



2025 BOAT OF THE YEAR NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is the Narragansett Bay Yachting Association

1. RULES

- 1.1. Each race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Each event is governed by *rules* published in each event's Notice of Race.
- 1.3. 2025 PHRF-NB ratings and rules apply to handicap classes.

2. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 2.1. To enter, you must register for this GMT BOTY series and be an NBYA member. Series registration and membership are **required prior** to your first race. Simply go to <https://nbya.org/boty/> and you can register for the series and pay for your membership in one transaction.
- 2.2. There are no additional fees for entry into this series beyond the event fees as required by the event NOR's.

3. Qualifying Events

EVENT	ORGANIZING CLUB
Pret Gladding Race	BARRINGTON
Twenty Hundred Club Around Aquidneck	TWENTY HUNDRED
IYAC Newport Cup	IYAC
EGYC Annual Regatta Pursuit Race	EAST GREENWICH YC
Middle Bay Race	NBYA
MOHOSA Sunday Race	BRISTOL YC
Safe Harbor Regatta	SAFE HARBOR
Conanicut Around the Island Race	CONANICUT YC
NBYA Fall and Challenge Cups	NBYA
Twenty Hundred Club Fall Race	TWENTY HUNDRED
Sail for Hope	SAIL NEWPORT
Bud Humphrey Race	BARRINGTON YC

4. Scoring

- 4.1. Each event/regatta will be considered one score regardless of how many races are sailed. In the event of a tie, the ties are broken as determined by the race organizer.
- 4.2. Scores will be recorded using the Cox Sprague scoring system. However, if a boat registers but does not come to the starting area or notifies the RC of their intention not to race prior to the first warning signal, they will not be scored for that race.
- 4.3. For the series, the final score will be equal to the total points earned in each regatta divided by the sum of the maximum possible points for each regatta.
- 4.4. A boat must race in at least 40% of the events that are actually held (ie: not cancelled for any reason) to qualify for the award. For instance if 9 events are held, a boat must race in 4 of them.
- 4.5. A boat that races in 50% or more of the events that are actually held may drop the results of one regatta.
- 4.6. A boat may designate IN ADVANCE a single event it wishes to EXCLUDE from the series scoring. This must be requested in writing and received and acknowledged by NBYA no later than 24 hours before the event.
- 4.7. For events such as Twenty Hundred Club, where rating penalties are given for prior success, the race results will be calculated using the standard PHRF rating for all boats.

5. Awards

- 5.1. Awards will be presented to the first place boat in both Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker classes provided that three or more boats in the class qualify for the award. If less than three qualify in that class during the season, no award will be given for that class.
- 5.2. The winning boat's name will be engraved on the permanent GMT Composites Boat Of The Year Trophy and may be displayed at the winner's yacht club. The winners will also receive a keeper award. The prize giving will be at NBYA's Awards Banquet.

6. LIABILITY and MEDIA

- 6.1. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Host Club, Volunteers, Sponsor (s) 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. Attention is also drawn to World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation 1.02, "Responsibility of the Person in Charge", as well as the "waiver and release of liability" as stated on the entry form.
- 6.2. In participating in this regatta, a competitor automatically grants to NBYA, the Organizing Authority, the organizing committee, and sponsors of the regatta the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the regatta, and of all his or her material related to the regatta, without compensation.

7. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit our website at nbya.org / or contact the NBYA office.

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