

Notice of Race and Event Sailing Instructions (ESI)

Rally to the Crown

Organizing Authority:

Hingham Bay Racing
Hingham, MA

21st – 30th July 2023

Massachusetts Bay

1. **Eligibility:** This race is open to all boats with valid 2023 ORR-EZ Certificates.
2. **Crew:** Each boat is encouraged but not required to have in its crew at least one child under the age of 15 years.
3. **Registration:** On-line [registration](#) shall be completed no later than 1800 hours 1st July 2023. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee ("RC"). *Boats are encouraged to register, make food selections, and reserve moorings as early as possible.*
4. **Fees:** The entry fee is \$50.00 (with a \$5 discount for US Sailing members, or a \$5 discount for MBSA members).
5. **Handicap System:** The ORR-EZ Time on Time (ToT) handicapping system will be used, adjusted for wind speed and direction at the time that each boat is racing.
6. **Tracking System:** Each boat is encouraged but not required to use RaceQs tracking software (www.raceQs.com) from 15 minutes before her start until 15 minutes after her finish.
7. **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 ESIs.
8. **Safety:** The event will be governed The Racing Rules of Sailing and the MBSA General Sailing Instructions, except as changed by this NOR.
 - 8.1. The US Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for 2023-24, available [here](#), shall apply.
 - 8.2. The US SER 2023-24 for Coastal races as defined by US SER 1.0.2 shall apply, except for sections 2.4.1 through 2.4.9, 3.1.2, 3.7.1, 3.7.2, 3.8.1, 3.8.2, 3.16.2, and 4.3.2 where Nearshore requirements shall apply. This changes GSI 3.3(a)i.
 - 8.3. The use of autopilots is permitted where a boat is single handed or double handed. This changes RRS 52.1.5.
 - 8.4. 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.

- 8.5. When RRS 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by hailing on VHF channel 16.
9. **Class Selection:** At registration, each boat will declare whether she will be using spinnakers (“SPIN”) or jib and main (“JAM”). Such declaration may be amended on Regattaman until 15 minutes prior to her start.
10. **Notices to Competitors:** Notices and changes to ESIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board on Regattaman. This changes MBSA General SIs 5.1 & 5.2.
11. **Skippers Meeting:** A skippers’ meeting *via* Zoom will take place at 1900 hours on Thursday, 20th July 2023. A Zoom link will be provided via e-mail, text and on the Official Notice Board on Regattaman.
12. **Schedule of Races:**
- 12.1. Two races are scheduled.
 - 12.2. Boats are not required to race in both races.
 - 12.3. Race 1 is a “convergence race” from Marblehead or Hingham to Provincetown. Boats may start any time beginning 0700 hours Friday, 21st July 2023 and must finish before 1800 hours Saturday, 22nd July 2023.
 - 12.4. Race 2 is a “divergence race” from Provincetown to Marblehead or Hingham. Boats may start any time beginning 0800 hours on Sunday 23rd July 2023 and must finish before 1800 hours Sunday 30th July 2023.
 - 12.5. Each boat will within one hour of starting report her start time and within one hour of finishing report her finish time, to the second, based on GPS time *via* email:
rallytothecrownoa@gmail.com.

13. **Marks and Courses:**

Marks:

Line 1, Marblehead: The Start and Finish line will be a vector of 092° magnetic with a length of .15 NM from Tinkers Rock GR “TR” GONG, (42 28.910N, 070 48.860W). Boats will start with GR “TR” GONG to starboard and will finish with GR “TR” GONG to port. This changes MBSA General SIs 13.1 & 16.1.

Line 2, Hingham: The Start and Finish line will be a vector of 334° magnetic with a length of .15 NM from Nantasket Roads Channel Bell G “3”, (42 19.129N, 070 52.778W) (G FL G 4S 4M BELL). Boats will start with G “3” to Starboard and finish with G “3” to Port. This changes MBSA General SIs 13.1 & 16.1

Mark 1, Boston Lighted Whistle Buoy B (42 22.715N, 070 46.969W) (RWMO(A) W 8S WHIS RN). Boats starting in Marblehead shall pass this mark to port. Boats starting in Hingham shall pass this mark to starboard. Boats starting in Provincetown and sailing to Marblehead shall pass this

mark to starboard. Boats starting in Provincetown and sailing to Hingham shall pass this mark to port.

Mark 2, Provincetown Harbor Approach Lighted Bell Buoy 1Green "1" (42 0.365N, 070 11.557W) (G FL G 4S BELL). To Provincetown mark to port. From Provincetown mark to starboard.

Line 3, Provincetown: The Start and Finish line will be a vector of 080° M with a length of .15 NM from Long Point Light through Long Point G "3" (Q G Bell). Boats shall finish with G "3" to port and shall start with G "3" to starboard.

This changes MBSA General SIs 13.1 & 16.1

Courses:

Convergence Course from Marblehead or Hingham to Provincetown

Start: Line 1 or Line 2
Mark 1
Mark 2
Finish: Line 3

Divergence Course from Provincetown to Marblehead or Hingham

Start: Line 3
Mark 2
Mark 1
Finish: Line 1 or Line 2

14. **Time limit:** The time limit to complete the Convergence Course will be 1800 hours on Saturday 22nd July, 2023. The time limit to complete the Divergence Course is 1800 hours Sunday 30th July, 2023. This changes RRS 35.

15. Protests and Requests for Redress:

- 15.1. Any hail will be followed at the first reasonable opportunity by a hail on VHF channel 16 and an e-mail to the protestee with a copy to rallytothecrownoa@gmail.com.
- 15.2. Hearing Request forms shall be filed within one hour of the incident, via e-mail, to rallytothecrownoa@gmail.com. A copy shall be sent concurrently to the protested boat and any witnesses.
- 15.3. Hearing Request forms are available [here](#).

16. **Prizes:** Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third places in SPIN and JAM Classes with Children/No Children Divisions for each race.

17. **Social Events:** All captains, crews, and guests are invited to meet at the Crown and Anchor, 247 Commercial St, Provincetown on Saturday, July 22 beginning at 1600 hours.

Saturday:

1600 hours – 2000 hours: Cash bar.

1800 hours to 2000 hours: Fixed price barbecue.

1900 hours: Awarding of prizes.

Sunday:

0630 hours - 0800 hours: Grab-n-go breakfast boxes and coffee.

18. **Moorings and Anchorage:** Boats may reserve moorings at [Flyers](#) or [Provincetown Marina](#), which will include launch service. There is ample anchorage outside the breakwater in Provincetown Harbor. Boats may contact Harbor Master Don German on VHF Channel 16 or by telephone (678) 918-0431 for instructions upon arrival. *Boats are encouraged to make reservations for moorings as early as possible.*
19. **Questions:** E-Mail rallytothecrownoa@gmail.com with questions.