



Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series Marblehead Race Week

July 27-28, 2024
Eastern Yacht Club
Marblehead, MA

ILCA/LASER SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing World and Marblehead Racing Association (MRA) are the co-organizing authorities. MRA will provide race management. Eastern Yacht Club will be the host club.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in the rule in these Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

1. RULES

1.1 This regatta shall be governed by the *rules* as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply.

1.3 Personal flotation shall be worn as required by class rules. Competitors should be aware that the race committee may display Flag "Y" in accordance with RRS 40.

1.4 Competitor boats shall not fly drones, which includes support boats. [DP]

2. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours EDT on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the race website at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?elD=16261>. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or notices.

3.2 Check-In: Boats shall check-in on the water by sailing on starboard tack, by the signal boat and hailing their sail or bow number until acknowledged.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole yardarm at the Eastern, Corinthian, and Boston Yacht Clubs. Flag 'AP' with two sound signals means "races have been postponed for all classes"; Flag "AP" over one or more classes with two sound signals means "races have been postponed for the indicated Class(es)".

5.2 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the RRS Race Signals.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Racing will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 27 - 28, 2024. 12 races are scheduled.

6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each day of racing is 1200.

6.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday, July 28, 2024.



7. DIVISIONS, CLASS FLAGS, STARTING SIGNALS, AND MARKS

Division splits, warning/class flags, racing areas, initial starting order, and description of marks will be defined in SI Addendum 1 - Starting Order.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area location will be in the vicinity of Children's Island.

9. COURSES

Courses will be windward/ leeward, leeward/windward, or triangle courses with gates potentially at the top, middle or bottom. Courses will be announced orally on the water.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with the US Sailing Prescription Appendix U – Audible-Signal Racing System.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff on the race committee signal boat from which a blue flag is displayed and the course side of the nearby mark.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 Penalties while racing: US Sailing Prescription V1 (Penalty at the Time of the Incident) shall apply.

12.2 Penalties after racing: RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

13. HEARING REQUESTS

13.1 Protest forms are available at the protest desk at the Eastern Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the docking of the race committee signal boat.

13.3 Protests will be heard at the Eastern Yacht Club.

13.4 The times of protest hearings and the parties involved will be posted on the official notice board

13.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
or

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

13.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

13.7 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.

14. SCORING

14.1 One race will constitute a regatta.

14.2 A boat's score for the series will exclude her worst finish if five or more races have been completed.

15. ADVERTISING, BOW NUMBERS

15.1 Boats are to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

15.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, e.g., bow stickers, bow numbers, boom stickers, and/or flags.

15.3 Bow numbers may be required for some classes.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

Competitors retiring shall report to the race committee before leaving the racing area. [DP][NP]

17. PRIZES

17.1 Prizes will be awarded, after racing on Sunday, to the top-three finishers and the entry which finished mid-fleet of each qualifying class.

17.2 Additional prizes may be awarded to the top Junior Team (under 21 years of age) to any one-design class with a minimum of 12 boats registered.

18. RISK STATEMENT

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18.2 The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

18.3 It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to closing of on-site registration and check-in.

19. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

20. ENVIRONMENTAL

All SWRS events serve as collection points for sails and lines to repurpose. Bring your old lines and sails to the regatta to upcycle and give new purpose; The Eastern Yacht Club Sailing Center will serve as the collection point at this event.

The Regatta Series is continuing to work with Sailors for the Sea Powered by Oceana to maintain Silver Level certified Clean Regatta. Please bring your reusable water bottles, consider car-pooling, utilizing bike-shares, and limit provisioning your boat with single-use plastics.