



Event Sailing Instructions
BYC Memorial Day Weekend Regatta

Two Races
May 23, 2009

Organized and Sponsored by the Boston Yacht Club
Marblehead, Massachusetts.

Entry fees for this regatta are automatically covered by entry into the full season of the Boston Yacht Club Wednesday Evening Races. See paragraph 3 below.

- 1. Introduction:** It is intended to run two PHRF handicap races using “round the buoys” format with either portable or government marks as appropriate for the weather conditions. There will be two divisions; PHRF Racing and PHRF Cruising.
- 2. Rules:** The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Mass Bay Sailing Association Notice of Race and General Sailing Instructions (GSI) will govern the regatta, except as any of these are changed by these Event Sailing Instructions,(ESI).
- 3. Entries:** Entries should be submitted before 1800 hrs on May 22, together with the appropriate fee and current PHRF NE handicap certificate to: **BYC Race Committee, 1 Front Street, Marblehead MA, 01945.** (Contact Geoff Smith 508 358-7542). Boats registered in the BYC Wednesday Evening Full Series and entering this race should register their intention and division by email: gesmith1000@verizon.net.

Fees: \$50 less discounts of \$5 for USSA members and \$5 for MBSA members.
Fees are not required for boats registered for the full BYC Wednesday Evening Series

- 4. Notice to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the main lounge of the BYC and if possible on the BYC website: <http://www.bostonyachtclub.net>. The scratch list will be posted on the official notice board at 0830 hrs on Saturday, May 23.

- 5. Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 hrs on the day it is to take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

- 6. Signals Made Ashore:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the BYC flagstaff.

- 7. Schedule of Races:**

Two races are scheduled. The Warning Signal for the first race will be made at 1100 hrs.
The second race will start after the finish of the first race

- 8. Classes and Class Flags:** Classes shall be in accordance with MBSA class splits. All entries shall fly the appropriate class flag from their backstay.

- 9. Racing Area and Check-In:**

The starting area will be in the vicinity of Tinkers Rock Gong GR “TR”, Mark “D”; List A of the MBSA Handbook, unless the Race Committee Signal Boat “Carl Alberg” displays Code Flag “L” and proceeds elsewhere.

Entries shall check-in with the Race Committee using VHF channel 72 before the first Warning Signal of the day.

- 10. Marks:** Marks shall be in accordance with the MBSA Lists A and B. Portable marks will be orange tetrahedrons.

- 11. The Start:** Races shall be started in accordance with Paragraph 14 of the GSI. The time interval between the start of one class and the warning signal for the subsequent class will be at least one minute. Any class with less than three entries may be combined with another class for a combined start. Classes will be scored independently.

- 12. Recalls:** Recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29. The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF channel 72. Failure to hail, hail of some but not all, or untimely hail of OCS starters shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 13. Time Limits:** Two and one half hours after the start of each class for the first race, and one and one half hours for the second race. The Race Committee may extend these time limits, and will make such announcements VHF channel 72.

- 14. Scoring:** The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply with $\frac{3}{4}$ points for first place. Two races are scheduled, of which one race shall be completed to constitute the series. No score will be excluded for the series score (Changes RRS A2). Combined corrected times will be used to break ties

- 15. Prizes:** The Centennial Trophy will be awarded for first place in Class A, the S. Ralph Cross Trophy for the first place in Class B, the Mohawk Trophy for the first place in Class C, and the Blake Cooley Trophy for the first place in Class D. For each class, keeper trophies will be awarded for the first and second places in the combined series. Third place prizes will be awarded for the combined races with 8 or more entries.

- 16. Social Activities:** The BYC Gazebo, Yardarm and Main Lounge will be open after the race, offering BYC’s hospitality to all Captains, their crew and guests. BYC’s acclaimed chowder and hot dogs will be served to all skippers and crew. Yardarm facilities (bathrooms, showers, changing areas) are available to all participating sailors prior to boarding their boats and after the races.