

2012 Sonar Atlantic Coast Championships
Eastern Yacht Club
Marblehead, Massachusetts
June 23 – 24, 2012



Rules

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of the Sonar Class (SCA), this Notice of Race (NOR) (except as any of these are changed by the sailing instructions) and by the Sailing Instructions. The Organizing Authority is the Sonar Class Association. The regatta will be hosted by Eastern Yacht Club (EYC).

Eligibility

The regatta is open to boats of the Sonar Class eligible to race with valid measurement certificates. The Person-in-Charge must be an Active member of the SCA. If the Person-in-Charge is not the Helmsman, then the Helmsman must also be an Active member of the SCA.

Entry

Register online at www.sonar.org. Entries shall be submitted on or before June 23, 2012.

Fees:

Entry received by June 1, 2012: \$225

Entry received after June 20, 2012: \$300

The entry fee includes:

Hoist access at Eastern Yacht Club.

Mooring or dockage for the duration of the regatta.

For the Skipper and Crew (total of 4):

Regatta Dinner and Beer on Saturday

Chowder and snacks at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday.

Additional tickets for the regatta dinner may be purchased separately for \$40 each.

Housing

The organizing committee will make every effort to arrange housing for teams registered by the June 1 deadline.

Measurement

Jury will spot check boats for safety gear and measurements. If your boat does not have a valid measurement certificate, you will need to make arrangements with Lee Morrison, VP Measurement.

Preliminary Schedule (subject to change)

Friday, June 22

All Day Launching (High tide at 2 PM)

Saturday, June 23

0800 – 1000 Launching (LOW TIDE AT 8:30 AM!!!)

0900 – 0930 Skippers Meeting

0900 – 1000 Check-in (hand in waivers)

1030 Harbor start

1130 First Warning Signal

1815 Cocktails (cash bar) and coaches debrief

1900 Regatta Dinner (Casual attire)

Sunday, June 24

0900 Harbor start

1000 First Warning Signal

1430 Last warning signal

After racing Awards and refreshments

Racing Area

Courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. Races will be held off Marblehead. Windward/Leeward courses will be sailed with multiple laps

Series

The Series will be raced over two days. One race will constitute a series.

Scoring

The Low-Point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS, as changed by the SCA Class Rules, will apply. Each boat may exclude her worst race score from her series score only if five or more races are completed.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew of the first three boats in the series. If more than 25 boats enter and start, prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew of the fourth place boat. If more than 35 boats enter and start, prizes will also be awarded to the fifth place skipper and crew.

Support Boats

The Sailing Instructions will impose restrictions on when and where support boats will be permitted in the racing area.

Mooring and Berthing

Boats shall be kept at locations assigned during launching.

Launch and Haul-Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without the written permission of the Jury. All boats must be in the water by 10 AM on Saturday.

Radio Communication

All boats are required to carry VHF radios for safety purposes. Radio notification by the Race Committee of notices to competitors or of premature starters may be used.

Except in emergencies, radio communication to or from competitors that is not available to all boats shall not be permitted between each day's harbor start and the finish of the final competitor in the final race of that day. This restriction applies to all electronic communication devices to include mobile phones.

Media Rights

By submitting an Entry Form, entrants and their crew give absolute right and permission for video footage, on line graphic displays or photographs of themselves and/or of their boat to be distributed in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

Disclaimer of Liability

Entrants and their crew participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (RRS 4, Decision to Race). The organizing authority 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.

Entrants and Crew will be required to sign a waiver of liability during registration.

Insurance

The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the owner or PIC.

Contact

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