

Marblehead Harbor Match Racing Championship

Corinthian Yacht Club - Organizing Authority

October 1, 2022

Marblehead, MA

Notice of Race

The Race Committee of the Corinthian Yacht Club (Organizing Authority) invites sailors to compete in the inaugural Marblehead Harbor Match Racing Championship on October 1, 2022. This one-day event will be sailed in Sonar like sailboats in the waters off Marblehead, Massachusetts. Teams need not be comprised of sailors from the same yacht club or sailing organization. The goal of this event is to introduce a recurring match race event on the calendar to promote the match race discipline in Marblehead.

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee

NoR: Notice of Race

OA: Organising Authority

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

SI: Sailing Instruction

RC: Race Committee

TD: Technical Delegate

[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.3

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including RRS Appendix C
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Sonar Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 5. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI's will be available after 1700 on September 23, 2022. SI's will be emailed electronically to competing skippers. The SI's may be available on the Corinthian Yacht Club website: www.corinthianyc.org.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside of the Corinthian Yacht Club Burgee Bar.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Corinthian Yacht Club flagpole.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Eight skippers will be invited.

This is an open event. While preference may be given to members of the Corinthian, Eastern and Boston Yacht Clubs, skippers need not be club members.

Skippers wishing to receive an invite may register their request with the OA by completing the following google form: [REQUEST FOR INVITATION](#).

- 4.2 Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation, as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event.
- 4.3 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.4.
- 4.4 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID and shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration. This will allow the OA to obtain grading for the event
- 4.5 The skipper shall complete registration, pay the entry fee of \$100, and arrange the damage deposit of \$500. The entry fee includes a box lunch for each sailor and light refreshments following racing.
To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2.2(d))

5 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 An initial damage deposit of \$500 shall be paid as part of registration. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident. The damage deposit may be paid by credit card.
- 5.2 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.
- 5.3 The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 10 days after the event.

6 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 6.1 The number of crew (including the skipper but excluding persons placed on board by the OA) shall be 3 or 4. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 6.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 6.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 6.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 6.5 There is no weight limit.

7 EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1 The OA intends to provide 8 Sonar type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, jib, spinnaker.
- 7.2 Boats and sails will be allocated as decided by the race committee. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.
- 7.3 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1
- 7.4 The number of matches to be sailed will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 7.5 The course will be windward/leeward twice around with starboard roundings, finishing downwind. It is the intent of the RC that there will be a leeward gate.
- 7.6 The intended racing area will be outside of Marblehead Harbor in the vicinity of Children's Island.
- 7.7 It is the intent of the OA to complete a round robin. Subsequent stages will be determined in the discretion of the OA.
- 7.8 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

8.1 Schedule – October 1, 2022

- (a) Registration from 0800 to 0900
- (b) First briefing at 0900 on October 1, 2022
- (c) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
- (d) Time of the first race will be not be earlier than 1000
- (e) Prize giving immediately following racing on the Corinthian Yacht Club Porch.

8.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

9 RESERVED

10 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 10.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into disrepute.
- 10.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

11 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON

- 11.1 No support person vessels will be permitted.

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14 **RISK STATEMENT**

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. 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 **PRIZES**

Suitable prizes will be awarded for teams finishing first, second and third. The event winner will be named the Marblehead Harbor Match Race Champion.

16 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

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