



2017 Town Class National Regatta
Hosted by the Marblehead Town Class Association
and the Corinthian Yacht Club
August 5 and 6, 2017



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS August 2, 2017 Revision

- 1. RULES** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. The Marblehead Racing Association (MRA) Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, (except as changed by these sailing Instructions).
- 2. ENTRIES** The Regatta is open to all Town Class boats that have a valid measurement certificate, (available at registration) and have completed an entry form, available after June 10th 2017, at www.Townclass.net and paid the entry fee of \$260. Entries received after July 20th 2017, will result in a late fee of \$30.
- 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**
Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the CYC hallway next to the Trophy Room, as well as on line at www.Townclass.net
- 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the CYC Yardarm. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 1 hour after flag AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals AP.
- 5. SCHEDULE and CLASS FLAG** A competitors' meeting will be held at 0930 Saturday August 5, in the CYC harbor room. The warning signal for classes on the Archer's Rock Line will be no earlier than 1130
 - 5.1 On Saturday ONLY VHF Channel 69** for the Archer's Rock Line. The race committee will monitor the appropriate frequency from the time they leave the dock until they return to the dock at the end of the day. Boats in need of assistance can call the Marblehead Harbor Master on VHF Channel 16. For transportation of any persons from the water to shore, they shall be directed to the Marblehead Town Landing per the Marblehead Emergency Response procedure.
 - 5.2** Race committee broadcasts concerning its intentions (postponement or abandonment, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, etc.) 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 granting redress under RRS 62.1(a)
- 6. RACING AREA** The racing area will be the Archer's Rock area, a circle approximately 1 mile in diameter, in the vicinity of Mark 20 on the course chart.
- 7. COURSES and MARKS** The courses will be as describe in illustration A- Courses as found on the MRA Racing Chart. The turning marks will be RED and the start and finish marks will be GREEN
- 8. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES; STARTING SYSTEM** RRS 26 will be used as the starting system.
- 9. TIME LIMIT & FINISHING WINDOW** The time limit for the first boat to sail the course in accordance with rule 28.1 is 1 ½ hours. Boats that are still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat finished will be scored DNF without a hearing; this changes RRS 35, 63.1, and A5.
 - 9.1** No warning signal may be made after 1530 hours on Saturday; No warning signal may be made after 1430 hours on Sunday.
- 10. PROTESTS All boats must fly Protest flags. This changes RRS 61.1 (2)** Protests shall be delivered to the Protest desk located in the CYC hallway within 1 hour after the race committee boat docks on Saturday and 1 hour after the last boat finishes on Sunday. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the official notice board at the CYC Protest desk. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day at the CYC.
 - 10.1 Penalty System** Appendix V will apply.

11. SCORING If 5 races are completed, each boat's worst score will be excluded from their series score.

11.1 One race shall constitute a series.

11.2 The top three finishers will receive trophies. The top finisher will receive the Town Class National Trophy. Trophies will also be awarded to the winner of each race.

11.3 Races will not be scored as part of the MRA third series

12. SAFETY EQUIPMENT All safety equipment shall be as set forth in the MRA Sailing Instructions for 2017 (see www.mheadrace.org).

Additional Information for the Races held on Sunday August 6th ONLY

13. COMMUNICATIONS Emergency conditions, race course information and/or requests for assistance **shall** be reported to the Corinthian race booth on VHF **Channel 69**. *All* race participants are *required* to monitor **Channel 69** for OCS and for racing safety. An attempt will be made to notify all OCS Town Class boats on VHF **Channel 69**. The failure to hail, the hail of some but not all boats, or untimely hail of a boat or boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

14. START TIMES

10:24 AM	Warning (Yellow shape + audible)
10:26 AM	Yellow removed – no sound
10:27 AM	Prep (BLUE shape + audible)
10:29 AM	Blue removed – no sound
10:30 AM	Start (Red shape + audible)

15. GENERAL RECALL A General Recall or OCS will be signaled by two sounds from the siren after the start and an announcement will be made on Channel 69

16. AUDIBLE SIGNALS All starting, first-place finishing, changed and shortened course signals will be with a siren except as indicated in 18.3 below.

17. START / FINISH LINE The start and finish line will be formed by a line between a red ball (Racing Mark “O”) and a yellow plank on the CYC Race Committee Booth Railing. Mark “O” will *not* be displayed in the course description.

18. COURSE INSTRUCTIONS The racing area is as shown on the attached chart. Applicable race marks will be posted at the Race Committee booth, as read from your **left** to your **right**. An attempt will be made to announce the race course on Channel 69. Except as noted, a mark shall be passed on the side farthest from the next mark. In the case of a windward/leeward course or a single mark course, it shall be rounded to port.

18.1 Course Restrictions Racers shall **NOT** proceed between Cat Island and Cat Island Rock --- or between Eagle Island and Nun #6 to the northwest of Eagle Island.

18.2 TWICE AROUND Courses will be indicated with the posting of code flag “T” along with the posted course marks. Mark “O” will not be posted but must be **rounded**, unless the course has been shortened at Mark “O” by the posting of code flag “S”.

18.3 CHANGE OF COURSE Code flag “C” shall be posted when a change of course is required for a second circuit of the race. A short blast of an air horn will call your attention to the *new* mark(s) to be rounded. The *new* mark(s) shall be posted before this signal is given. This will be the only use of the air horn. Mark “O” shall be rounded as if the course had not been changed. The new mark(s) shall be rounded in the same manner as the previous course mark(s) (Passed on the side farthest from the next mark).

(Note: See course chart below)

19. Disclaimer of Liability. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4. Decision to Race). The Organizing Authority and the host clubs 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.

