

MARBLEHEAD RACING ASSOCIATION



Boston Yacht Club Corinthian Yacht Club Eastern Yacht Club

*The MARBLEHEAD RACING ASSOCIATION 2025 in
conjunction with the Boston, Corinthian, and Eastern Yacht
Clubs is the Organizing Authority [OA]*

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs) for all racing areas

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "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. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any written changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 1100 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the official notice board by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. If there is a change from what is posted, it is the intention of the Race Committee to post on the Official Notice Board the location of the racing areas for that day. Courtesy announcements may be made through text, email, Whatsapp, as well as by broadcast on VHF 78A at 1100 on the day of racing.
- 2.3. Changes to the sailing instruction may be made on the water by broadcasting the new instructions over VHF before the applicable warning signal.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/YepnlMfbn/#notice-board>
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF on channel **67 for the Brimbles and North Lines, 78A for the South Line.**

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yardarm at BYC, CYC, and EYC.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The Class flag for each class will be the class insignia.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel shall display the course to be sailed, the distance, and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 7.2. If a gate mark is missing, the remaining mark is to be rounded to port.
- 7.3. A green flag or plaque displayed no later than the warning signal means 'Mark 1 for the class about to start will be a green mark'.
- 7.4. A pink flag or plaque displayed no later than the warning signal means 'Mark 1 for the class about to start will be a pink mark'.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. The start and finish marks will be green.
- 8.2. Except as provided in SI 7.3 and 7.4 rounding marks will be yellow for the South Line, orange for the Brimbles and North lines
- 8.3. Marks will be either inflatable or robotic. Robotic marks may be equipped with strobe lights.
- 8.4. Routine movement of robotic marks will not be grounds for redress. This includes marks returning to station after having been pushed away by a boat or competitor and collisions with marks that do not cause damage. This changes RRS 61.4(b). RRS 31 still applies.

9. THE START

- 9.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 9.2. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new inflatable mark or move a robotic mark or move the finish line. The exception is course "S" as noted in NoR 9.2.3
- 10.2. New marks, as provided in SI 10.1 will be pink. A subsequent change will revert to the original mark description. However, a new green mark will be a green tetrahedron with a white band; the exception is course "S" as noted in NoR 9.2.3
- 10.3. The race committee may move a mark as much as 10 degrees without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finish line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the nearby finish mark.

12. TIME LIMITS AND FINISHING WINDOWS

- 12.1. The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish is 90 minutes.
- 12.2. The finishing window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored “TLE” without a hearing. The boat will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A10.
- 12.3. The finishing window is 30 minutes.

13. HEARING REQUESTS

- 13.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal vessel for that race area has docked. The docking time will be posted on the official notice board. The club running the South Line will be responsible for hearings.
- 13.2. Hearing request forms are available at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/YepnlMfbn/#notice-board>
- 13.3. Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the club scheduled to run the South line that day, beginning after racing or if this is not practicable by Zoom or in person at a time designated by the judges.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1. [NP] A boat shall check in before her first race of each day by hailing the race committee signal vessel with her sail number and the number of souls on board. Boats are requested **NOT** to do this via VHF. A boat failing to check in will receive a 20% scoring penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3 for each race in which a breach occurs, without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 14.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity by VHF radio or hail. If this is not practicable before leaving the race area, the boat shall call the club responsible for running their race area.
- 14.3. Boats requiring assistance shall, when practical, contact the signal vessel with sail number, fleet, location, and nature of the emergency, including description of any injuries.

15. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 15.1. Official vessels will be identified as follows: Signal vessels by a blue race committee flag, all other vessels by a yellow race committee flag.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1. For further information please contact info@mheadrace.org
- 16.2. Racers are encouraged to read the Clean Regatta Policy and the Safety Information, located at www.mheadrace.org