

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series At Marblehead Race Week July 23-26, 2026 Corinthian Yacht Club Marblehead, MA

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 '[NP]' in the rule in these Sailing Instructions means that this rule is not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1(a).

1. RULES

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

1.2 For the Etchells and J70 classes only, rules and instructions for using the Vakaros and RaceSense System will be posted as Addendum RS on the Official Notice Board.

1.3 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.

2. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50512

2.2 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted:
(a) Before 0900 on the day it will take effect or,
(b) In the event of AP posted ashore, no later than 15 minutes before AP is lowered ashore, (c) or except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

2.3 Separate Sailing Instructions (SIs) are available for the Archers Line.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online Official Notice Board is located at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50512>

3.2 [DP] All boats, except the ILCAs, shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels. This may change a class rule.

3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. Courtesy broadcasts will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

3.4 [DP] 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.

3.5 Division VHF Channels will be posted on the Official Notice Board in Addendum 1.

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

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

4.2 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)".

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

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 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.

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

5.3 No warning signal shall be made after 1500 EDT on Sunday, July 26.

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

5.5 The Lightning, Town, Etchells, J/105, Viper 640, J/70 and Int'l 110 classes will race Friday through Sunday.

5.6 ILCAs will race Saturday and Sunday.

5.7 This schedule is subject to change pending final entries.

6. DIVISIONS, CLASS FLAGS, STARTING SIGNALS AND MARKS

6.1 Division classes, initial starting order, warning signal flags, and their description of marks will be defined in the SI Addendum 1 and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

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

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

6.4 Bow numbers may be required for some classes and will be issued at registration. Numbers shall be placed with the forward edge no more than 12" from the bow stem, as high as possible on the hull. Boats with existing bow numbers must note the number on their entry.

7. RACING AREA

The racing areas will be sailed offshore from Marblehead Harbor in Massachusetts Bay.

8. COURSES

8.1 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.

8.2 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.

8.3 Gates: If a gate is not in place, boats shall round the single leeward mark to port. If an offset mark is not in place, boats shall round the single windward mark to port.

8.4 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.

8.5 A green flag displayed prior to the warning signal 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.

8.6 A pink flag displayed prior to the warning signal 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.

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8.7 Routine movement of robotic marks will not be grounds for redress. This includes marks returning to station after having been pushed away by a boat or competitor and collisions with marks that do not cause damage. RRS 31 still applies. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1).

9. MARKS

9.1 Start and finish marks will be red and/or green marks.

9.2 Rounding marks will be posted on the Official Notice Board in Addendum No. 1.

9.3 New marks, as provided in SI 12.2, are pink. A subsequent change will revert to the original mark. However, a new green mark will be green with a black or white band.

10. THE START

10.1 Boats are required to check in with the race committee before their first start each day. Each boat shall sail on starboard tack, or motor by the stern of the race committee signal boat stating their sail number and number of souls on board. [DP] [NP]

10.2 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.

10.3 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]

10.4 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 61.4 (b) (1)

10.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10.6 The race committee may combine classes for a start by displaying both class flags at the warning.

10.7 The race committee may modify the starting sequence after the first race of the day for any subsequent races.

10.8 Any self-correction movement by a robotic mark on the starting line shall not be considered an improper action of the RC and not grounds for redress under RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1). This is added to RRS 27.2.

10.9 All classes that race on the Archers Line will be started in accordance with the US Sailing Prescription Appendix U – Audible-Signal Racing System.

11. RECALLS

The race committee may announce on VHF radio, boats identified as OCS. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive the announcements, the timeliness of announcement or the order in which boats are announced. This changes RRS 61.4 (b) (1) and RRS/US U5.

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

12.1 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 5 degrees or the length up to 5% of the previous length, or adjust the angle or width of the leeward gate, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes RRS 33.

12.2 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 displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark. For courses designating a downwind finish, the finishing mark will be placed on the side opposite that of the starting mark.

13.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound signal, while boats are finishing means "no more racing today."

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit will be 90 minutes for all buoy race classes.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes and not subsequently retiring, or penalized, or given redress, will be scored TLE without a hearing. Boats scored TLE will receive points equal to the number of boats that finished within the Time Limit (SI 14.1) plus two (2) points. Such score shall not exceed the number of entries plus one (1) point. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 A boat's protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee boat for her race circle is docked. The docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.2 Protests, requests for redress, and requests to reopen a hearing shall be delivered to the protest desk at Corinthian Yacht Club in person, or via the race website, within the appropriate time limit. Hearing request forms are available on the Official Notice Board and at the protest desk.

15.3 The time limit for requesting redress based on a scoring inquiry is 30 minutes after posting of the results or the protest time limit, whichever is later.

15.4 Protests will be heard at the Corinthian Yacht Club in person. The Hearing Schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable. If unable to do so, competitors retiring shall report to Sailing World by emailing regattas@sailingworld.com the boat name/status/details immediately after coming ashore. [DP] [NP]

16.2 It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal flotation when conditions warrant.

16.3 A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe. [NP]

16.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for breaking SI 17.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2 and 60.3.

17. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Viper 640s, Lightnings, and ILCAs 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]

ARCHERS LINE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that their waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to closing of on-site registration.

1.2 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.

2. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the **Official Notice Board, located at www.yachtscore.com/emenu/50512**, before 0900 hours EDT on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

2.2 On the water changes to the sailing instructions may be hailed verbally per RRS 90.2(c)

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy announcements to competitors. Courtesy announcements will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 61.1 (a) and 61.4(b).

3.2 [DP] 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

4.2 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)".

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

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Racing will be held for the ILCA Class on Saturday and Sunday, July 25 & 26, 2026.

