

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]*

Notice of Race, (NoR), For all Racing Areas

The notation '[NP]' in a rule 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. An automatic start system may be employed by the Race Committee for selected fleets. Should the Race Committee choose to implement this electronic system, then an addendum will be posted on the official notice board for instructions, rules and details.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) for all racing areas, will be available at the same time as this NoR at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/YepnlMfbn/#notice-board>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/YepnlMfbn/#notice-board>
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channels **67**, and **78A**.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF radio. The specific channels will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the J105, IOD, Etchells, J70, Viper 640, Rhodes 19, and Town Class Fleets. All fleets must comply with their class association rules. Other fleets may be added at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 4.2. Unregistered boats will be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 4.3. RRS A2.2 is deleted.
- 4.4. Boats may enter the event by registering at:
<https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/YepnlMfbin/class>
- 4.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete registration requirements and pay all applicable fees.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows: Season Pass \$440 unless a member of BYC, CYC, or EYC in which case \$360. A One Day Pass is \$20. (No more than 2 days). **However, if registration is completed and entry is paid in full prior to May 6, 2025 the fees are as follows: Season Pass \$430 unless a member of BYC, CYC, or EYC in which case \$350.**

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Registration opens April 15, 2025
- 6.2. Dates for racing and line assignments for MRA Series 1 are as follows:

	EYC-South	EYC-South	CYC-South BYC-North	CYC-South EYC-Brim	BYC -South CYC-North
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
	5/24	5/25	5/31	6/7	6/14
Etchells	South	South	South	South	South
IOD	South	South	South	South	South
J/105	X	X	South	X	South
J/70	South	South	North	South	North
Vipers	South	South	North	South	North
R19	South	South	North	Brim.	North
TC	X	X	X	X	X

6.3. Dates for racing and line assignments for MRA Series 2 are as follows:

	EYC-South BYC-Brim.	BYC-South EYC-Brim.	CYC-South BYC-Brim	BYC-South CYC-Brim.	EYC-South CYC-North
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
	6/21	6/28	7/5	7/12	7/19
Etchells	South	South	South	South	North
IOD	South	South	South	South	North
J/105	X	South	X	South	X
J/70	South	South	South	South	North
Vipers	South	South	South	South	South
R19	Brim.	Brim.	South	Brim.	South
TC	Brim.	Brim.	Brim.	Brim.	South

6.4. Dates for racing and line assignments for MRA Series 3 are as follows:

	BYC-South EYC-Brim.	BYC-South EYC-Brim.	CYC-South BYC-Brim	EYC-South CYC-North	BYC-South CYC-Brim.
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
	8/2	8/9	8/23	8/30	8/31
Etchells	South	South	South	South	South
IOD	South	South	South	South	South
J/105	X	X	X	South	X
J/70	South	South	South	North	South
Vipers	South	Brim.	Brim.	North	Brim.
R19	Brim.	South	X	North	Brim
TC	Brim.	Brim.	Brim.	X	X

6.5. Number of races: It is the intention of the race committee to run as many races as practicable on any listed race day.

6.6. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day for all will be **1300**.

6.7. Flag 'A' displayed with no sound signal while boats are finishing, means 'no more racing today'.

6.8. Fall Series races, which are not included in the MRA season results, will be sailed on the South Line unless otherwise communicated as per SI 2.2:

Fall Series Sept 6 - CYC	Fall Series Sept 13- EYC	Fall Series Sept 20-BYC
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7. EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION

- 7.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 7.2. In addition to applicable US Coast Guard regulations; all boats shall carry a working VHF radio, a suitable anchor for the class of boat, an anchor rode of appropriate length for the sailing area, and a tow line of appropriate length and strength for the boats being towed.

8. VENUE

- 8.1. NoR **Addendum A** shows the approximate location of Racing Areas.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. NoR Addendum B will show the courses to be sailed for all lines.
- 9.2. The Marks are as follows:
 - 9.2.1. Start and finish marks will be green tetrahedrons.
 - 9.2.2. Rounding marks for the Brimbles and North Lines will be orange tetrahedrons.
 - 9.2.3. Course "S" sets three weather marks; pink, orange, and green.
The mark to be rounded or the change mark will be designated by a colored flag.
For this course, a "C" flag is not required. This changes RRS 33. In the absence of a flag, orange shall be the default mark.
 - 9.2.4. Rounding marks for the South Line will be yellow tetrahedrons.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. RRS Appendix V will apply.
- 10.2. For the Town Class and IOD Fleets only, Appendix V1 is changed as follows: the final sentence is deleted.
- 10.3. Breaches of Part 2 or RRS 31 that occur while in the zone of Mark 1 or Mark 1a, shall be taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score if five or more races have been completed. One additional worse score will be excluded for each additional five races completed.
- 11.3. The MRA season will be the sum of a boat's scores in MRA series 1, 2, and 3. Rule A5.3 applies. **The Fall Series will not be included in the MRA season scores.**

12. SAIL SUBSTITUTIONS

- 12.1. [DP] A boat may carry a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has been informed of her sail identification during the check-in process.

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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.**

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be given as follows: daily First Place glasses will be available at the club running that line, after racing.
- 15.2. Season prizes will be given at the end of season awards ceremony.

16. MEDIA

- 16.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage taken of themselves or of the boat they are sailing during the event, to be published in any media.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1. For further information please contact info@mheadrace.org
- 17.2. Competitors are encouraged to review the MRA policy statement operating a Clean Regatta. This statement can be found at www.mheadrace.org.
- 17.3. Competitors can find further safety information at www.mheadrace.org