



August 14th -16th, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Storm Trysail Club

The Host Club is the Eastern Yacht Club (“EYC”, official host) in association with the Boston Yacht Club and the Corinthian Yacht Club

The notation [NP] is a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The changes RRS 60.1

1 RULES

Racing will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except as may be amended by this NOR or the Sailing Instructions.
 - 1.1.1 RRS Appendix V-Alternative Penalties, applies (V1 & V2).
 - 1.1.2 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or” 1.2 2026 PHRF New England (PHRF-NE), and ORReZ policies, procedures and by-laws.
- 1.3 The Mass Bay Sailing Association 2026 General Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 The class rules for each one-design class.
- 1.5 The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for “Nearshore” events. In the event of a conflict between these requirements and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.
- 1.6 The current IMS Rule (measurement) and ORC Rating Systems (ratings) rules and regulations.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at [yachtscoring.com/event documents](https://yachtscoring.com/event/documents) approximately one week before the event.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.6 The official notice board will be on yachtscoring.com/noticeboard. In addition, and as a courtesy only, an attempt will be made to post notices at the Eastern Yacht Club on the glass wall of the sailing office, the Boston Yacht Club, on the notice board in the PC Don Humphreys Yard Arm building, and the notice board located near the trophy room of the Corinthian Yacht Club.
- 3.7 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio. The Channel will be stated in the SI's.
- 3.8 RRS 41, Outside Help, is changed by adding: (e) Help in the form of information available to all boats while racing even if that information is accessible at a nominal cost. Outside Help shall not include

private forecasts, tactical advice or information or instructions customized for a particular boat or group of boats and/or her/their situation.

3.9 All boats must carry a working VHF capable of communicating on channels 5A, 13, 16, 67, 72, and 78A.

3.10 All boats must carry a cell phone, the number of which shall be on file with the race committee.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.6 The regatta is open to all boats with a valid New England PHRF, ORC or ORRez Certificate, J70, J105, Etchells, Rhodes 19, IOD, Viper 640. Other classes may be added at the discretion of the OA Classes racing must have a minimum of 5 boats to participate.

4.7 Spinnaker, and Jib and Main classes are invited.

4.8 Eligible boats shall enter online at yachtscoring.com/event/entry

4.9 No entries will be accepted after 1900 on August 13th, 2026.

4.10 For all PHRF, ORC and ORRez classes **ONLY**, boats may carry one additional crewmember less than 14 years of age. This additional crew member will not be included in the maximum crew number or crew weight. Entrants intending to carry additional crew shall so indicate at registration.

5 FEES

5.6 Fee for sailing with Spinnaker or Jib and Main is \$10/foot based on LOA rounded down to the nearest whole foot. Fees include wristbands for access to post-race socials for all crew members registered per your entry. ****Early Bird Discount Fee for boats who register prior to July 29, 2026, is \$8/foot, rounded down to the nearest whole foot.**

5.7 Fee for J/70 Etchells, IOD & Viper 640 classes is \$220 which includes 4 wrist bands for event socials. ****Early Bird Discount Fee for boats who register prior to July 29, 2026, is \$200**

5.8 Fee for Rhodes 19 classes is \$180 which includes 3 wrist bands for event socials.

****Early Bird Discount Fee for boats who register prior to July 29, 2026, is \$160**

6 ADVERTISING

6.6 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

6.7 A boat and her crew shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

7 SCHEDULE

7.6 A representative from each boat shall appear at registration for class assignments and scratch sheets, bow stickers and class flags, and confirm Crew Waiver Form.

7.7 Thursday August 13th 1730-1930 Registration for Classes racing Friday Aug 14th

7.3 Friday, August 14th: 1200-Intended Warning for Friday Classes

1730-1900 Registration

TBD THR & EYC Pursuit Social, Eastern YC .

7.4 Saturday, August 15th: 1200 Intended Warning for all courses.

TBD THR Social, daily awards and entertainment

7.5 Sunday, August 16th : 1200 Intended Warning for all courses

1500 No warning signals after this time

TBD Awards Ceremony (after racing) |

7.6 It is the intention of the Race Committee to run or conduct as many races as practical.

8 VENUE

Racing will be held in Massachusetts Bay outside of Marblehead Harbor. Shoreside activities will be conducted at Eastern Yacht Club

9 COURSES & MARKS

9.3 Course diagrams and mark descriptions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

9.3.1 Sailing Instructions for the THR Feeder Race will be posted on YachtScoring no later than one month before the event.

9.1 Courses for the PHRF, ORRez, and ORC classes will be drop marks; however, at the discretion of the race committee, government marks may be used.

9.2 Courses for the one design classes will be drop marks.

10 PENALTIES & PROTESTS

10.1 Appendix V2(b) is changed such that the Post-Race Penalty is 20%, Or 3 places whichever is greater.

10.2 Protests and Scoring Inquiries may be filed online on YachtScoring.

10.3 The Protest Desk will be located outside of the EYC sailing office.

11 SCORING

11.1 Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, will be used except that boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Time Limit Expired (“TLE”) and scored points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus two, but in no case scored more than the number of starters. This changes RRS Appendix A5 & A10.

11.2 No boat’s score will be excluded. This changes RRS Appendix A2.1.

11.3 For handicap fleet racing, scoring for ORRez will be Time on Distance (TOD) and for PHRF and ORC will be Time on Time (TOT).

11.3.1 ORRez classes will be scored using Performance Curve Scoring (PCS).

11.4 Completion of one race shall constitute the Regatta.

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11.6 The THR is a Mass Bay Qualifying Regatta

11.7 Scoring for the THR Feeder Pursuit Race will be PHRF – Time on Distance (TOD) and will not be included in the Overall scoring for the Regatta.

12 RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

13 PRIVACY POLICY AND MEDIA RIGHTS

As a condition of participating in the regatta, competitors shall agree to accept operational communications (voice, email, text, or other), and grant the OA, and its agents, employees, sponsors, and assigns, the irrevocable right and permission to use basic competitor information, photographs

and video footage taken of themselves, their crew and their competing boat, without notification, for use or distribution in any media whatsoever for editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information. Competitors shall agree to release, defend, and hold harmless the OA and its agents, employees, sponsors, and assigns, from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs and video footage.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000.00 per incident of equivalent.

15 PRIZES

Daily and Overall Prizes will be awarded as follows:

15.1 Daily class awards for 1st place boats.

15.2 Overall Class Awards for 1st and 2nd place boats, except PHRF Jib & Main will have Overall 1st place only.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Clarke Smith, tedhood@stormtrysail.org

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