



Michael A. Mentuck Ocean Race



July 19-20, 2024
Organizing Authority (OA)
Boston Yacht Club

Notice of Race (NoR)

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

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The US Safety Equipment Requirements (US SER) for Coastal Races as defined by SER 1.0.2., <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>
- 1.3. The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) replaces RRS Part 2 from 2000 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (UTC – 4 hr.) until 0800 EDT each day, and when visibility is reduced.
- 1.4. While transiting the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary a boat shall monitor available data sources for real time whale sighting information. Such data sources include “Whale Alert” <http://stellwagen.noaa.gov/protect/whalealert.html>
- 1.5. When RRS 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by hailing on VHF 16.
- 1.6. A boat racing single-handed or doublehanded shall be equipped with, and will be permitted to use, self-steering. This changes RRS 52.

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- 1.7. Provided that her rating certificate indicates that power winches have been declared, a boat is permitted to use power winches when racing. This changes RRS 52.
- 1.8. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on Yachtscoring, on the event's page. <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16630>
- 2.2. Scratch sheets will be available on Yachtscoring on the event's page. <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16630>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located on Yachtscoring on the event's page . <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16630>
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on emergency channels.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. While racing, a boat may make voice or data transmissions and may receive voice or data communication provided no tactical, strategic or other technical advice is received.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats with the following valid PHRF-NE certificates:
 - (a) PHRF-NE. Regular
 - (b) PHRF-NE Shorthanded Certificate

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4.2. Divisions are defined as follows:

| Divisions | PHRF Rating Not greater than |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Spinnaker Division | 170 |
| Non-Spinnaker/Jib & Main only (JAM) | 170 |
| Shorthanded | 170 |

At its sole discretion:

(a) The race committee may sub-divide each division into multiple classes. Will these be MBSA splits?

(b) The race committee may accept a boat with a slower rating.

4.3. Eligible boats may enter by following the instructions at: Yachtscoring on the event's page. <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16630>

4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.5. Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the race committee.

5. FEES

5.1. Entry fees:

| Class | Registration before June 15, 2024 | Registration After June 15, 2024 |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| All Classes | \$185.00 | \$225.00 |

5.2. Other fees:

(a) A credit card imprint will be taken as a damage or loss deposit on position locating transponders.

5.3. Refunds: Provided the Person in Charge informs the race committee of the boat's withdrawal from the race:

(a) before June the refund will be 100% of fees paid, or

(b) before July the refund will be 50% of the fees paid.

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6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7. GPS TRANSPONDER

- 7.1. Each boat shall carry a Yellow Brick (YB) GPS tracker supplied by the organizing authority.
- 7.2. The tracker shall be mounted and maintained in accordance with the instructions supplied with the unit.
- 7.3. The tracker shall be returned to the sailing vessel *Sophie D*, docked at the Provincetown Marina between 0900 and 1400 on 7/20 after finishing with a copy of your finishing card.
- 7.4. [DP] Failure to return Position Locating Transponder may result in DSQ or other penalty without a hearing.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1. Times are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

| Activity | Day | Date | Time | Location |
|------------------|----------|----------|-------|---------------------------------|
| Skippers Meeting | Thursday | July 18* | 1900* | Boston Yacht Club |
| First Warning | Friday | July 19 | 1055 | Area of Tinkers Gong |
| Race Time Limit | Saturday | July 20 | 1300 | Long Point Shoal Lighted Buoy 3 |
| Award Ceremony | Saturday | July 20 | 1600 | Surf Club |

*: [NP] [DP] The online crew list including emergency contact information, and acceptance of waiver shall be complete by this time.

†: [NP] [DP] At least one representative from each boat shall attend the skippers' meeting.

- 8.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first class to start is Friday, July 19 at 1055. The scheduled start time for all classes will be published on the scratch sheet.

