



NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Junior Keelboat Regatta August 10, 2008

Organizing Authority
Corinthian Yacht Club
Marblehead, MA. USA

1. **Rules.** Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-08 (RRS).
2. **Entries and Entry.** This event is open to all Marblehead Racing Association (MRA) one-design classes. The helmsman of each entry must be 23 years of age or younger as of August 10, 2008, but the crew may be of any age. A regatta registration form (available at www.corinthianyc.org) must be completed and accompanied by a \$20 entry fee, this can be left at the front desk of the Corinthian Yacht Club, or sent to the contact information at the end of this document.
3. **Notices to Competitors.** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at the pier head of the Corinthian Yacht Club. There is no Skippers meeting.
4. **Changes to the Sailing Instructions.** Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day of the race.
5. **Signals Made Ashore.** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarms at Corinthian Yacht Club.
6. **Schedule of Races.** Races will be started no earlier than 1230 pm, and no races will be started after 300 pm.
7. **Class Flags.** Class flags for each class start will be the class insignia.
8. **Racing Area.** The racing area will be in the vicinity of Tinkers Gong.
9. **Check In Before Start..** Boats shall check in before their first start of each day. Any boats failing to check in will be scored DNC. Boats that withdraw from a race, or that decide not to start after coming to the racing area, shall advise the race committee as soon as reasonably possible.
10. **The Course.**
 - 10.1 Courses will be the same windward leeward configurations as MRA courses and can be found in Illustration A of the MRA sailing instructions. Course A is a windward leeward once around – 2 total legs. Course B is windward leeward windward – 3 total legs. Course C is windward leeward windward leeward – 4 total legs.
 - 10.2 The course letter and approximate compass bearing from the signal boat to Mark 1 will be displayed in the forward rack of the Race Committee signal boat. The distance to Mark 1 will be displayed in the aft rack of the Race Committee signal boat. These signals will be displayed no later than four (4) minutes before the start (This changes RRS 27.1).

10.3 A mark shall be passed on the side farthest from the next mark. If a single mark is posted it shall be left to port.

10.4 To provide for simultaneous rounding of the leeward mark and starting by separate classes, the starting line may be set slightly (approximately 100 yards) to leeward of the leeward mark.

11. Marks.

11.1 All marks will be inflatable orange tetrahedrons.

11.2 A green flag flow no later than four (4) minutes before the start means "Mark 1 for the class about to start will be a green tetrahedron. This Applies to each rounding of Mark 1 by this class" (changes RRS 27.1 and Race Signals).

11.2 If an Offset mark is in place at Mark 1, it shall be passed to port at each rounding of Mark 1. When present, the Offset mark will be the same color as Mark 1 and will be identified by a red, white and blue band.

11.3. The normal starting and finishing mark will be a green tetrahedron.

12. The Start. The start will be in accordance with RRS 26. The first warning signal shall be no earlier than 12:30 PM. When numeral pennants are used in lieu of class flags, class designations will be in the corresponding list below. The classes will not necessarily be started in the following order (note that some classes may not be represented and therefore the next class from the list will be started):

Viper 640 (#1)

Etchells (#2)

IOD (#3)

Sonar (#4)

J/24 (#5)

Rhodes 19 (#6)

If other MRA classes are represented, they will be added to the list and announced by the Race Committee over VHF Channel 72.

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

12.2. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

13. Recalls. The Race Committee will attempt to hail premature starters in all fleets on VHF channel 72. The failure to hail premature starters, the hail of some but not all premature starters, or the untimely hail of premature starters shall not be grounds for redress (This changes RRS 62.1(a)).

14. Mark Boats. Mark Boats will display a yellow Race Committee pennant.

15. Shorten Course. The Race Committee may shorten course for any reason. (This changes Rule 32.)

16. The Finish.

16.1 The finishing line will be between a staff on a Race Committee boat from which a blue flag is displayed and the nearby mark.

16.2 In the interest of starting another race in a timely fashion, the Race Committee may assign a finish position to the last finisher(s) in a fleet provided that the position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner.

18. Time Limit. The time limit for the first boat in each class is 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored in accordance with Sailing Instruction 20.3 (This changes RRS 35).

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

19.1. All boats intending to protest must conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity following the incident(s) being protested (This changes RRS 61.1(a)).

19.2. 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.

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

19.4. 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 the notice required by RRS 63.2).

20. Scoring.

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

20.2 Boats scoring DNC, DNS, OCS, DNF, RAF and DSQ will be awarded points equal to 1 more than the number of boats that crossed the starting line with the intention to race (This changes RRS A9).

20.3 Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes of the first boat to finish (see this Notice of Race and Sailing Instruction 18), will receive points equal to the average points that would have been awarded to all boats failing to finish, had all such boats finished (This changes RRS 35 and A4-1).

20.4 Boats scored ZPG ("Z" flag starting penalty) will be awarded points equal to the lesser of the DNF points OR their finishing place plus a whole number equal to 20% of the number of boats that crossed the starting line with the intention to race (This changes RRS 44.3).

21. Safety Requirements and Equipment. Each competing boat is required to carry at least the following safety equipment:

21.1. 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. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification.

21.2. RRS 60 is changed to provide that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking a class rule prohibiting the carrying of VHF radios while racing.

22. Radio Communication and Emergency Conditions.

22.1. While racing, a boat shall neither make electronic transmission nor receive electronic communications relevant to racing that are not available to all competitors.

22.2. Emergency conditions should be reported directly to the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72. Boats in need of assistance can call the Marblehead Harbor Master on VHF Channel 16. Channel 9 will be monitored by the Corinthian Dock master.

23. Prizes. Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing first for each class in which two or more boats start. If classes have at least two boats with skippers 15 years of age or younger on the date of the regatta, a prize will be given to the top 15 and under skipper, provided they are not the overall winner of the class.

24. 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.

25. Clean Regatta. This event is designated a **CLEAN REGATTA** by the Sailors for the Sea organization. By entering, all competitors agree to abide by **CLEAN REGATTA** "Best Practices" (available at www.sailorsforthesea.org/clean). Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races the day the infraction is observed or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action, or both.

25. Hospitality. Immediately following racing, the hospitality of the club is extended to all skippers, their crews and guests, to participate in the trophy presentations and social activities.

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