



# Hingham Bay Racing

Presents

## Circle the Lights

June 3, 2023

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 **Event:** Circle the Lights Race will be held on June 3, 2023. The Organizing Authority is Hingham Bay Racing (HBR). **This event is a qualifier for the HBR Bucket Award, HBR Beanpot Award, MBSA Season Championship and MBSA Short Handed Championship.**
- 2.1 **Eligibility:** This race is open to all boats with a valid 2023 New England ORR-Ez Handicap Rating Certificate.
- 2.2 **Registration:** Entry & payment at <https://www.regattaman.com>.
- 2.3 **Fees:** \$50. \$10 Early Entry Discount by 1200 hrs. on 5/27/23. \$5.00 MBSA Discount. Entry fee is included with HBR Seasons Pass & HBR Weekend Pass.
- 2.4 **Handicap System:** ORR-Ez Time on Time. MBSA class splits.
- 3 **Rules:** This Event will be governed by Mass Bay Sailing Association General Sailing Instructions (GSI), except as modified by these Event Sailing Instructions (ESI). The course will be Random Leg, the wind range will be announced on VHF 68 prior to the first warning signal as the “predicted” wind strength. If during the race, the wind strength differs significantly from the “predicted” wind range as announced, RC will have the authority to modify the wind range as it sees fit. RC’s choice of wind range shall not be grounds for redress.
- 4 **Notices to Competitors:** Notices and Amendments to these ESI will be posted at <https://www.regattaman.com> as the official notice board. All on-the-water communications will be on VHF channel 68. There will not be a skipper’s meeting for this Event.
- 6 **Signals Made Ashore:** There will be no signals made ashore.
- 7 **Schedule of Races:** One race is scheduled for each class.
- 7.1 **Warning Signal:** The first warning signal will be made at 1200 hrs.
- 9 **Racing Area:** The starting area will be in the vicinity of MBSA List C Mark “32” Hospital Shoals Buoy GR C “HS”.
- 10 **Course:** The RC will choose between one of the following two courses for each fleet of the race to sail:  
**“Course 1”** will leave Georges Island to starboard, keeping Boston Light within the course, MBSA List A Mark “N” (Graves Light Whistle G “5”) to starboard, MBSA List A Mark “X” (Davis Ledge Gong G “1DL”) to starboard, finishing between MBSA List C Mark “32” (Hospital Shoals Buoy GR C “HS”) to port and government mark Hospital Shoal G C “1” to starboard.