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9. COURSES

- 9.1. NoR Addendum 1 shows the starting area and the finishing area.
- 9.2. NoR Addendum 2 outlines the Course options.
- 9.3. The start line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and Tinkers Gong Buoy or an orange tetrahedron.
- 9.4. The Race Committee will select one of four possible courses outlined in Addendum 2 to be sailed by each class with the goal of a 20-24-hour race for all classes, given the weather and sea state forecasts and the handicap range of each class.
- 9.5. The finish line will be a line extending 0.10 nm on a bearing of 090 deg mag. from the Long Point Shoal Lighted Bell Buoy – Green '3', 'QG', which shall be passed to port.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The corrected time will be calculated using time-on-time (TOT) scoring.
- 10.2. For PHRF the Time Correction Factor (TCF) will be calculated as:
TCF = $650 / (550 + \text{PHRF})$
Calculated to the nearest 0.001 (0.0005 to be rounded upward)

11. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 11.1. Each boat (including all crew members), as a condition of entry or participation, consents to allowing the OA and their sponsors the rights to use, free of compensation, his/her name and image in any media taken in connection with the event for the purpose of editorials, press information and/or advertising purposes.

12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1. 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

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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.

13. INSURANCE

- 13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with sufficient valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Trophies for first and second place in each class. Third place trophies will be presented to any class with five or more entries.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

- Starting Line Race Committee VHF Channel 72
- Provincetown Race Committee: Peter Fein, 781-929-1032
- Provincetown Marina VHF Channel 9, 508.487.0571
- Cell Phone of Race Chair, Peter Fein, 781-929-1032
- Provincetown Harbormaster 508-487-7030

Completed Finish Time Confirmation Deliver form by email to pbfein@gmail.com by 1400 hrs. on 7/20 or text to 781-929-1032

Advise the Race Committee by VHF or phone 781-929-1032 of any withdrawal from the race or anticipated delay in finishing.

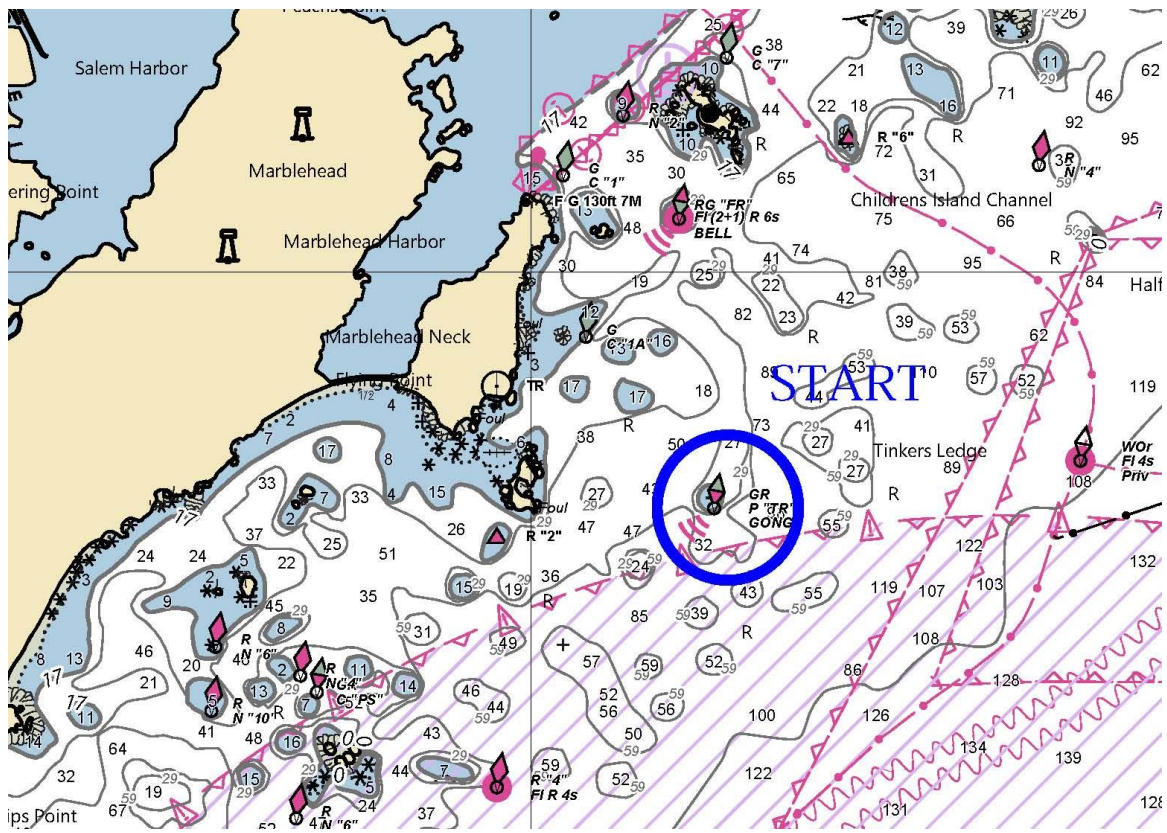
Report an emergency on VHF Channel 16, Channel 72 and/or by cell phone, if possible.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1. For further information please contact BYCRace@BostonYC.org
- 16.2. Competitors are encouraged to review the BYC policy statement operating a Clean Regatta. This statement can be found at <https://www.bostonyc.org/racing>

