NOTICE OF RACE

IOD New England Challenge

June 3-4-5, 2011
Eastern Yacht Club and Boston Yacht Club, Marblehead, Massachusetts

1. Rules
1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, Marblehead IOD fleet rules, and this Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions) and the Sailing Instructions.
1.2 The Organizing Authorities are the Marblehead International One-Design Fleet and the Boston Yacht Club

2. Alterations to the Racing Rules
2.1 RRS 44.2 and RRS 44.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
2.2 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.
2.3 RRS 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 will be scored the same as a boat failing to start in that race.
2.4 In addition to signaling recalls in accordance with RRS# 29, the race committee may attempt to hail premature starters in all fleets on a (U.S.) VHF channel that will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. 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 [also changes RRS 62.1(a)] Competitors should bring a U.S. compliant VHF radio.
2.5 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.

3. Eligibility and Entry
3.1 All IODs from all recognized IOD fleets are automatically eligible to participate. Teams intending to bring their boat to Marblehead to enter this regatta should notify the Marblehead fleet before April 1, 2011. Owners or charterers are responsible for all arrangements and costs of transporting boats to and from Marblehead.
3.2 IODs that are not members of a recognized fleet may apply to enter this regatta. Owners of non-affiliated IOD that wish to enter this regatta should notify the Marblehead Fleet before April 1, 2011.
3.3 Other teams who wish to participate, but are unable to bring a boat to Marblehead, should contact the Marblehead fleet before April 1, 2011 to be put on a waiting list to borrow or charter a boat.
3.4 All competing skippers and co-skippers must be members of U.S. Sailing or their National Sailing Authority. All competing skippers, co-skippers and crews must be members of their respective International One-Design Class Fleet (if applicable), and of the International One-Design Class World Class Association.
3.5. All competing teams must complete their entry form by May 1, 2011.
3.6. Entries may be submitted in advance on the Official Entry Form (and housing request forms) to:

Marblehead IOD Fleet
PO 611
Marblehead MA 01945
Attn: NEW ENGLAND CHALLENGE

Completed Entries/Housing forms may also be scanned and emailed to gregmu@yahoo.com.
3.7 Official Entry Forms will be emailed to the respective Fleet Captains on or around March 5, 2011. Entry Forms will also be available on the Marblehead Fleet Web site.

3.8. The entry fee for this the New England Challenge is $400, however the entry fee is waived for all boats that are offered to and accepted for use by the Marblehead Fleet as part of the 2011 IOD World Championship.

3.9 All visiting skippers and crews are required to purchase the NE Challenge Social Package, which will include all social events at the NE Challenge. The Social Package will cover regatta dinners on Friday and Saturday evening and the awards reception on Sunday afternoon. The social package price will be approximately $115. Purchase may be made at registration.

4. Schedule (subject to change)

Thursday, June 2
Registration and Housing check-in 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
GregMU’s home, 3 Orchard Circle, Marblehead, 781-639-4039

Friday, June 3
Competitors Meeting 9:00 a.m. (EYC); Racing (first warning at 11:00 a.m.)
Regatta Dinner, location TBD

Saturday, June 4
Racing (first warning at 11:00 a.m.)
Regatta Dinner, location TBD

Sunday, June 5
Racing (first warning at 11:00 a.m.)
Awards at EYC after racing (approx. 5 p.m.)

5. Launching, Moorings and Hauling

5.1 IODs not normally raced in Marblehead may be launched free of charge at the Eastern Yacht Club beginning May 21, 2011. An EYC-approved crane operator must be present to assist with the launching and operate the crane. Boats wishing to launch at the EYC must scheduled their launch in advance with the NE Challenge organizers, so that an EYC-approved operator can be arranged. Note that IODs cannot be launched within 2 hours of low tide at the EYC.

5.2 Boats arriving by sea are welcome to arrive in Marblehead any time after May 21, 2011. Boats planning to arrive by sea should notify the NE Challenge organizers of their anticipated arrival time at least one week advance. Note that before May 26, launch service is only available at the EYC between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Beginning May 27, launch service is available from 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.

5.3 All visiting IODs will be assigned moorings by the EYC waterfront. Unless directed to do so by the EYC waterfront staff or the NE Challenge Organizers, boats shall not use any mooring except the mooring assigned to her.

5.4 Boats participating in the NE Challenge that are not being used during the 2011 IOD World Championship must make arrangements to leave their moorings no later than June 7, 2011 or else they may be subject to a daily mooring fee.

6. Disclaimer
The Organizing Authorities will require each competitor to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property occurring in conjunction with the regatta or on the property of the hosting yacht club(s). The Organizing Authority, the International One-Design World Class Association, the Marblehead International One-Design Fleet, and their respective members, employees, officers and/or agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat. Competitors are reminded that RRS 4 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone.”

7. Sailing Instructions
The Sailing Instructions will be available upon on-site registration.

8. Racing Area
Racing will be conducted in the vicinity of Marblehead Neck.

9. Courses
Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
10. Boats
10.1 Boats will be sailed by their respective owners, their guests, or charterers.
10.2 Complete suits of Marblehead Championship sails will be made available to any visiting boat who wishes to use them instead of their own sails. Teams wishing to use Championship sails should notify the regatta organizers before June 1, 2011.

11. Scoring
11.1 Although the organizers currently plan to start all IODs together, for scoring purposes, boats may be divided into divisions using rigs and/or sail design as differentiators. No division will have fewer than four boats.
11.2 Scoring will be in accordance with the RRS Appendix A (low point). If five or more races are completed, a boat shall exclude her worst score, subject to the provisions of the RRS.

12. Prizes
12.1 An overall prize for the NE Challenge will be awarded.
12.2 Additional overall prizes and prizes by division may be awarded, as appropriate.
12.3 Daily race prizes may be awarded.

13. Housing
13.1 Every effort will be made to accommodate competitors and their families in private homes in the vicinity of the Yacht Clubs or downtown Marblehead. Accommodations will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, beginning May 1, 2011. Accommodations will begin on Wednesday June 1, 2011 and end on Sunday June 5, 2011.
13.2 To facilitate the housing process, please return a completed housing request form along with the completed entry form before May 1, 2011. Housing forms will be distributed along with the official entry forms around March 5, 2010. Housing forms will also be available online on the Marblehead International One-Design Fleet Web site.
13.3 For those wishing to make their own arrangements, Marblehead offers several private Inns and Bed and Breakfasts.

14 Additional Information
14.1 As available, regatta information, official forms, news and racing results will be published on the web at www.marbleheadiod.com
14.2 Questions about this Notice of Race, Regatta Schedule, Housing, and Regatta Social schedule may also be forwarded to the class by mail, by email (gregmu@yahoo.com), or by telephone (781.639.4039, no calls after 10 p.m., ET, please.)

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