



AM Regatta

American Marblehead Regatta 2021 Region 4 Championship

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Date: October 17, 2021
Location: Volkening Park, Schaumburg, IL 60194
Host Club: Chicago R/C Model Yacht Club. AMYA Club # 7
Club Website: www.ChicagoRCmyc.org
Regatta Website: [click here to go to the regatta webpage](#)

1 SCHEDULE

1.1	<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time (24 hour format)</i>
	10/17	Sunday	Check in	0800 to 0900
			Skippers' Meeting	0900
			Fleet Racing	0930 with the final heat starting before 1600

- 1.2 With the objective of sailing as many races as can be comfortably accommodated, the Race Director will determine the number of races each day after considering weather, course and equipment conditions. No heat shall start after 1600 hours on any day.
- 1.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first heat is 0930 on each day.
- 1.4 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a heat will begin soon, an audible signal will be sounded at least five minutes before the warning signal for the first heat following the postponement.

2 RULES

- 2.1 This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024* as changed by its Appendix E – Radio Sailing Racing Rules, by prescriptions of US Sailing, by the respective class rules of AMYA's American Marblehead Class, and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 Changes to the Racing Rules are noted in these instructions.

3 RACE DIRECTOR AND CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The Race Director shall be the primary race official and shall conduct the regatta.
- 3.2 Verbal changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made at any time by the Race Director. All competitors shall be notified. This changes rule 90.2(c).
- 3.3 These Sailing Instructions include Appendix M, *The ODD – EVEN System for Regatta Fleets*

4 RACING FORMAT

- 4.1 Considering the number of skippers, weather, course and equipment conditions, the Race Director may decide to use a racing format of *Single Fleet*, *Multiple Fleets* for AM Divisions or *The ODD – EVEN System for Regatta Fleets* in Appendix M of these racing instructions.

5 THE COURSE, CONTROL AREA, LAUNCHING AREA, MARKS AND OBSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The course location at the regatta site, the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, the control area, the launching area, the starting line marks, the finishing line marks and any areas to be designated as obstructions will be as determined by the Race Director. The Race Director may verbally communicate this information, may use a course board and may make verbal changes as long as all competitors are notified.
- 5.2 Marks will be colored buoys.

6 CONDUCT OF A HEAT

- 6.1 Heats will be started as required by rule E3.4 using an audible AMYA two-minute starting sequence. This changes rule E3.4.a.
- 6.2 Prior to the warning signal, a skipper may request the Race Director to delay the starting sequence for five minutes for the repair of a technical problem or breakdown of their boat. When such a delay is granted, it will be announced and the warning signal will be sounded when five minutes expire from the start of the delay or when the skipper notifies the race director that the boat is ready. Each boat may be granted one such delay per day.
- 6.3 Boats not in a heat shall stay clear of the starting and finishing areas. Boats that have finished in a heat shall stay clear of the finishing area.
- 6.4 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, that boat shall return to the pre-start side as required by rule 30.1 as if flag I had been displayed. See rule 30.1.
- 6.5 **Individual Recall** – When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the line judge will attempt to recall that boat by hailing per rule E3.5. Failure of the line judge to make a hail or a skipper to hear such a hail will not be grounds for a request for a redress hearing. This changes rule E3.5.
- 6.6 **Penalty Turns** – Rule E4.3, *Taking a Penalty*, will apply.

- 6.7 The finishing line will be between the finishing marks identified by the Race Director.
- 6.8 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within twenty minutes, the Race Director may abandon the heat. If no boat has finished within thirty minutes, the Race Director may abandon the heat.
- 6.9 If a boat or boats significantly lag the balance of the boats that have finished a heat, the RD may assign finishing positions to these boats. Further, a disabled boat that is still under control and could finish eventually, may, at the discretion of the Race Director, be assigned a finishing position.

7 SCORING, MEASUREMENT CHECKS AND PRIZES

- 7.1 Awards will be given to yachts in each of the four American Marblehead divisions The “Distinguishing Features of American Marblehead Divisions” are:

Distinguishing Features of American Marblehead Divisions		
	Pre-1970 Boats	
	Traditional – designs prior to 1945	
Rudder		skeg rudder
Ballast		integrated into keel
Garboards		hollow not less than 1” radius
Draft		less than 12”
Materials		wood, fiberglass or aluminum
	High Flyer – designs between 1945 and 1970	
Rudder		spade rudder
Ballast		lead bulb not extending forward of keel
Garboards		hollow not less than 1” radius
Draft		less than 16”
Materials		wood, fiberglass or aluminum
	Post-1970 Boats	
	Classic — designs between 1970 and 1995	
Ballast		lead bulb extending forward of keel
Draft		less than 20”
Materials		earlier materials and carbon fiber masts
	International – designs after 1995	
Materials		earlier materials and carbon fiber and kevlar

- a. For regatta award purposes, each yacht will be placed into one of four Marblehead divisions upon check-in. Color masthead ribbons may be provided to identify each division.
- b. All yachts will sail together and be scored as one fleet. At the conclusion of the regatta, awards will be given to yachts in each division based upon the scores of the yachts in that division.
- c. For regional championship award purposes, the yachts scoring first, second and third places in the overall regatta will be awarded first, second and third place respectively.

7.2 The Low Point System described in Appendix A of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall apply, using one point as the lowest score. For every eight races sailed, one high score race shall be discarded from each boat's overall score

7.3 At least eight races shall be completed for the event to be a Region 4 Championship Regatta.

7.4 The Race Director may decide to conduct random, on site verification of equipment, measurements and class authentication. Boats failing to meet AMYA Class rules shall be disqualified without right to appeal.

7.5 Trophies and AMYA Red Chevrons shall be awarded to the top three positions.

8 SAIL NUMBERS

8.1 Rule E8 will apply and sail numbers are required on both sides of the jib sail and the main sail. Opaque tape may be used for sail numbers.

9 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

9.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rules 3 and 4. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

10 ELIGIBILITY

10.1 The regatta is open to all members of the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA).

10.2 All yachts entered shall be properly registered with the AMYA American Marblehead Class.

10.3 Entries from applicants outside the U.S. may be accepted providing Yacht and/or Skipper are properly registered with their national authority.