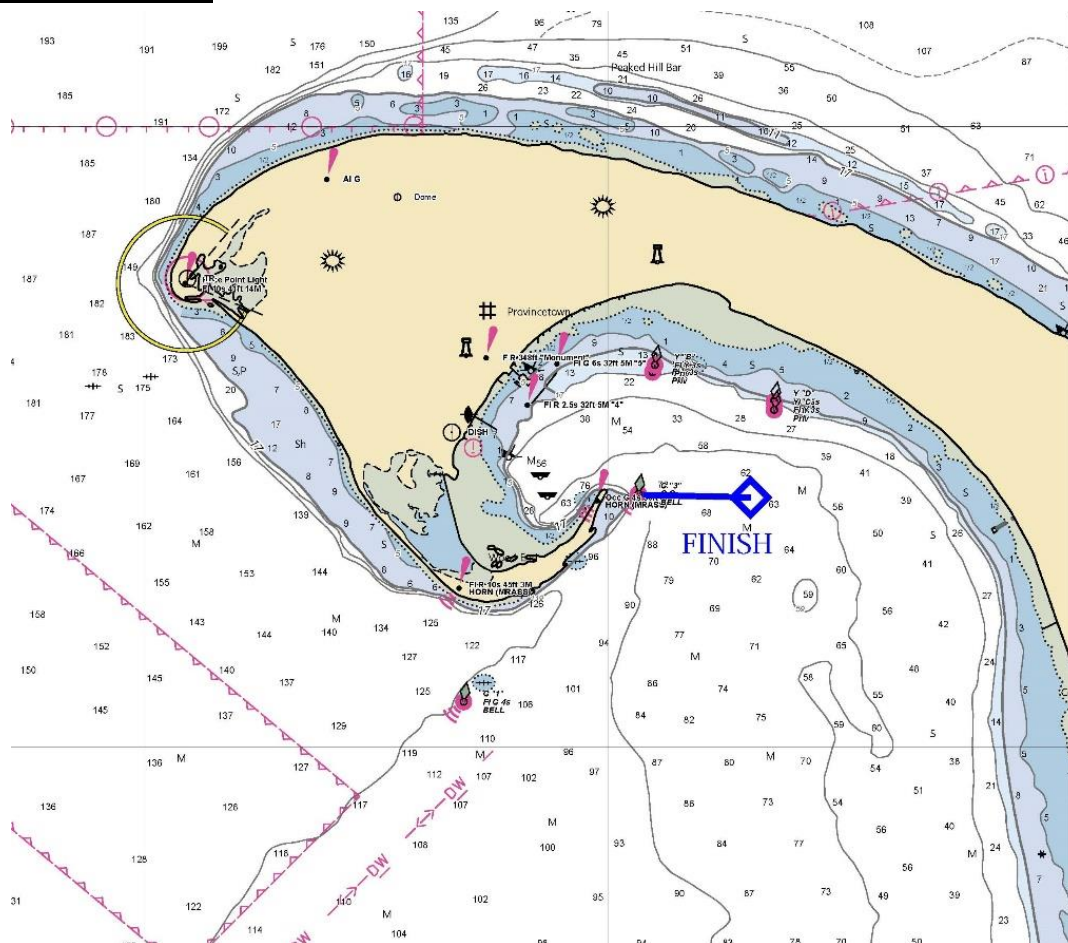
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Addendum One: Start & Finish Area

Starting Area

The start is in the vicinity of Tinkers Gong. THE ABOVE CHART IS FOR REFERENCE ONLY AND SHALL NOT BE USED FOR NAVIGATION

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Finish Area

Finish: The finish line will be a line extending 0.10 nm on a bearing of 090 deg mag. from the Long Point Shoal Lighted Bell Buoy – Green '3', 'QG', which shall be passed to port.

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