



August 16-18, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Storm Trysail Club

The Host Club is the Eastern Yacht Club (“EYC”, official host) in association with the Boston Yacht Club and the Corinthian Yacht Club

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS); the 2024 PHRF New England (PHRF-NE), and ORReZ policies, procedures and by-laws; One-design class rules for one-design classes; except as any of these are modified by this NOR or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Boats racing in the overnight race, will also be governed by the following:
 - (a) The current US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Coastal events. These requirements are available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safetyinformation/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>. A copy of these requirements should be kept aboard while racing.
 - i. By entering the regatta, skippers certify compliance with all safety requirements.
 - ii. Boats may be inspected for compliance at any time.
 - iii. With respect to Coastal regulation 3.39, rafts are not required.
 - (a) Between sunset and sunrise, the *International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea* (“IRPCAS”) will replace the *Rules of Part 2* of the RRS.
 - (b) Wind vanes and/or autopilots may be used without penalty. This changes RRS 52.
 - (c) Boats equipped and rated with power winches, water ballast; and / or canting keels may use same. This modifies RRS 51 & 52.
 - (d) RRS 41 is hereby modified to allow double-handed racers to communicate amongst themselves via VHF.
- 1.3 All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Guideline for Rendering Assistance. The Guidelines and information on available Safety At Sea courses, are available on the Storm Trysail Club website: (www.stormtrysail.org).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on www.yachtscoring.com approximately one week before the event.
- 2.2 Course diagrams and mark descriptions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The official notice board will be on www.yachtscoring.com. In addition, and as a courtesy only, an attempt will be made to post notices at the Eastern Yacht Club on the glass wall of the sailing office, the Boston Yacht Club, on the notice board in the PC Don Humphreys Yard Arm building, and the notice board located near the trophy room of the Corinthian Yacht Club.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio. The Channel will be stated in the SI's.
- 3.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other electronic devices.
- 3.4 RRS 41, Outside Help, is changed by adding: (e) Help in the form of information freely available to all boats even if that information is only accessible at a cost. "at a cost" help shall not include private forecast or tactical advice, or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats and/or her/their situation.
- 3.5 All boats must carry a working VHF capable of communicating on channels 5A, 13, 16, 71,72, and 78A.
- 3.6 All boats must carry a cell phone, the number of which shall be on file with the race committee.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a valid New England PHRF or ORRez Certificate, J70, J105, Etchells Rhodes 19, IOD, Viper 640 and Star Class boats. Other classes may be added at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.2 Spinnaker, Double-handed, and Jib and Main classes are invited.
- 4.3 Eligible boats shall enter online at https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_registration.
- 4.4 No entries will be accepted after 1900 on August 15 2024.
- 4.5 For all PHRF and ORRez classes **ONLY**, boats may carry one additional crewmember less than 14 years of age. This additional crew member will not be included in the maximum crew number or crew weight. Entrants intending to carry additional crew shall so indicate at registration.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Fee for sailing with Spinnaker or Jib and Main is \$10/foot based on LOA of the yacht, rounded down to the nearest whole foot. Fees include wristbands for access to post-race socials for all crew members registered per your entry. ****Early Bird Discount Fee for boats who register prior to July 30, 2024, is \$8/foot, rounded down to the nearest whole foot.**
- 5.2 Fee for J/70 Etchells, IOD & Viper 640 classes is \$220 which includes 4 wrist bands for event socials. ****Early Bird Discount Fee for boats who register prior to July 30, 2024, is \$200**
- 5.3 Fee for Rhodes 19 classes is \$180 which includes 3 wrist bands for event socials. ****Early Bird Discount Fee for boats who register prior to July 30, 2024, is \$160**
- 5.4 Fee for Star Class classes is \$200 which includes 2 wrist bands for event socials. ****Early Bird Discount Fee for boats who register prior to July 30, 2024, is \$180**

- 5.5 Fee for sailing the Overnight Race Friday August 18, is \$5.00/foot based on LOA of the yacht. ****Early Bird Discount Fee for boats who register prior to July 30, 2024, is \$3/foot, rounded down to the nearest whole foot.**

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 6.2 A boat and her crew shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 A representative from each yacht should appear at registration to obtain class assignments and scratch sheets, bow stickers and class flags, and to turn in the Crew Waiver Form. All shore events will take place at the EYC.
- 7.2 Thursday, August 15: 1700-1900 Registration
 1900 Skippers Meeting
- 7.3 Friday, August 16: 0730-0930 Registration
 1200 Course Signals ORRez, PHRF, J105 Classes
 1630 Course signals for overnight race
 TBD THR Social, daily awards and entertainment
- 7.4 Saturday, August 17: 1200 Course signals for all courses.
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- 7.5 Sunday, August 18: 1200 Course signals for all courses
 1500 No warning signals after this time
 TBD Awards Ceremony (after racing)
- 7.6 It is the intention of the Race Committee to sail as many races as practical.

8 VENUE

Racing will be held in Massachusetts Bay outside of Marblehead Harbor. Shoreside activities will be conducted at Eastern Yacht Club

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses for the PHRF and ORRez classes will be drop marks; however, at the discretion of the race committee, government marks may be used. Courses for the one design classes will be drop marks.
- 9.2 Courses for the overnight race will be government marks.

10 PENALTIES & PROTESTS

- 10.1 Appendix V will apply for all classes. The Post-Race Penalty is 20%. This changes Appendix V2a (b).
- 10.2 Appendix T may apply for all classes.
- 10.3 The Protest Desk will be located outside of the EYC sailing office.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, will be used except that boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Time Limit Expired (“TLE”) and scored points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus two, but in no case scored more than the number of starters. This changes RRS Appendix A5 & A10.
- 11.2 No boat’s score will be excluded. This changes RRS Appendix A2.1.
- 11.3 For handicap fleet racing, scoring for ORRez will be Time on Time (TOT) and for PHRF will be Time on Distance (TOD).
- 11.3.1 ORRez classes will be scored using the ratings of one of the four available wind bands as defined in SI 20.10 of the Mass Bay General Sailing Instructions. The intended range shall be posted and/or announced by the first warning signal of each race.
- 11.4 Completion of one race shall constitute the Regatta.
- 11.5 The THR has been named as the Mass Bay ORRez Qualifying Regatta
- 11.6 The THR has been named as the Star Class District 1 Atlantic Northeast Championship
- 11.7 The THR has been named as the PHRF New England Mass Bay Championship

12 PRIVACY POLICY AND MEDIA RIGHTS

As a condition of participating in the regatta, competitors shall agree to accept operational communications (voice, email, text, or other), and grant the OA, and its agents, employees, sponsors, and assigns, the irrevocable right and permission to use basic competitor information, photographs and video footage taken of themselves, their crew and their competing boat, without notification, for use or distribution in any media whatsoever for editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information. Competitors shall agree to release, defend, and hold harmless the OA and its agents, employees, sponsors, and assigns, from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs and video footage.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Overall Prizes will be given as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2 Where there are up to 5 boats in a class = 1st and 2nd place trophies
- 13.3 Where there are 6 boats or more in a class = 1st and 2nd place trophies

14 RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000.00 per incident of equivalent.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Clarke Smith, tedhood@stormtrysail.org

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