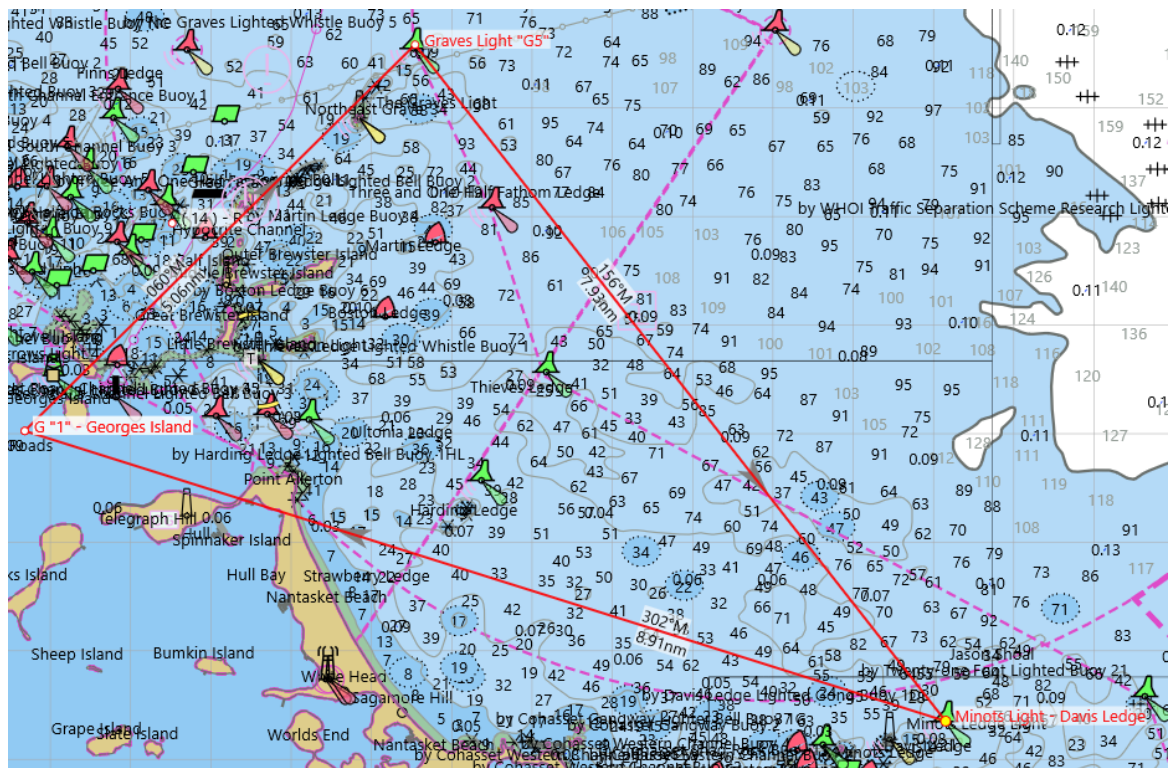
**“Course 2”** will leave Georges Island to starboard, keeping Boston Light within the course, MBSA List A Mark “N” (Graves Light Whistle G “5”) to starboard, MBSA List A Mark “U” (Harding Ledge Bell G “1HL”) to starboard, finishing between MBSA List C Mark “32” (Hospital Shoals Buoy GR C “HS”) to port and government mark Hospital Shoal G C “1” to starboard.

- 11 **Marks:** All rounding marks will be government marks. Boats are required to keep Boston Light to starboard throughout the race. All MBSA exclusion zones apply.
- 14.2 **Recalls:** The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast sail numbers of OCS boats on VHF 68.
- 16 **Finish:** Boats shall record their own Finish Information (FI) including: finish time (reported as GPS Time<sup>1</sup> of day, formatted in hrs:min:sec) and any visible boats in front and behind you as you finish. Finish Information is to be emailed to [RC@hinghambayracing.org](mailto:RC@hinghambayracing.org) within 1 hour of your boats finishing time.
- 17 **Time Limit & Finish Window:** The time limit for all classes will be 8 hours after the start of each class. However, the RC may extend this time limit by broadcast on VHF 68. Finish Window will be 3 hours after the first boat in each class finishes.
- 19 **Protests:** The RC must be informed of the intent to protest within 1 hour of the protestor’s finish by email to [RC@hinghambayracing.org](mailto:RC@hinghambayracing.org). Protests must be filed by 1200 hrs on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, by emailing a completed, valid US Sailing Protest Form to [RC@hinghambayracing.org](mailto:RC@hinghambayracing.org). Appendix T (Arbitration) of the RRS is in effect.
- 24 **Prizes:** Will be presented at the Hingham Bay Sailing Awards Ceremony. Prizes awarded will be determined by the number of entries in each class.

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<sup>1</sup> GPS Time can be verified at <https://time.is/EDT>

\*Chart below for "Course 1" reference only – not to be used for navigation or as representation of marks of the course.



<b>Hingham Bay Racing - Short-Handed Racing Appendix</b>	
Definition	Short-handed "SH" includes Single or Double-handed entries. Autopilot <u>is allowed</u> for SH entries of this Regatta.
Entry	SH boats shall be declared at race registration.
Handicap Rating	SH boats shall have a valid 2022 New England ORR-ez or ORR-ez-SH Certificate. It is the boats responsibility to register for the race with the rating they intend to race under.
Start	All boats shall start with their class as listed on the entries sheet. When a SH class is distinguished on the entries sheet, SH boats to start as SH class. SH start may be combined with other Class(es) at RC's discretion.
Questions	Email: <a href="mailto:info@hinghambayracing.org">info@hinghambayracing.org</a>