Notice of Race

1.1 Event: Marblehead Yacht Club & Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club invite sailors to participate in the Downeast Challenge, a long distance overnight sailboat race of 100 nautical miles from Marblehead, Mass to Boothbay Harbor, Maine starting on Friday, August 2. This is a great way to get to Maine for summer cruising or challenge yourself with long distance overnight sailing. The 100nm distance makes this a qualifier for ocean races like the Marblehead to Halifax or Newport to Bermuda.

2.1 Eligibility: The event is open to all boats 26’ or over with lifelines and pulps, and with valid PHRF handicap certificates. Classes will include: PHRF Racing, Cruising, and Shorthanded (Single or Doublehanded).

2.2 Registration: Enter online www.regattaman.com. All entries must be received by August 1, 2019 at 1800.

2.3 Fees: The entry fee received by July 26 is $55 ($5 discount for US Sailing members, and/or $5 discount for MBSA members or GMORA members). Late registration received July 27-Aug 2 will be charged a $20 late fee.

3.0 Rules: This event will be governed by the Mass Bay Sailing Association (MBSA) General Sailing Instructions except as changed by this NOR, or the event Sailing Instructions.

(a) Shorthanded boats may use self-steering devices. This modifies RRS 52.

(b) Boats shall adhere to the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (US SERS #1.0.2. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the “person in charge”, as per RRS 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather. S/he shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. S/he shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely installed or stowed as appropriate, and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.

4.0 Notices to Competitors: Sailing Instructions (SI’s) and notices will be posted on www.regattaman.com page for this event. MYC Race committee will monitor VHF channel 69 at the start.

4.1 Skippers Meeting: Mandatory skippers meeting, sponsored by Rumson’s Rum, will be held on Thursday August 1 at 1900 at the Marblehead YC, 4 Cliff, St. Marblehead, MA to discuss the course, finishing protocol, and mooring information. Skippers and crew are welcome to participate in rum tasting and dine at the MYC. Scratch sheets and changes to the SI’s will be available at that time and posted on regattaman.com’s event page.

10.1 The Start: The warning signal will be at 1000 in the vicinity of G”3” Fl G 4s which is NW of Childrens Island.

16.0 The Finish: The finish buoy is R”4” Fl R 2.5s which is NW of Squirrel Island in Boothbay harbor. Skippers will record and report finishing times per the Sailing Instructions.

24.0 Prizes: All skippers and crew are invited to the Awards Party sponsored by Rising Tide Brewery at 1700 on August 3 at Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club, 156 Western Ave., West Boothbay Harbor, ME. Trophies will be awarded in each class, plus a bottle of Rumson’s Rum for the winners.

MARBLEHEAD Moorings: For skippers requesting a guest mooring in Marblehead on August 1, contact John Murray of MYC at 781-632-8828 by July 26. We will try to accommodate all visiting boats (possibly with rafting). Alternately you can use Brewer Marina in Salem for guest moorings or slips.

BOOTHBAY Moorings: Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club has moorings and access to club services (launch, bar, restaurant, showers, laundry); be sure to reserve early on https://dockwa.com/explore/destination/x1cvz-boothbay-harbor-yacht-club.