class scheduled.

Signals will be omitted for Classes not scheduled.

## MORNING RACES: FIRST WARNING 9:30 AM

6/20    6/27    7/11    7/18    7/25    8/8    8/15    8/22    8/29    9/5

CLASS	SIGNAL	BH MC <sup>^</sup>	IH+	MA MR	TR+	SA	OG PB	NB	BD	LA	SP+
<b>FIRST MORNING RACES</b>											
MC SCOW	G	X	X	X	X	X			X		X
SANDPIPER	O	X		X		X		X		X	X
M SLOOP	T		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
ILCA 4/6	R	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SNEAKBOX	K		X		X		X		X	X	X
ISCA SUNFISH	W/Class	X									
<b>SECOND MORNING RACES</b>											
MC SCOW	G	X	X	X	X	X			X		X
SANDPIPER	O	X		X		X		X		X	X
M SLOOP	T		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
ILCA 4/6	R	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SNEAKBOX	K		X		X		X		X	X	X
ICSA SUNFISH	W/Class	X									

## AFTERNOON RACES: FIRST WARNING 1:30 PM

CLASS	SIGNAL	BH MC <sup>^</sup>	IH+	MA MR	TR+	SA	OG PB	NB	BD	LA	SP+
<b>FIRST AFTERNOON RACES</b>											
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
<b>SECOND AFTERNOON RACES</b>											
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	

<sup>^</sup> Green classes race on Metedeconk River Course

<sup>+</sup> Green classes race on Seaside Course

<sup>\*</sup> A Cats start on Seaside Course but finish at TRYC (See A Cat Challenge Cup SI Addendum)

<sup>\*\*</sup> A Cats start on Wanamaker Course (See OGYC Anchor Start Addendum)

<sup>+++</sup> Last race of the day shall finish at Beachwood YC

SIGNAL specifies the class's start flag

# 2026 ROSE COURSE SAILING SCHEDULE

X indicates Class scheduled.

Signals will be omitted for Classes not scheduled.

## MORNING RACES: FIRST WARNING 10:00 AM

6/20 6/27 7/11 7/18 7/25 8/8 8/15 8/22 8/29 9/5

CLASS	SIGNAL	BH MC	IH	MA MR	TR	SA	OG PB	NB	BD	LA	SP
<b>FIRST MORNING RACES</b>											
E SCOW	E	X	X+	X	X <sup>+</sup>	X			X	X	X
MC SCOW	G						X	X			
M SLOOP	T	X									
SANDPIPER	O		X						X		
ILCA 7	R							X			
ISCA SUNFISH	W/Class		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>SECOND MORNING RACES</b>											
E SCOW	E	X	X+	X	X <sup>+</sup>	X			X	X	X
MC SCOW	G						X	X			
M SLOOP	T	X									
SANDPIPER	O		X						X		
ILCA 7	R							X			
ISCA SUNFISH	W/Class		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>THIRD MORNING RACES</b>											
E SCOW	E	X	X+	X	X <sup>+</sup>	X			X	X	X

## AFTERNOON RACES: FIRST WARNING 1:30 PM

6/20 6/27 7/11 7/18 7/25 8/8 8/15 8/22 8/29 9/5

CLASS	SIGNAL	BH MC	IH	MA MR	TR	SA	OG PB	NB	BD	LA	SP
<b>FIRST AFTERNOON RACES</b>											
M15	M15 Class	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
ENSIGN	D	X									
ILCA 7	R	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
ISCA SUNFISH	W/Class				X						
<b>SECOND AFTERNOON RACES</b>											
M15	M15 Class	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
ENSIGN	D	X									
ILCA 7	R	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
ISCA SUNFISH	W/Class				X						
<b>THIRD AFTERNOON RACES</b>											
M15	M15 Class	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	

+ E Scows race on the Seaside Course on Friday night 6/26/2026, first warning at 1800.

^ E Scows race on the Seaside Course on Friday night 7/17/2026, first warning at 1800.

## 2026 REGISTRATION FEES

Class *	Season Fees	Guest Season Fees	Daily Racing Fee PER WEEK **	Guest Daily Racing Fee PER WEEK
E Scow	\$325	\$425	\$48.75	\$68.75
Melges 15	\$275	\$375	\$41.25	\$61.25
MC Scow	\$175	\$275	\$26.25	\$46.25
M Sloop	\$185	\$285	\$27.75	\$47.75
ILCA 7	\$190	\$290	\$28.50	\$48.50
ILCA 6	\$175	\$275	\$26.25	\$46.25
ILCA 4	\$175	\$275	\$26.25	\$46.25
Sneakbox	\$125	\$225	\$18.75	\$28.75
Sandpiper	\$165	\$265	\$24.75	\$44.75
ISCA Sunfish	\$190	\$290	\$28.50	\$48.50
A Cat	\$275	\$375	\$41.25	\$61.25
Flying Scot	\$195	\$295	\$29.25	\$49.25
Ensign	\$185	\$285	\$27.75	\$47.75
Sanderling	\$155	\$255	\$23.25	\$43.25

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

\*\* 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. See NOR 3.4. 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 2007+) will have their Registration Fees paid by the Sailing Foundation of Barnegat Bay (SFBB).**

**Use promo code "JUNIOR" during registration.**