



Notice of Race and Event Sailing Instructions
ANNUAL REGATTA WEEKEND
FIRECRACKER

OCEAN RACE
EASTERN YACHT CLUB
Marblehead, Massachusetts

Saturday, July 3, 2021



This race is a QUALIFIER for the MBSA 2021 Shorthanded / Doublehanded Championship.

- 2.1 **Eligibility:** This race is open to all Massachusetts Bay Sailing Association classes. There will be a Shorthanded / Doublehanded (SH/DH) Division.
- 2.2 **Registration:** On-line Registration at www.regattaman.com/calendar.php shall be done no later than 1700 hours July 2. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC).
- 2.3 **Fees:** Entry fee is \$55 (\$5 discount for US Sailing members, additional \$5 discount for MBSA members).
- 2.4 **Handicap System:** The ORR-ez TOT handicapping will be used. In addition, if 3 boats register for PHRF 10 days before the race date, there will be PHRF Division scoring for that Class. A boat is scored with one or the other system not both.
- 3 **Rules:** This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Mass Bay Sailing Association General Sailing Instructions except as changed by these event sailing instructions (ESI), and the US Sailing - Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) – current edition, for “coastal” class races.
- 4 **Notices to Competitors:** Notices and changes to Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the EYC Sailing Center and will be available on this event’s section on www.regattaman.com. All competitors shall monitor VHF Channel 72 on the water until their start signal to receive possible oral changes to the SI’s.
- 5 **Skippers Meeting:** There will not be a skippers meeting.
- 6.1 **Signals Made Ashore:** Will be displayed on the yardarm of the EYC Flagpole.
- 7.1 **Schedule of Races:** One race is scheduled for each class.
- 7.2 **Warning Signal:** The first Class warning signal will be made at 1230 hrs.
- 9 **Racing Area:** The Start and Finish may be in the vicinity of the Marblehead Bell - RG"FR", MBSA List B, Mark 3; or alternatively Tinkers Gong - GR "TR" GONG, MBSA List A, Mark D.
- 10.1 **The Course:** The intended course length will be in the range of 10 to 30 nm. The course to be sailed will be indicated on the Signal Boat and/or posted as an Amendment to the SI’s found at this race page in www.regattaman.com.
- 11 **Marks:** All rounding marks will be Government Marks except that there may be a ‘W’ windward mark consisting of an orange tetrahedron.
- 14.2 **Recalls:** The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast sail numbers of OCS boats on VHF channel 72.
- 17.1 **Time Limit:** The time limit for all Classes will be 1530 hrs. However, the Race Committee may extend this time limit by a broadcast over VHF channel 72 and/or with other means of communicating with the fleets.
- 17.2 **Finishing Window:** Is 2 hours after the first boat in each class finishes and may be extended by the RC.
- 19 **Protests:** Protest Forms shall be submitted within 1 hour after finishing. Use "US Sailing Racing Rules" app and select 'pencil' icon on mobile or on desktop only www.easternyc.org/protest-form. Either print and hand deliver to EYC Sailing Center or submit electronically to protest@easternyc.org. If a diagram is included, submit a photo or scan in the email. The hearing will be held in person or by Zoom at a mutually agreed upon time.
- 24 **Prizes:** Trophies will be awarded to the boat with the best corrected time in each class with three or more entries. Second and third place trophies will be awarded to classes with six and ten or more entries, respectively.

TROPHY PRESENTATION AND SOCIAL EVENTS: All captains, crews and their guests are invited to the Eastern Yacht Club after the race at 1900 hrs. on Saturday, July 3rd for a ‘Annual Regatta Weekend - Ocean Race Party’. Come socialize with your fellow racers at the EYC Sailing Center where trophies will be presented celebrating the accomplishments of the ocean race pending COVID-19 restrictions.