

Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series

Marblehead Race Week

July 25-28, 2024
Eastern Yacht Club
Marblehead, MA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing World and Marblehead Racing Association (MRA) are the Co-Organizing Authorities for this regatta and MRA will provide race management. Eastern Yacht Club will be the host club.

The notation '[NP]' in the rule in these Sailing Instructions means that this rule is not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 All US One Design Class Rules apply with the following exceptions:

- For the J/70 Class: Class Rules Part III Sections I.3 (Support Boat) and I.4 (Corinthian Division) will apply. [DP]

1.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply.

1.4 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.

1.5 Competitor boats shall not fly drones, which includes support boats. [DP]

2. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board is located online: https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=16263.

3.2 All boats, except those racing on the ILCA/Laser Line, shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels. This may change a class rule. [DP]

3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. Courtesy broadcasts will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

3.4 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

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

3.6 Division Channels are as follows:

Outside Line VHF 78

Tinkers Line VHF 71

Halfway Rock Line VHF 72

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

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

4.3 It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to the closing of on-site registration and check-in.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole yardarm at the Eastern Yacht Club, and as a courtesy at the Boston and Corinthian Yacht Clubs.

5.2 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)".

5.3 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in RRS Race Signals.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 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.

6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each day of racing is 1200 EDT.

6.3 No warning signal shall be made after 1500 EDT on Sunday, July 28.

6.4 The IOD and Rhodes 19 classes will race Thursday thru Sunday.

6.5 Town Class, Etchells, J/105, J/24, Viper 640, and J/70, will race Friday through Sunday.

6.6 Lasers/ILCAs and Finns will race Saturday and Sunday.

6.7 Lightning class will race Saturday and Sunday, not more than 5 races in total

6.8 This schedule is subject to change pending final entries.

7. DIVISIONS, CLASS FLAGS, STARTING SIGNALS AND MARKS

7.1 Division splits, racing areas, initial starting order, and description of marks will be defined in SI Addendum 1.

7.2 Warning/Class flags for each class will be listed in Addendum 1.

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

8. RACING AREA

Courses will be sailed offshore from Marblehead Harbor in Massachusetts Bay.

9. COURSES

9.1 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.

9.2 The approximate compass bearing from the signal boat 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.

9.3 Gates: if a gate is not in place, boats shall round the single leeward mark to port. If an offset mark is not in place, boats shall round the single windward mark to port.

9.4 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.

9.5 A green flag displayed 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." This changes RRS 27.1 and race signals.

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

10. MARKS

10.1 Start and finish marks will be red and/or green tetrahedrons or marks.

10.2 Except as provided for in SI 9.5 and SI 9.6, rounding marks will be:

Outside Line: orange tetrahedrons

Tinker's Line: yellow tetrahedrons

Halfway Rock Line: red tetrahedrons

10.3 New marks, as provided in SI 13.2, are pink tetrahedrons. A subsequent change will revert to the original mark described in 10.2. However, a new green mark will be a green tetrahedron with a black band.

11. THE START

11.1 Boats are required to check in with the race committee before their first start each day. Each boat shall sail on starboard tack, or motor by the stern of the the race committee signal boat stating their sail number and number of souls on board. [DP] [NP]

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.3 The starting area is defined as extending 100 yards beyond each end of the starting line and 150 yards behind the starting line and its extensions. Boats shall keep clear of the starting area and the first leg of the course until their warning signal has been made. [DP]

11.4 The Race Committee may hail any OCS boat by VHF radio or "loud- hailer". Failure to hail, failure of electronic equipment, failure to hear a hail, order of hail, or delay in hailing will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a)

12. RECALLS

12.1 The race committee may announce on VHF radio, boats identified as OCS. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive the announcements, the timeliness of announcement or the order in which boats are announced. This changes RRS 62.1(a) and RRS/US U5.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE WHILE RACING

13.1 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 5 degrees or the length up to 5% of the previous length, or adjust the angle or width of the leeward gate, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark.

13.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will set a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 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.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 RRS Appendix T- ARBITRATION may apply.

15.2 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 - PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT will apply.

15.3 For the Town Class only, Appendix V1 is changed as follows: the final sentence is deleted.

16. TIME LIMIT

16.1 If no boat sails the course and finishes within 2 hours the race will be abandoned.

16.2 Boats failing to finish 30 minutes after the first boat in each class sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring) and should proceed to the starting area if another race is scheduled. The race committee boat at the finishing line will lower the blue flag with a long sound signal when the 30-minute period has expired for all classes. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Division signal boat docks. The time will be posted on the ONB.

17.2 Hearing request forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms can be found on the Yacht Scoring regatta website: [https://yachtscoring.com/event_documents/12994/Protest%20Form%20\(YS\)%20-%20191015.pdf](https://yachtscoring.com/event_documents/12994/Protest%20Form%20(YS)%20-%20191015.pdf). They shall be delivered to the race office by the protest time limit, or by email to: Jack Cochrane - cochrane@caiboston.com.

17.3 The time limit for requesting redress based on a scoring inquiry is 30 minutes after posting of the results of the scoring inquiry. Except on the last day of the event, if this time limit is after 2000 hours, it is extended to 0830 the following morning. This changes rule 62.2.

17.4 The protest committee intends to conduct hearings in person at Eastern Yacht Club. The protest committee will post a notice on the event's Protest Committee console on the Yacht Scoring website to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17.5 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.

17.6 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.

18. SCORING

18.1 One completed race shall constitute a series.

18.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores without discard.

18.3 Boats to be scored TLE and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

18.4 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable. Competitors retiring shall report to their respective Race Committee before leaving the racing area. If unable to do so, competitors retiring shall report to Sailing World by texting 312-543-1458 boat name/status/details immediately after coming ashore. [DP] [NP]

19.2 RRS 40 (Personal Buoyancy) is replaced by: "It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant."

19.3 A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe. [NP]

19.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for breaking SI 19.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3, and 63.6.

20. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Viper 640s, Lightnings, and ILCA/Lasers may be hauled each day. All other classes shall not be hauled during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the protest committee. [DP]

21. RISK STATEMENT

21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The OA and MRA 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.

21.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

21.3 It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to closing of on-site registration and check-in.

22. PRIZES

22.1 Prizes will be awarded, after racing on Sunday, to the top-three finishers of each qualifying class.

22.2 Each class winner is eligible for the **2024 Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series Championship** scheduled for October 2024 in the British Virgin Islands. One class winner's name will be drawn from a hat at the conclusion of the awards.

22.3 Class Trophy: Boats in classes participating in three or more events of the Series will qualify for **the Sailing World Regatta Series Class Champion award**, which will be based on cumulative race scores from three events:

- a) The same boat must be used in all three events
- b) The helmsperson must be the same for all three events

c) A boat's series score will be the total of her points in her three best events. If there is a tie between two or more boats, each boat's finishing position in her three best events will be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best

score(s). If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their last qualifying event.

22.4 Additional prizes may be awarded to the top Junior Team (under 21 years of age), and top Mixed Plus Team (50% + female) to any one-design class with a minimum of 12 boats registered.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.

24. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

25. ENVIRONMENTAL

All SWRS events serve as collection points for sails and lines to repurpose. Bring your old lines and sails to the regatta to upcycle and give new purpose; The Eastern Yacht Club Sailing Center will serve as the collection point at this event.

The Regatta Series is continuing to work with Sailors for the Sea Powered by Oceana to maintain Silver Level certified Clean Regatta. Please bring your reusable water bottles, consider car-pooling, utilizing bike-shares, and limit provisioning your boat with single-use plastics.