5.2 Racing will be held for the Town Class on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 24, 25 & 26, 2026.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each day of racing is 1200.

5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday, July 26, 2026.

6. DIVISIONS, CLASS FLAGS, STARTING SIGNALS, AND MARKS

Class flags, racing area, and description of marks will be defined in SI Addendum No. 1, posted on the Official Notice Board.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area location will be in the vicinity of Children's Island, Archers Line - noted in SI Addendum No. 1.

8. COURSES

8.1 Courses will be windward/ leeward, leeward/windward with potentially multiple laps announced orally on the water.

8.2 Course patterns will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

8.3 The color of the first mark will be announced orally and by displaying a flag of similar color on the Race Committee Vessel.

9. MARKS

9.1 Start and finish marks will be red and/or green marks.

9.2 Rounding marks will be described in Addendum 1 and Courses Patterns on the Official Notice Board.

10. THE START

10.1 Boats are required to check in with the race committee before their first start of each day. Each boat shall sail on starboard tack, by the stern of the Race Committee signal vessel, stating their sail number. [NP] [DP]

10.2 Races will be started in accordance with the US Sailing Prescription Appendix U – Audible-Signal Racing System.

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

10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To maintain a course configuration or change course length, marks may be moved with no signal to competitors; no mark shall be moved when any boat is sailing to it. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff on the race committee signal vessel from which a blue flag is displayed and the course side of the nearby mark.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1 If no boat finishes the race within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

13.2 The finishing window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course. Boats starting but failing to sail the course within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the finishing place of the last boat that sailed the course within the Finishing Window. Such score shall not exceed the number of entries plus one (1) point. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

13.3 The Finishing Window is 10 minutes.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

14.1 A boat's protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee boat for her race circle is docked. The docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

14.2 Protests, requests for redress, and requests to reopen a hearing shall be delivered to the protest desk at Corinthian Yacht Club in person, or via the race website, within the appropriate time limit. Hearing request forms are available on the Official Notice Board and at the protest desk.

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15.2 It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal flotation when conditions warrant.

16. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

16.1 ILCA dinghies may be hauled out each day.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ADDENDUM NO. 1

Division Assignments, Initial Starting Order each day, and Class Flags
(Class flags will be the class insignia or as below)

THURSDAY ONLY

NORTH LINE

Race Officer — Boston Yacht Club (VHF Channel 78A)

Start and finish marks will be red and/or green. Rounding marks will be yellow. Change marks will be pink or green. Sponsors' marks may be substituted during the competition.

- **IOD** **Numeral Pennant 1**
- **Rhodes 19** **Numeral Pennant 2**

FRIDAY

SOUTH (OUTSIDE) LINE

Race Officer — Corinthian Yacht Club (VHF Channel 72)

Start and finish marks will be red and/or green. Turning marks will be red. Change marks will be pink or green. Sponsors' marks may be substituted during the competition.

- **J/105** **Numeral Pennant 1**
- **IOD** **Numeral Pennant 2**
- **Viper 640** **Numeral Pennant 3**

NORTH LINE

Race Officer — Boston Yacht Club (VHF Channel 78A)

Start and finish marks will be red and/or green. Rounding marks will be yellow. Change marks will be pink or green. Sponsors' marks may be substituted during the competition.

- **Lightning** **Numeral Pennant 1**
- **Rhodes 19** **Numeral Pennant 2**
- **Int'l 110** **Numeral Pennant 3**

ARCHERS LINE

Race Officer — Eastern Yacht Club (VHF Channel 73)

The Starting mark will be a green mark or ball. Windward marks will be yellow and pink marks or balls. Gates will be Orange Balls. Sponsors' marks may be substituted during the competition.

- **Town Class** **Numeral Pennant 1**

TINKERS LINE

Race Officer — Eastern Yacht Club (VHF Channel 67)

The Starting and Finish marks will be a green robotic mark. Turning marks will be orange robotic marks. Change marks will be a pink or green mark. Sponsors' marks may be substituted during the competition.

- **Etchells** **Numeral Pennant 1**
- **J/70** **Numeral Pennant 2**

SATURDAY – SUNDAY

SOUTH (OUTSIDE) LINE

Race Officer — Corinthian Yacht Club (VHF Channel 72)

Start and finish marks will be red and/or green. Turning marks will be red. Change marks will be pink or green. Sponsors' marks may be substituted during the competition.

- **J/105** **Numeral Pennant 1**
- **IOD** **Numeral Pennant 2**
- **Viper 640** **Numeral Pennant 3**

NORTH LINE

Race Officer — Boston Yacht Club (VHF Channel 78A)

Start and finish marks will be red and/or green. Rounding marks will be yellow. Change marks will be pink or green. Sponsors' marks may be substituted during the competition.

- **Lightning** **Numeral Pennant 1**
- **Rhodes 19** **Numeral Pennant 2**
- **Int'l 110** **Numeral Pennant 3**

ARCHERS LINE

Race Officer — Eastern Yacht Club (VHF Channel 73)

The Starting mark will be a green mark or ball. Windward marks will be yellow and pink marks or balls. Gates will be Orange Balls. Sponsors' marks may be substituted during the competition.

- **ILCA** **Numeral Pennant 1**
- **Town Class** **Numeral Pennant 2**

TINKERS LINE

Race Officer — Eastern Yacht Club (VHF Channel 67)

The Starting and Finish marks will be a green robotic mark. Turning marks will be orange robotic marks. Change marks will be a pink or green mark. Sponsors' marks may be substituted during the competition.

- **Etchells** **Numeral Pennant 1**
- **J/70** **Numeral Pennant 2**