

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

HELLY HANSEN SAILING WORLD REGATTA SERIES - MARBLEHEAD RACE WEEK  
CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB - MARBLEHEAD, MA | JULY 27 - 30, 2023

SAILING WORLD AND MARBLEHEAD RACING ASSOCIATION (MRA) ARE THE CO-ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES FOR THIS REGATTA AND MRA WILL PROVIDE RACE MANAGEMENT. CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB WILL BE THE HOST CLUB.

THE NOTATION '[DP]' IN A RULE IN THIS NOTICE OF RACE MEANS THAT THE PENALTY FOR A BREACH OF THAT RULE MAY, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PROTEST COMMITTEE, BE LESS THAN DISQUALIFICATION.

## 1. RULES

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

**1.2** All US One Design Class Rules apply with the following exceptions:

**(a)** For the J/70 Class: Class Rules Part III Sections I.3 (Support Boat) and I.4 (Corinthian Division) will apply. [DP]

**(b)** The J/105 Class has authorized the following changes to their class rules for this regatta: Allow limited (boom and spinnaker only) advertising.

**1.3** The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply.

**1.4** Personal flotation shall be worn as required by class rules. Competitors should be aware that the race committee may display Flag "Y" in accordance with RRS 40.

**1.5** Competitor boats shall not fly drones, which includes support boats. [DP]

## 2. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## 3. COMMUNICATION

**3.1** The Official Notice Board is located online [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm?eid=15509](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=15509).

**3.2** All boats, except those racing on the ILCA/Laser Line, shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels. This may change a class rule. [DP]

**3.3** On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs. Courtesy broadcasts will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

**3.4** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

**3.5** Emergency conditions shall be reported directly to the race committee on the assigned frequency for its line if practicable. Boats in need of assistance can also contact the Marblehead Harbor Master on VHF Channel 16. The Eastern and Corinthian Yacht Club Dockmasters monitor VHF Channel (9). The Boston Yacht Club Dockmaster monitor VHF Channel (68).

**3.6** Division Channels are as follows:

Outside Line VHF 78  
Tinkers Line VHF 71  
Halfway Rock Line VHF 72

**3.7** A boat may not protest another boat for breaking a class rule prohibiting the carrying of VHF radios while racing. This changes RRS 60. [DP]

## 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

**4.1** Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

**4.2** The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws,

guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

**4.3** It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to the closing of on-site registration and check-in.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

**5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole yardarm at the Corinthian Yacht Club, and as a courtesy at the Boston and Eastern Yacht Clubs.

**5.2** Flag "AP" with two sound signals means "races have been postponed for all classes"; Flag "AP" over one or more Class Flags with two sound signals means "races have been postponed for the indicated Class(es)".

**5.3** When the AP flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in RRS Race Signals.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

**6.1** It is the intent of the organizing authority and the race committee to run as many races as practical on each race day up to a maximum of 12 races for the regatta.

**6.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for each day of racing is 1200 EDT.

**6.3** No warning signal shall be made after 1500 EDT on Sunday, July 30.

**6.4** The IOD and Rhodes 19 classes will race Thursday thru Sunday.

**6.5** Town Class, Etchells, J/105, J/80, J/24, Viper 640, Lightnings, and J/70, will race Friday through Sunday.

**6.6** Lasers/ILCAs and Finns will race Saturday and Sunday.

**6.7** This schedule is subject to change pending final entries.

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## 7. DIVISIONS, CLASS FLAGS, STARTING SIGNALS, AND MARKS

**7.1** Division splits, racing areas, initial starting order, and description of marks will be defined in SI Addendum 1.

**7.2** Warning/Class flags for each class will be listed in Addendum 1.

**7.3** Any and all subsequent starting orders will be at the discretion of the race officer for each racing line.

## 8. RACING AREAS

Courses will be sailed offshore from Marblehead Harbor in Massachusetts Bay.

## 9. THE COURSES

**9.1** Courses are shown in Illustration A, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

**9.2** The approximate compass bearing from the signal boat to Mark 1, and the designated course will be displayed in the forward rack of the race committee signal boat. The distance from the leeward mark to Mark 1 will be displayed in the aft rack of the race committee signal boat.

**9.3** Gates: If a gate is not in place, boats shall round the existing leeward mark to port.

**9.4** Offset mark: The offset mark will be the same color as Mark 1. An offset mark may not be set if there is a change of course.

