



## **Corinthian Yacht Club**

*Marblehead, MA. USA*

### **Classic Boat Regatta**

**Sunday August 9, 2009**

#### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **Rules.** Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 -2012 (RRS) except as altered by the Sailing Instructions. This is a Category A event.
2. **Entries.** This event is open to any classic wooden yachts, Spirit of Tradition yachts and eligible Classic Plastic yachts upon completion of the registration and release of the Corinthian Yacht Club, plus the payment of the entry fee as indicated on the entry form.
3. **Notices to Competitors.** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the hallway near the Trophy Room of the Corinthian Yacht Club
4. **Skipper's Meeting.** There will be a mandatory skippers' meeting for all skippers at 1000 in the Harbor Room of the Corinthian Yacht Club (CYC) on August 9, 2009.
5. **Changes to the Sailing Instructions.** Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day the change will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before the change will take effect.
6. **Signals Made Ashore.** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm at Corinthian Yacht Club. When the AP signal is displayed ashore, the WARNING for the race will not be less than 60 minutes after the lowering of the AP signal made ashore.
  - Competitors are encouraged to monitor **VHF Channel 71** for announcements regarding postponed or abandoned races and change in starting area.
7. **Schedule of Races.** There will be one race for each class with the warning signal for the first class to be given no earlier than 1230
8. **Classes and Designations.** The Race Committee (RC) will determine classes based on assigned PHRF ratings. All boats in any given class will sail under the PHRF rating system. Class flags for each class will be streamers affixed as follows:

Class I	Red streamer
Class II	Blue streamer
Class III	White Streamer.
9. **Racing Area.** The racing area is shown on the Course Illustration Attachment. The starting area is in the vicinity of the Marblehead Channel Bell "RG", located between Children's Island and Marblehead Rock, except if the conditions warrant relocation. In such case the RC will display code flag "L" (follow me) and announce its intent over VHF channel 71.
10. **Check In Before Start.** Boats shall check in before their start. Boats withdrawing from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible.
11. **Marks.**
  - 11.1 All marks, except starting and finishing marks and a portable weather mark will be government buoys or navigational aids as depicted in their approximate location as shown in the Course Illustration Attachment and in SI 12 below.

NOTE: The Course Illustration is NOT FOR NAVIGATION USE.
  - 11.2. The normal starting and finishing mark will be a green tetrahedron.

**12. The Course.**

12.1 Course(s) will be made up from the government marks described below and shown on the Course Chart illustration.

<i>LETTER</i>	<i>DESIGNATION</i>	<i>GOV'T SYMBOL</i>	<i>LIGHT CHAR</i>	<i>APPROX LAT</i>	<i>APPROX LONG</i>
A	MARBLEHAD CHANNEL BELL	RG	FL(2+1) 8s	42.30.2	70.49.1
B	TINKER'S ROCK GONG	GR"TR"		42.28.9	70.48.9
C	NEWCOMB LEDGE WHISTEL	G"1"	FLG 4s	42.30.4	70.44.5
D	GREAT PIG ROCK BELL	R"4"	FLR 4s	42.27.6	70.50.5
E	PORTABLE INFLATABLE MARK ORANGE				

12.2 Rounding mark letter designations will be displayed in the forward most rack of the Race Committee signal boat from top to bottom in the order in which they are to be rounded.

12.3 Mark E, a portable orange inflatable tetrahedron, may be used as the turning mark for the weather leg. When used, the magnetic bearing to the mark will be displayed in the after mot rack on the Race Committee signal boat.

12.4 When code flag "T" is displayed, the posted course is to be sailed twice around.

**13. The Start.** The start will be in accordance with RRS 26. The first warning signal shall be no earlier than 1200. Classes will not necessarily be started in numerical sequence, and sailors are cautioned to observe the class pennant displayed in accordance with the warning. The warning for the next class will be at least two minutes after the start of the preceding class. Classes may be combined or split for their starts.

13.1. The starting line will be between a staff on the Race Committee signal boat from which an orange flag is displayed and a green tetrahedron mark.

13.2 The WARNING for each class will be signaled with numeral pennants.

**CLASS I – Numeral Pennant 1 CLASS II – Numeral Pennant 2 CLASS III – Numeral Pennant 3**

13.3 One minute prior to the WARNING signal of the first division to start, the race committee will make a short series of sound signals.

13.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.

13.5. **Propulsion.** Any Class I or II boat over 44 feet in length shall be allowed to have her engine on and running up to her start. The engine may be used for propulsion of the boat in the sole discretion of the Skipper for safety purposes in pre-start maneuvers. (changes RRS 42).

**14. Recalls.** The Race Committee will attempt to hail premature starters on VHF channel 71. The failure of the Race Committee to hail some or all premature starters shall not be grounds for redress (changes RRS 62.1(a)).

**15. Mark Boats.** Mark Boats will display a yellow Race Committee pennant.

**16. Spinnakers.** No spinnakers, gennakers, or other additional sails are allowed.

**17. Shorten Course.** The Race Committee may shorten course for any reason. (changes RRRS 32.)

**18. The Finish.** The finish line will be between a staff on a Race Committee boat from which a blue flag is displayed and the nearby mark or green tetrahedron.

**19. Time Limit.** The time limit for the first boat in each class is 4 hours.

**20. Protests.** Protests shall be in accordance with RRS 61 except as follows:

20.1. Boats intending to protest must conspicuously display a red protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity following the incident(s) being protested (changes RRS 61. i (a)).

20.2 Boats intending to protest shall, after finishing or retiring, notify the Race Committee at the finishing line. The notification shall include the sail number of the protested boat. If a boat intending to protest has retired she may notify the Race Committee ashore if unable to do so on the water.

20.3. Protests forms are available at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Protests shall be delivered to the protest desk at the Corinthian Yacht Club within one hour after the time the Race Committee signal boat has docked.

20.4. Protest hearings will begin no earlier than 1630 hours on the day of the race in which a protest arises, and will be conducted at the Corinthian Yacht Club (this constitutes notice required by RRS 63.2).

**21. Scoring.**

21.1 The Low Point Scoring system, RRS A2, A4 & A9 shall apply, except as modified herein.

**22 Safety Requirements and Equipment.** Competing boats are required to carry prescribed Coast Guard and Class Association safety equipment, a working VHF Radio, Coast Guard approved visual signals for daytime use, and suitable anchor and line for the class and sailing area.

**23. Radio Communication and Emergency Conditions.**

23.1. While racing, a boat shall not make, transmit or receive electronic communications related that are not available to all competitors.

23.2. Emergency conditions should be reported directly to the Race Committee on VHF Channel 71. Boats in need of assistance can call the Marblehead Harbor Master on VHF Channel 16. Channel 9 is monitored by the Corinthian Dock master.

**24. Prizes.** The W. Starling Burgess Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner. Prizes will be awarded for boats finishing first for each class for which two or more boats start. Additional prizes will be awarded for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places where there are six or more boats in each class.

**25. Disclaimer of Liability.** Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4, Decision to Race.) The organizing authority will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

**SPECIAL NOTE**

These boats are all beautiful and should not be damaged.  
When in doubt, give away