

2012 NORTH AMERICAN INVITATIONAL REGATTA

Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead MA
August 17 through August 19, 2012



NOTICE OF RACE

Amended 9 July 2012

1. RULES, ALTERATIONS AND JURY

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012, the prescriptions of US SAILING, IOD World Class Association Championship Regulations 4.4, 5, 6.4 and 7.4, and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Further variations from the RRS and International One Design World Class Regulations may be included in the Sailing Instructions and these will not constitute grounds for redress.
- 1.3 An independent Jury will be constituted in accordance with RRS.

2. ALTERATIONS TO THE RACING RULES

- 2.1 RRS 62.2 and RRS 66 will be changed to shorten the times for requesting redress and for requesting that a hearing be reopened on the last day of racing.
- 2.2 Rule A5 will be changed to provide that a boat failing to check in with the race committee signal boat in the racing area prior to the warning signal for a race may be penalized or scored DNS at the discretion of the Jury.
- 2.3 In addition to signaling recalls in accordance with Rule 29, the race committee will attempt to hail premature starters via hailer or VHF radio. Failure to hear the hail and the timing and order of such hails will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1. Competitors should bring a U.S. compliant VHF radio.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Each North American IOD Fleet (US Fleets, Chester N.S., and Bermuda) in good standing is invited to send one team. The helmsperson of that team must have participated regularly as helmsperson in the local racing fleet of that Fleet in 2012.
- 3.2 All other competitors are reminded of the eligibility standards listed in Championship Regulation 5.
- 3.3 Each International One-Design Class Fleet in good standing shall be invited to send one team to this event.
- 3.4 Should sufficient racing boats be available, additional invitations may be extended to the North America fleets in accordance with the procedures set forth in the IOD Championship Regulations 4.4 or to other IOD fleets, at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 3.5 All competing skippers and co-skippers must be members of U.S. Sailing or their National Sailing Authority.
- 3.6 All competing crew members must be associate members or full members of their respective International One-Design Class Fleet.
- 3.7 The entry fee, insurance fees, damage deposit and cost of the week's entertainment will be as prescribed on the Official Entry Form.
- 3.8 The Official Entry Form will be made available by July 12, 2012. Entries shall be submitted as indicated on the Official Entry Form.

- 3.9 Each competing team must complete its entry form and pay its entry fee by July 30th, 2012, or be subject to a late fee. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authorities. Insurance fees and damage deposits may be paid at registration.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1 Up to five races are scheduled, of which one must be completed to constitute a series.

4.2 Daily Schedule

Thursday 16 August

1600-1900h Registration, Corinthian Yacht Club – cash bar

Friday 17 August

0730-0900h Registration, Corinthian Yacht Club
0900-1000h Skippers' meeting; boat draw
1200h Warning, Practice Race; Invitational Racing to follow
Post racing Dinner, Corinthian Yacht Club

Saturday 18 August

1100h Warning, Invitational Racing
Post racing Cookout/Dinner, location TBD

Sunday 19 August

1100h Warning, Invitational Racing
Post racing Prizegiving, Corinthian Yacht Club

No warning signal will be made after 1430hrs on Sunday, 19 August.

- 4.3 The final schedule for the regatta, including on-shore events, will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The final Sailing Instructions will be distributed at registration. Draft sailing instructions may be made available in advance of the regatta to registered competitors.

6. RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted in the vicinity of Marblehead Neck (Waterproof charts, Inc. #65e).

7. COURSES

Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 8.1 Boats will be provided by the Marblehead International One-Design Class and will be prepared by the IOD North American Invitational's Technical Committee ("Tech Comm").
- 8.2 Each boat will be provided with one complete set of sails and no other sails shall be used without the permission of the Tech Comm in consultation with the Jury.
- 8.3 Teams will be assigned a spinnaker for the duration of the regatta. In strong winds spinnaker restrictions may be imposed.
- 8.4 Competitors may bring and use their own spinnaker sheets and spinnaker launching bags or devices.

- 8.5** Boats, together with their sails (except spinnakers) and running rigging, will be rotated daily in accordance with a boat rotation draw that will be held by the Marblehead International One-Design Class at the Skippers' Meeting on Friday, August 17, 0830 hrs.
- 8.6** All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be carried while afloat.
- 8.7** Unless permission is given by the Marblehead IOD Class Regatta Chair and/or the Tech Comm, no boat shall be modified or caused to be modified except that:
- a) A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars.
 - b) Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat.
 - c) Hulls, sails and equipment may be cleaned only with non-abrasive materials. The hulls may not be scrubbed, washed, wet-sanded or otherwise treated below the waterline.
 - d) Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line, except on brightwork. Competitors will be responsible for the removal of any markings left on the boats, or any damage to the finishing caused by the application of tape.
 - e) All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted in accordance with class rules may be adjusted within the limits provided, except that shrouds and forestays shall not be adjusted.
 - f) Jibs shall not be tied to the headstay when hoisted.
 - g) Roll tacking, by using the shrouds of a boat as a way of supporting a crewmember's weight outboard of the plane defined by the extension of the boat's topsides, is prohibited.
 - h) Tools, spare winch handles, spinnaker sheets, spare hiking sticks and tow lines may be brought aboard and used by competitors.
- 8.8** A damage report shall be completed and signed by the skipper after each day.
- 8.9** Each team shall provide its own VHF radio.
- 8.10** All equipment provided with the boat shall be on the boat during Practice Race and Invitational Racing.
- 8.11** Crew members must provide their own PFDs.
- 8.12** The penalty for failing to comply with provisions 8.1-8.12 above shall be disqualification of any noncompliant participating boat(s) from the race or races during which the boat(s) was noncompliant.

9. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System will be used. If five or more races are completed the worst finish for each team will be discarded to determine the final regatta score. This changes US Sailing Rule A2.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1** Daily awards will be presented at the conclusion of that day's Invitational Racing.
- 10.2** Regatta awards will be presented at the Prizegiving following Sunday Invitational Racing.

11. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

Competitors shall be required to post a damage deposit of \$1000 with their entry. After the conclusion of the regatta, the damage deposit will be returned, less any deductions for loss or damage incurred by the competitor during the regatta. Additionally, damage deposits may be "pooled" to cover any unattributable loss or damage to the boats which occurred as a direct result of the use of the boats in the regatta. In such event, expenses shall be deducted from the "pool", and the balance shall be returned to the competitors after the conclusion of the regatta.

12. HOUSING

- 12.1** Every effort will be made to accommodate competitors and their families in private homes in the Marblehead area beginning on Thursday, August 16th, 2012 through Saturday night, August 18th, 2012. To facilitate the housing process, please return a completed housing request form by July 30th, 2012. Housing forms will be available to competitors with entry forms.
- 12.2** For those wishing to make their own arrangements, Marblehead offers several private inns, bed and breakfasts, and hotels. Additional information can be provided on request.

13. DISCLAIMER

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, the race committee, the protest committee, Corinthian Yacht Club, Eastern Yacht Club, and any other organization or official 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. By participating in this event, each competitor (skippers and crew members) agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with that competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 14.1** As available, regatta information, official forms, news and racing results will be published on the Marblehead IOD Class website or via email.

- 14.2** For additional information please contact:

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