



39<sup>th</sup> Biennial  
**2023 MARBLEHEAD-TO-HALIFAX OCEAN RACE**

*Joint Organizing Authority (OA)*

The Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron and  
The Boston Yacht Club

**Notice of Race (NoR)**

**Revision 1**

Posted: November 16, 2022

*Start: Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2023*

*Awards: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2023*

*Distance: 352 nautical miles*

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

**RED TYPE indicates significant changes in 2023**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) as modified for the event, available at <https://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/page/entry/inspections>, applies.
- 1.3 **ORR** *Full Measurement* or *Partial Measurement* (see ORR rule 1.03.1 Measurement Level) will be accepted.
- 1.4 Boats competing in the PHRF-Racing division may carry a fourth spinnaker meeting PHRF New England (PHRF-NE) rules without an increase in rating. This changes PHRF-NE bylaw 8.14.
- 1.5 Boats competing in the PHRF-Cruising-Spinnaker division shall carry no more than:
  - (a) the sails permitted under PHRF-NE bylaw 8.13, plus
  - (b) 1 asymmetrical spinnaker complying with PHRF-NE rule 8.15.1. This changes PHRF-NE bylaw 8.14. The spinnaker's tack shall be attached to the boat's centerline.
- 1.6 The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (**IRPCAS**) replaces RRS Part 2 from 2000 Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT) (UTC – 3 hr.) until 0800 ADT each day, and when visibility is reduced.
- 1.7 While transiting the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary a boat shall monitor available data sources for real time whale sighting information.
- 1.8 National Prescriptions of [Sail Canada](#) will apply.

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- 1.9 When RRS 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by hailing on VHF 16.
- 1.10 Except for single-handed or double-handed entries the minimum crew size shall be 4.
- 1.11 A boat racing single-handed or doublehanded shall be equipped with, and will be permitted to use, self-steering. This changes RRS 52.
- 1.12 Provided that her rating certificate indicates that power winches have been declared, a boat is permitted to use power winches when racing. This changes RRS 52.
- 1.13 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 1.14 Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after no less than 1 week before the skippers' meeting at [https://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/page/entry/race\\_documents](https://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/page/entry/race_documents) and a copy will be included in the Skipper's Package at mandatory check-in.
- 2.2 The scratch sheet which assigns boats to their classes will be distributed at the skippers' meeting and will be available at [https://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/page/entry/race\\_documents](https://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/page/entry/race_documents) no later than 2100 on the day prior to the start.

### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=15535>
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 12, 14, 16, 26, 27, 68, 69, 72 and 78.
- 3.3 All boats shall carry satellite communication equipment capable of 2-way text and/or voice communications and shall monitor this equipment for incoming messages. The text message inbox shall be checked at intervals of 2 hours or less.
- 3.4 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

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- 3.5 While racing, a boat may make voice or data transmissions and may receive voice or data communication provided no tactical, strategic or other technical advice is received.
- 3.6 In RRS 41 (c) (OUTSIDE HELP) the term 'freely available' as defined by the Royal Yachting Association case 2005/5 will apply. It states "Information available at no cost other than subscribing to and using a generally available and non-specialized service through which it is obtained is 'freely available'."
- 3.7 Boats will need access to a set of numeral pennants to be flown per the SIs. Pennants shall be not less than 84 cm (33") long.

**4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The event is open to all **non-foiling** boats with one of the following valid certificates:
  - (a) ORR or
  - (b) PHRF-NE.
- 4.2 Upon request the race committee will consider adding other divisions provided 6 or more entries have been received by June 1st.
- 4.3 Boats shall have crewmembers each of whom has competed, in their respective roles, in no less than 3 offshore races, each no less than 90 nautical miles in length, as follows:
  - (a) The navigator and two watch captains on a fully crewed boat,
  - (b) All crewmembers on a double-handed or single-handed boat.

At its sole discretion the race committee may accept other experience as being equivalent.

- 4.4 Divisions are defined as follows:

<i>Division</i>	<i>Rating Rule</i>	<i>Rating (for Scoring)</i>	<i>Handicap Range</i>
ORR	ORR	Offshore Mainly Downwind	not less than 0.760
PHRF-Racing	PHRF-NE	Racing	greater than 30 and not greater than 180
PHRF-Cruising-Spinnaker	PHRF-NE	Racing	not greater than 210
PHRF-Cruising	PHRF-NE	Cruising	not greater than 210

At its sole discretion:

- (a) The race committee may sub-divide divisions into multiple classes.