**9.5** A green flag displayed no later than five minutes before the start means "Mark 1 for the class about to start will be green. This applies to each rounding of Mark 1 by this class." This changes RRS 27.1 and race signals.

**9.6** A pink flag displayed no later than five minutes before the start means "Mark 1 for the class about to start will be pink. This applies to each rounding of Mark 1 by this class." This changes RRS 27.1 and race signals.

## 10. MARKS

**10.1** Start and finish marks will be green tetrahedrons.

**10.2** Except as provided for in SI 9.5 and SI 9.6, rounding marks will be:

**(a)** Outside Line: orange tetrahedrons

**(b)** Tinker's Line: yellow tetrahedrons

**(c)** Halfway Rock Line: red tetrahedrons

**10.3** New marks, as provided in SI 12, are pink tetrahedrons. A subsequent change will revert to the original mark described in 10.2. However, a new green mark will be a green tetrahedron with a black band.

## 11. THE START

**11.1** Boats are required to check in with the race committee before their first start each day. Each boat shall hail to race committee stating their sail number and number of souls on board. [DP] [NP]

**11.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

**11.3** The starting area is defined as extending 100 yards beyond each end of the starting line and 150 yards behind the starting line and its extensions. Boats shall keep clear of the starting area and the first leg of the course until their warning signal has been made. [DP]

**11.4** The Race Committee may hail any OCS boat by VHF radio or "loud-hailer". Failure to hail, failure of electronic equipment, failure to hear a hail, order of hail, or delay in hailing will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a)

## 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE WHILE RACING

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will set a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as

practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark..

## 13. THE FINISH

**13.1** The finishing line will be between a staff on the race committee signal boat from which a blue flag is displayed and the course side of the nearby mark. For courses designating a downwind finish, the finishing mark will be placed on the side opposite that of the starting mark.

**13.2** Competitors retiring shall report to their respective Race Committee before leaving the racing area. If unable to do so, competitors retiring shall report to the Corinthian Yacht Club by calling the front desk (781) 631-0005 immediately after coming ashore. [DP] [NP]

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

**14.1** RRS Appendix T- ARBITRATION will apply

**14.2** US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 - PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT will apply.

**14.3** For the Town Class only, Appendix V1 is changed as follows: the final sentence is deleted.

## 15. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for the first boat in each class is two hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), equal to the number of finishers in her class plus 2. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 16. HEARING REQUESTS

**16.1** Protest forms are available at the protest desk at Corinthian Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

**16.2** The protest time limit is one hour after the docking of the race committee signal boat for the applicable line.

**16.3** Protests will be heard at Corinthian Yacht Club.

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**16.4** The times of protest hearings and the parties involved will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**16.5** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

**16.6** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

**16.7** When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.

## 17. SCORING

Each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races. One race will constitute a series.

## 18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

Each boat shall carry the following equipment: prescribed Coast Guard and class association safety equipment, a working VHF radio, Coast Guard approved visual signal for daytime use, and suitable anchor and line for the class and sailing area. [DP] [NP]

## 19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Viper 640s, Lightnings, Finns, and ILCA/Lasers may be hauled each day. All other classes shall not be hauled during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the protest committee. [DP]

## 20. PRIZES

**20.1** Prizes will be awarded by class.

**20.2** Boats in classes participating in three or more events of the Series will qualify for Sailing World Regatta Series Champion award, which will be based on cumulative race scores from three events.

**20.3** Each class winner is eligible for the 2023 Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series Championship. The designated Challenger will be drawn at the conclusion of the event from the class winners.

**20.4** Additional prizes may be awarded to the top Junior Team (under 21 years of age), and top Mixed Plus Team (50% + female) to any one-design class with a minimum of 12 boats registered.

## 21. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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. The OA and MRA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 22. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.

