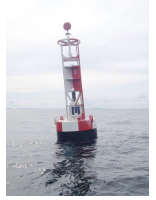




**Constitution Yacht Club
Presents
The Red, White & Blue Race
Saturday, July 1, 2023**



Notice of Race

This race from Boston Harbor to Gloucester and back is an official qualifier for the MBSA Shorthanded Championship!

- 2.1 **Eligibility:** This race is open to all MBSA classes. Shorthanded racers will be given their own class if there is a minimum of 3 boats registered.
- 2.2 **Registration:** Online Registration is available on Regattaman and must be completed before 1700, 30th of June. Register before June 1 for a discount!
- 2.3 **Fees:** Registration is \$75 – register before June 1 and save \$30!
- 2.4 **Handicap System:** The ORR-ez TOT handicapping will be used. Class splits will be based on the 2020 MBSA class splits with Short-handed option. The course will be Random Leg, the wind range to be used will be announced before the first warning.
- 3 **Rules:** This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the MBSA General Sailing Instructions, except as modified by this NOR and Event Sailing Instructions.
- (a) The US Sailing – Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) 2017 for “Coastal” races.
 - (b) The use of powered winches is allowed in all classes. This changes RRS 52.
 - (c) The use of autopilots is allowed in the Short-handed class. This changes RRS 52.
- 4 **Notices to Competitors:** Notices and changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on Regattaman as the official notice board. All on-the-water communications will be on VHF channel 69.
- 5 **Skippers Meeting:** An online skippers meeting will be conducted at 1800, June 30th. Details for dialing in will be distributed to all participants in advance of the race date.
- 6.1 **Signals Made Ashore:** There will be no signals made ashore.
- 7.1 **Schedule of Races:** One race is scheduled for each class.
- 7.2 **Warning Signal:** The first warning signal will be made at 1900 hrs.
- 9 **Racing Area:** The Start and Finish will be in the vicinity of G 3 “QG” North of Spectacle Island.
- 10.1 **Course:** Two courses are available based on conditions. Courses will be outlined in the SI’s. The shortest course is approx. 21 nm (ending in Gloucester) and the longest is 42 nm (race to Gloucester and returning to Boston).
- 11 **Marks:** All rounding marks will be government marks. All MBSA exclusion zones apply.
- 14.2 **Recalls:** The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast sail numbers of OCS boats on VHF 69.
- 17.1 **Time Limit:** The time limit for all classes will be 24 hours after the start of each class. However, the RC may extend this time limit by broadcast on VHF 69 and/or other means of communicating to the fleet.
- 17.2 **Finish Window:** Will be 3 hours after the first boat in each class finishes.
- 19 **Protests:** The PRO must be informed of the intent to protest within 1 hour of the protestor’s finish. Protests must be filed by 1200 July 6. Appendix T (Arbitration) of the RRS is in effect.
- 24 **Prizes:** Will be presented at the Constitution Yacht Club Awards Ceremony in November. Prizes awarded will be determined by the number of entries in each class.