

2026 Millard Series
Bristol Yacht Club
In Honor of Robert B. Millard Sr.
Notice of Race (NoR)

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as governed in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)
- 1.2 Class rules of any one-design classes racing as such shall apply.
- 1.3 **Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) 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”**

2 Sailing Instructions (SI’s)

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions shall be available no later than May 6, 2026 on the Bristol Yacht Club website at www.bristolyc.com.
- 2.2 Changes to SI’s and Notices to Competitors will be available in the official YachtScoring bulletin board and a curtesy copy may be provided on the south side of the BYC Beach Bar.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The event is open to all boats with valid, published 2026 PHRF-NB Rating Certificate which can be attained at www.phrf-nb.com and in accordance with PHRF-NB Regulations.
 - 3.1.1 One-design classes, requiring 5 or more boats entered, may enter without a PHRF Certificate.
 - 3.1.2 J/22’s chartered from Bristol Yacht Club or EBSF do not require a PHRF Certificate as they will carry an assumed standard rating (this modifies RRS 78.1).
- 3.2 A Skipper’s Waiver statement is posted in the Documents and Forms section of the YachtScoring registration website. All skippers are required to read the statement and indicate acceptance of all of its terms by checking the Waiver Acceptance box in YachtScoring or by providing the race organizer with a signed acceptance copy of the Waiver document.
- 3.3 Multiple Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker classes will be determined by the Race Committee and finalized after the pre-season Skipper’s meeting.
- 3.4 A boat may change from a Spinnaker to a non-spinnaker class, or vice-versa only once during the season upon written application to and approval from the Race Committee.
- 3.5 This is an invitational event, and advertising is restricted as follows: strict compliance with WS Reg. 20 (Advertising Code) is required.
- 3.6 Racers may register online by connecting to the link on the BYC Racing Website, or to YachtScoring at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=50685>.
- 3.7 Registration will not be complete until the published PHRF certificate has been produced, the Skipper’s Waiver has been accepted, a Liability Insurance Policy has been confirmed per SI 9.1, and all Entry Fees have been paid per SI 4.
- 3.8 The registration deadline is May 13, 2026.

4 Fees

- 4.1 Entry fee is \$100.00 for members of Bristol Yacht Club.
- 4.2 For competitors who are not members of Bristol Yacht Club, the fee is \$200.00 for the first year then \$300.00 for each subsequent year.
- 4.3 Entries received after the registration deadline will incur a \$35.00 late fee.

5 Schedule

- 5.1 The Bristol Yacht Club Millard Series will consist of 12 races starting in Bristol Harbor on Wednesday evenings beginning May 27, 2026. There will be one race each Wednesday.
- 5.2 The first warning gun at for all race dates will be at 17:55
- 5.3 A Skipper’s meeting will be held at the yacht club on May 13, 2026 at 18:30.
- 5.4 A Practice Race will be run on May 20, 2026.
- 5.5 There will be no race on July 1, 2026 due to the Independence Day Holiday.

- 5.6 There will be no race on July 29, 2026 due to the MOHOSA Race which is not part of this series.
- 5.7 The last race of the series is scheduled for August 26, 2026.
- 5.8 A fun race is scheduled for September 2 which will not count for the series. However, if any of the racing classes miss a scheduled race during the season, this is the only date that will be used as a make-up race for the effected class(s).

6 **Courses**

- 6.1 Information including the racing area, marks, and courses will be made available as Attachment 1 to the SI's and distributed when the SI's are made available.

7 **Scoring**

- 7.1 Individual races shall be scored using a Time-on-Time system utilizing each boat's 2026 PHRF-NB handicap rating.
- 7.2 One design classes will be scored on a first to finish basis.

8 **Risk Statement**

- 8.1 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 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 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.**

9 **Insurance**

- 9.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. **All skippers are required to certify that they have the required valid insurance coverage by listing their Insurance Policy Carrier, Policy Number, and Expiration Date under "Specific Questions" while registering in YachtScoring.**

10 **Prizes**

- 10.1 Weekly and Series trophies will be awarded for each class.
- 10.2 The Millard Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the lowest scoring average from all classes with five or more qualifying competitors in the class.

- 11 For further information please contact Mark Rotsky at 508-245-1192 or rotskybyc@gmail.com