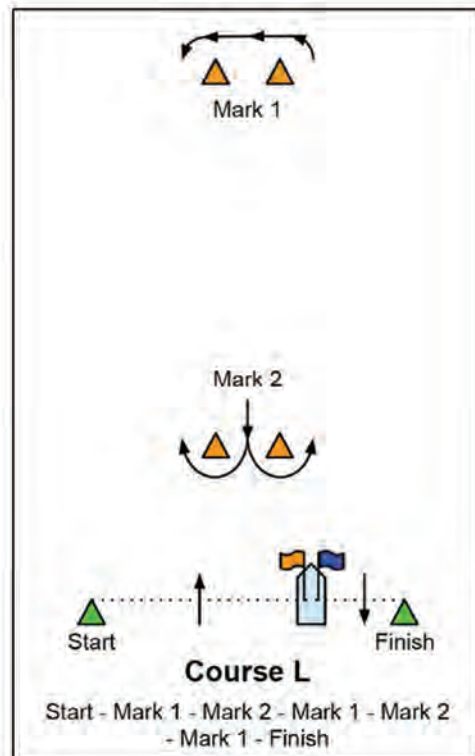
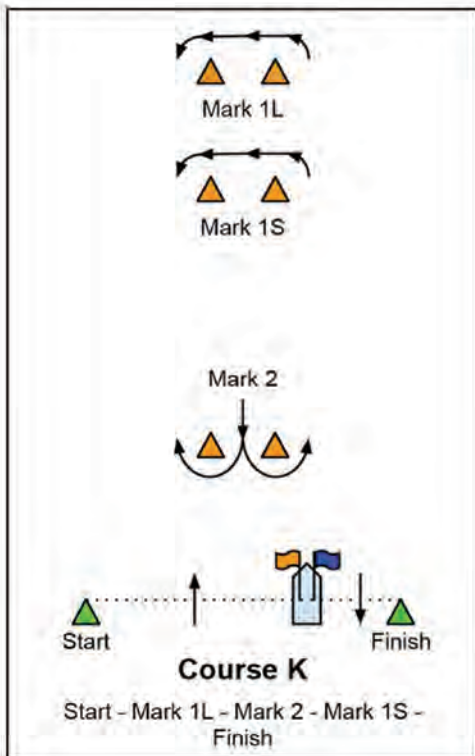
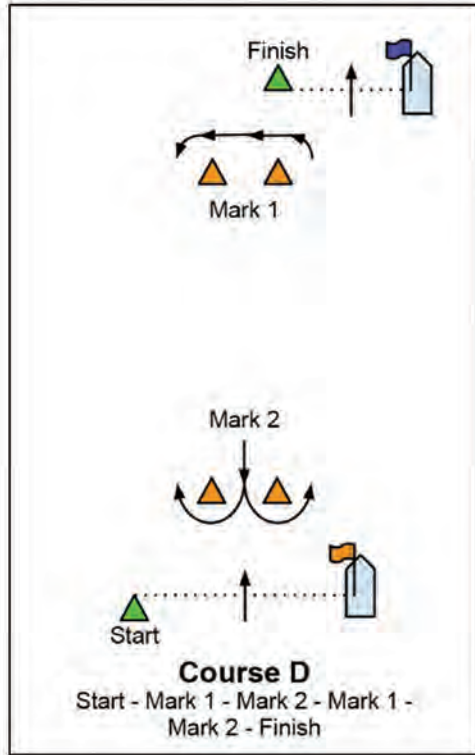
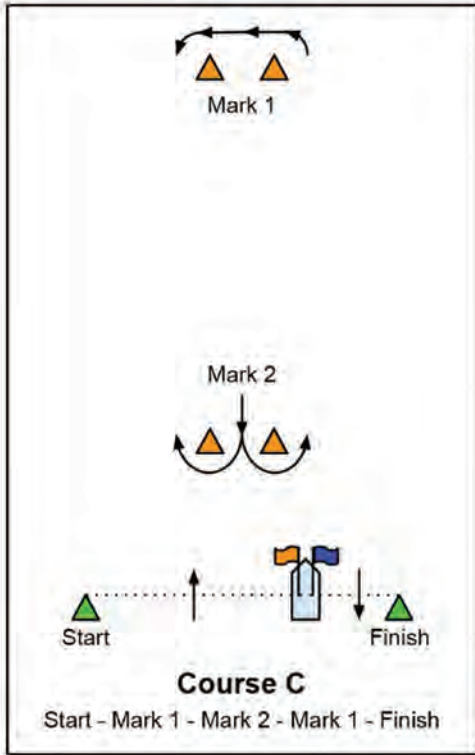
## 23. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

# ILLUSTRATION A

## MRA STANDARD COURSES

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# DIVISION RACING AREAS

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