

Sailing World and Marblehead Racing Association (MRA) are the co-organizing authorities. MRA will provide race management.



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1. RULES

1.1 This regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 Competitors are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

1.3 Except for the IOD and Town Classes, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 shall take a penalty in accordance with RRS T1.

1.4 For the IOD and Town Classes only, RRS 44.1, 44.2 and RRS T1 are changed so that for infringements of the rules in Part 2 only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required

1.5 Rules 1.1 and 1.3 of J/70 Class Rules, Part III-Section I shall apply. This adds to the NOR.

2. PERSONAL FLOTATION

Personal flotation shall be worn as required by class rules. Competitors should be aware that the race committee may display Flag "Y" in accordance with RRS 40.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to any boat with a minimum LOA of 21 feet, that has sleeping accommodations below decks or is either: a) a member of a recognized class association for entry in this regatta's One-Design classes, or b) a boat that meets the criteria established for this regatta by the class coordinator for entry in a level class; and provided that each class has a minimum entry of six boats. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to invite additional classes that do not meet all the requirements.

4. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

The Official Notice Board is located in the Yardarm Building at the Boston Yacht Club. In addition to the official notice board, amendments to the sailing instructions will be posted as a courtesy at the Eastern, and Corinthian Yacht Clubs by 0900 EDT daily.

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours EDT on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole

yardarm at the Boston, Eastern, and Corinthian Yacht Clubs. Flag "AP" with two sound signals means "races have been postponed for all classes"; Flag "AP" over one or more Class Flags with two sound signals means "races have been postponed for the indicated Class (es)". The warning signal will be made no less than sixty (60) minutes after the "AP" is lowered.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 It is the intent of the organizing authority and the race committee to run as many races as practical on each race day up to a maximum of 12 races for the regatta.

7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each day of racing is 1200 hrs.

7.2 No warning signal will be made after 1430 on Sunday, July 28, 2013.

7.3 On Thursday only the IOD and Rhodes 19 classes will race on the Halfway Rock Line.

7.4 Outside Line: IOD, Etchells, J/105, J/70, J/30 classes will race Friday through Sunday.

7.5 Halfway Rock Line: Rhodes 19, -; Town Class, Skud 18, and Laser classes will race Friday through Sunday; Finns, Stars and Vanguard 15 classes will race Saturday and Sunday.

7.6 Tinkers Line: Viper 640, Sonar, and J/24 classes will race Friday through Sunday; Alerion Express 28 class will race Saturday and Sunday.

7.7 This schedule is subject to change pending final entries

7.8 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

8. RACING AREAS AND INITIAL STARTING ORDER

8.1 The racing area assignments and initial starting order will be posted on the official notice board before 1600, Wednesday, July 24, 2013, and will be part of the supplement to the Sailing Instructions included in the skipper's package.

8.2 Any and all subsequent starting orders will be at the discretion of the race officer for each racing line.

9. CLASS FLAGS AND BOW STICKERS

9.1 Warning/Class flags for each class will be the class insignia

9.2 Bow Stickers - With the exception of the Town Class, Lasers (and wooden boats in any class), easily removable bow stickers provided in the skipper's package shall be attached

to the forward 25 percent of both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing. The stickers are to be carried with the top approximately 6" -10" below deck level and with the leading edge approximately 10"-20" aft of the bow. It is the skipper's responsibility to insure that stickers are in place throughout the regatta. Infringements of this SI are subject to protest only by the race committee or protest committee. This changes RRS 60.1.

10. CHECK IN

Boats are required to check in before their first start each day. Boats failing to check in will be scored DNC (changes RRS Appendix A).

11. THE COURSE

11.1 Courses are shown in Illustration A, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

11.2 The approximate compass bearing from the leeward mark to mark 1, and the designated course will be displayed in the forward rack of the race committee signal boat. The distance from the leeward mark to Mark 1 will be displayed in the aft rack of the race committee signal boat.

11.3 Gates: If a gate is not in place, boats shall round the existing leeward mark to port.

11.4 Offset mark: The offset mark will be the same color as mark 1. An offset mark may not be set if there is a change of course

11.5 A green flag flown no later than five minutes before the start means "Mark 1 for the class about to start will be green. This applies to each rounding of mark 1 by this class." (changes RRS 27.1 and race signals).

12. MARKS

12.1 Except as provided in Sailing Instructions 11.5, the color and shape of the rounding marks will be: Outside Line: orange tetrahedrons, Halfway Rock Line: red tetrahedrons, Tinkers Line: yellow tetrahedrons.

