



Constitution Yacht Club Presents The Red, White and Blue Regatta Saturday, July 1, 2023



1. **Event:** The Red and White Overnight Ocean Race will be held on July 1, 2023. The Organizing Authority is Constitution Yacht Club. **This event is a qualifier for the MBSA Overnight Series and the Short-handed Series.**
- 2.1 **Eligibility:** Open to boats with valid ORRez handicap rating certificates.
(a) Divisions: ORRez Racing classes A-G, Short-handed ORRez racing
- 2.2 **Registration:** Entry and payment at regattaman.com Entries should be submitted before 1700 on July 1, 2023.
- 2.3 **Fees:** \$50.00
- 2.4 **Handicap System:** ORRez Time on Time for all divisions.
3. **Rules:** This event will be governed by the MBSA GSI's except as changed by these Event Sailing Instructions.(a)
(a) The use of autopilots is permitted for the Short-handed division. This changes RRS 52.
(b) The use of powered winches is allowed in all classes. This changes RRS 52.
(c) The course type will be Random Leg for all divisions. The intended wind range will be announced on VHF 69 prior to first warning. If the wind strength or course type differs significantly from the announced, RC may update the wind range post-race. Course and wind strength are not subject to Redress, changing RRS 62.1
(d) Short-handed competitors may contact each other on VHF. This changes RRS 41.
(e) Competitors may run their engines to facilitate charging batteries. Engaging the engine for thrust is not allowed. Engine start and stop times shall be recorded on the provided sheet.
4. **Notices to competitors:** will be posted on Regattaman and/or emailed to all competitors. There will be no signals ashore.
5. **Skippers Meeting:** An online skippers meeting will be conducted at 1800, July 1, 2023. Details for dialing in will be provided prior to the meeting.
6. **Changes to the Sailing Instructions:** Will be emailed to competitors no later than 1800 July 1, 2023.
8. **Warning Signal:** First warning signal is scheduled for 1900 July 1, 2023.
9. **Class Flags:** Are not required for this race.
10. **Racing Area:** The starting area will be in the vicinity of Spectacle Island channel marker G "3" QG.
11. **The Course:** There are 2 courses to choose from. The short course finishes at the entrance of Gloucester Harbor, between RG "RR" and the Gloucester Breakwater. The long course finishes back at the start line in Boston.
12. **Marks:** Marks of the course will be US Coast Guard navigation buoys.
(a) The start line will be between R "4" QR and G "3" QG north of Spectacle Island.
(b) The finish will be when Deer Island Light tower bears 0 degrees magnetic.
13. **The Start:** Competitors will record their own start time when they cross the line between G3 QG and R2 QR. No race committee will be on station.



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14. The Finish:

- (a) Short course: Each vessel will record its finish time, which will be when crossing between RG ""RR" and the light on Gloucester Breakwater
- (b) Long course: Each vessel will record its finish time, which will be when Deer Island Light bears 0 degrees magnetic

The finish times shall be emailed to petergalipault.cyc@gmail.com or texted to (617) 549-2676.

15. Time Limit: The time limit shall be 24 hours after the start of each class. The RC may extend the time limit, and will make such an announcement on VHF 69.

16. Protests: Protests shall be announced on VHF 69 at the time of the infraction, but the failure of a protestee to hear the hail shall not be a reason to dismiss a protest as invalid. The PRO must be informed (by VHF, text, or email) within 1 hour of the protestor's finish of an intent to protest. Protests may be emailed to petergalipault.cyc@gmail.com by 1200, July 6.

17. Prizes: Will be awarded based on participation.