



## Notice of Race and Event Sailing Instructions (ESI)

# LAMBERT OVERNIGHT OCEAN RACE

EASTERN YACHT CLUB  
Marblehead, Massachusetts USA

Friday, June 28, 2024



**This 90+ nautical mile Ocean Race is a perfect tune-up for the Marblehead-to-Halifax Race.**

**This race is a QUALIFIER for the Mass Bay Overnight Championship and Shorthanded 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:** Online registration at [www.regattaman.com/calendar.php?reg=MBSA|MBSA-N](http://www.regattaman.com/calendar.php?reg=MBSA|MBSA-N) shall be done no later than 1800 hours on the day before the race begins. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC).
- 2.3 **Fees:** The entry fee is \$195 (\$5 discount for US Sailing members, additional \$5 discount for MBSA members). Get an 'early entry' discount of \$20 by registering before 1159 hours on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Take advantage of the Plan Early / Pay Later feature.
- 2.4 **Handicap System:** The ORR-ez, Time on Time handicapping will be used.
- 2.5 **Tracking:** Each boat shall carry a functional YB GPS satellite tracking unit to be active during the entire race. These units will be supplied without charge and distributed at Skipper's meeting.
- 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).
  - (a) The US Sailing - Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) – current edition, for "coastal" class races.
  - (b) The use of autopilots is permitted for the Doublehanded Division. This changes RRS 52.
- 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 in this event's section on [www.regattaman.com](http://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:** A mandatory skippers meeting in the EYC Sailing Center at 1900 hrs. on Thurs., June 27.
- 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 racing Class warning signal will be made at 1600 hrs.
- 9 **Racing Area:** The Start and Finish will be in the vicinity of the Marblehead Bell - RG"FR", MBSA List B, Mark 3.
- 10.1 **The Course:** There are several possible courses. Some courses go north to the Isle of Shoals and others go south toward Cape Cod Bay. Long courses are 90+/- nm and shorter courses are 60+/- nm. The Race Committee will select the course. Classes A, B, C, and F will complete the long course. Class D and G will complete the short course. Shorthanded entries will do the long course. Charts and descriptions of each course will be included in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11 **Marks:** All rounding marks will be Government Marks.
- 14.2 **Recalls:** The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast the sail number or boat name of OCS boats on VHF channel 72.
- 17.1 **Time Limit:** The time limit for all Classes will be 1530 hrs. on Saturday, June 29. 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:** This is 4 hours after the first boat in each Class finishes and may be extended by the RC.
- 19 **Protests:** Protest/Hearing Forms shall be submitted within 1 hour after finishing. Get the form by searching '[US Sailing Hearing forms](#)' or at [www.easternyc.org/protest-form](http://www.easternyc.org/protest-form) Either print and hand deliver to EYC Sailing Center or submit electronically to [protest@easternyc.org](mailto:protest@easternyc.org). If a diagram is included, submit a photo or scan it 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. The Gerard Barnes Lambert Trophy will be awarded to the winners in Classes A and B. The Chesterton Bowl will be awarded to the winners in Classes C and D. The Haze Trophy will be awarded to the winner in the Cruising Class. The Periwinkle Trophy will be awarded to the Eastern Yacht Club boat having the best corrected time in the racing classes.

**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, June 29<sup>th</sup> for a 'Lambert Race Party'. Come socialize with your fellow racers at the EYC Sailing Center where trophies will be presented celebrating the accomplishments of the overnight ocean race. COMPLIMENTARY FOOD and a chit/credit card bar will be available.