12.2 New marks, as provided in SI 15, will be identified by a black band. The starting and finishing marks will be green tetrahedrons.

13. THE START

13.1 The starting line will be between a staff on the race committee signal boat from which an orange flag is displayed and the course side of the nearby mark at the port end.

13.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

14. RECALLS

14.1 The race committee will attempt to hail boats on the course side on VHF 78 for the Outside Line, VHF 71 for the Tinkers Line and VHF 72 for the Halfway Rock Line.

14.2 The failure to hail, the hail of some but not all, or the untimely hail of OCS boats will not be grounds for redress [changes RRS 62.1(a)].

15. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

15.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The mark will have a black band.

15.2 When, in a subsequent change of course, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark without a black band.

16. THE FINISH

16.1 The finishing line will be between a staff on the race committee signal boat from which a blue flag is displayed and the course side of the nearby mark. For courses designating a downwind finish, the finishing mark will be placed on the side opposite that of the starting mark.

16.2 Competitors retiring shall report to the Race Committee before leaving the racing area if practicable. If unable to do so, competitors retiring shall report to the Boston Yacht Club by calling the front desk immediately after coming ashore. BYC (781) 631-3100

17. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat in each class is two hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of first boat to finish will be scored DNF (changes RRS 35.)

18. PROTESTS

18.1 Protest forms are available at the protest desk in the Yardarm Building at the Boston Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

18.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the docking of the race committee signal boat for the applicable line.

18.3 Protests will be heard at the Yardarm Building at the Boston Yacht Club.

18.4 The times of protest hearings and the parties involved will be posted on the official notice board located at the Yardarm Building at the Boston Yacht Club.

18.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

18.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19. PROTEST ARBITRATION

19.1 An arbitration meeting will be held for each protest as provided in Appendix T Section D except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.

19.2 RRS T2.2 is replaced with: The post-race penalty shall be:

(a) 20 percent, if taken prior to the start of an arbitration meeting or a protest hearing, or

(b) 30 percent, if taken after the start of an arbitration meeting and before the start of a protest hearing.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUED

19.3 RRS T5.3 is replaced with: During an arbitration meeting, a boat that may have broken a rule may take a post-race penalty as provided in RRS T2.2(b) above. During a meeting, a boat may take a penalty by acknowledging her acceptance of the penalty in writing.

19.3 When the protest is referred to the jury, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the jury hearing the protest but may be called as an observer or witness.

20. SCORING

20.1 One race will constitute a regatta. A boat's score for the series will exclude her worst finish if five or more races have been completed. This alters RRS A2.

20.2 Questions regarding scoring may be addressed by submitting a scoring inquiry sheet to the protest secretary. If the scoring inquiry is not addressed to the satisfaction of the boat(s) making the inquiry, then a request for redress may be filed according to RRS 62.

21. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Except as noted below, keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of prior written permission of the protest committee. Finns, Viper 640s, J/70s, Vanguard 15s, Lasers and Stars may be hauled each day.

22. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

22.1 Each boat shall carry the following equipment: prescribed Coast Guard and class association safety equipment, a working VHF radio, Coast Guard approved visual signal for daytime use, and suitable anchor and line for the class and sailing area. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification from one or more races.

22.2. A boat may not protest another boat for breaking a class rule prohibiting the carrying of VHF radios while racing. This changes RRS 60.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATION AND EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

23.1 Emergency conditions shall be reported directly to the race committee on the assigned frequency for its line.. Boats in need of assistance can also contact the Marblehead Harbor Master on VHF 16. The Eastern and Corinthian Yacht Club Dockmasters will monitor VHF Channel (9). The Boston Yacht Club Dockmaster will monitor VHF Channel (68).

23.2 Race committee broadcasts are a courtesy only. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast, the timing of the broadcast or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

Outside	Line	VHF	78
Tinkers	Line	VHF	71
Halfway Rock	Line	VHF	72

24. PRIZES

24.1 Series prizes will be awarded by class.

24.2 An award will be made to the boat which, in the opinion of the organizing authority, had the best overall performance during the 2013 Sperry Top-Sider Marblehead NOOD Regatta.

25. CONDUCT

Please note that all NOOD skippers shall be responsible for the conduct of their crew.

26. MEDIA AND TELEVISION

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage taken of themselves or the yacht they are sailing during the event, to be published in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.



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