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- (b) The race committee may accept a boat with a slower rating.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter by following the instructions at:  
<https://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/page/entry>.
- 4.6 Eligible boats may enter special competitions listed in addendum A, available at: [https://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/files/mhor2023nor\\_add\\_a.pdf](https://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/files/mhor2023nor_add_a.pdf), by contacting [registration@marbleheadtohalifax.com](mailto:registration@marbleheadtohalifax.com)
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.8 Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the race committee.
- 4.9 The maximum number of boats that may enter is 130.

**5 FEES**

5.1 Entry fees including:

- (a) launch service at BYC after 1400 on Wednesday, July 5,
- (b) two BYC wristbands / RNSYS ticket packages and
- (c) moorings and launch service at RNSYS until 1100 on Friday, July 14

are as follows:

<i>Boat Hull Length</i>	<i>Entry Fee US\$ Received:</i>		
	<i>Before 2023</i>	<i>After 2022 and before April 2023</i>	<i>After March 2023</i>
<38'	1190	1260	1360
38' to <42'	1400	1480	1600
42' to <50'	1575	1670	1800
50' to <60'	1890	2000	2160
60' and up	2415	2550	2760

- 5.2 The entry fee discount for double-handed entries is 20%.
- 5.3 Other fees:
  - (a) Wrist bands / tickets for ashore programs \$100, see:  
<https://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/page/8800> for additional information.
  - (b) A credit card imprint will be taken as a damage or loss deposit on position locating transponders.
- 5.4 Refunds: Provided the Person in Charge informs the race committee of the boat's withdrawal from the race:

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- (a) before June the refund will be 100% of fees paid, or
- (b) before July the refund will be 50% of the fees paid.

### 6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 6.2 [DP] Boats shall carry a Position Locating Transponder provided by the race committee and mounted so that it reliably transmits its information.

### 7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Equipment inspection by appointment, see:  
<https://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/page/entry/inspections>

- 7.2 Pre-registration deadlines:

Deadline	Day	Date 2023
Entry deadline	Saturday	July 1
Submittal of rating certificate*	Saturday	July 1
Choice of division <sup>†</sup>	Saturday	July 1

\*: The penalty for submitting a rating certificate after this deadline will be 0.5% added to the rating for each day by which the deadline is missed, with a maximum penalty of 4%.

†: A boat may switch to a cruising division, or between cruising divisions after this deadline.

- 7.3 Marblehead: times are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (UTC – 4 hr)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Date 2023</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Mandatory check-in	Thursday	July 6	1000-1200	BYC Yardarm
Mandatory check-in	Friday	July 7	0800-1700	BYC Yardarm
Mandatory check-in	Saturday	July 8	0730-0930*	BYC Yardarm
Skippers' meeting <sup>†</sup>	Saturday	July 8	1130	BYC Tent

\*: [NP] [DP] The online crew list including emergency contact information, customs information and acceptance of waiver shall be complete by this time.

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\*: [NP] [DP] This is the deadline for entering special competitions.

†: [NP] [DP] At least one representative from each boat shall attend the skippers' meeting.

7.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first class to start is Sunday, July 9 at 1255. The scheduled start time for all classes will be published on the scratch sheet.

7.5 Halifax: times are Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT) (UTC – 3 hr)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Date 2023</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Race time limit	Thursday	July 13	1400	
Prize-giving	Thursday	July 13	1700	Spar Shed

### **8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

8.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid rating certificate.

8.2 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a safety equipment inspection.

8.3 The inspection cards and deficiency report (original or copy) shall be kept on board.

### **9 VENUE**

9.1 The starting venue will be the Boston Yacht Club.

9.2 The finishing venue will be the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron.

### **10 COURSES**

10.1 The course to be sailed will be as follows:

- (a) A triangle course near Marblehead,
- (b) Cross the Gulf of Maine,
- (c) Along the South Shore of Nova Scotia and
- (d) Finishing in Halifax Harbour.

### **11 SCORING**

11.1 The corrected time will be calculated using time-on-time scoring.

11.2 For ORR the corrected time will be calculated using the "Offshore Offwind" Time on Time (ToT) Rating.

11.3 For PHRF the Time Correction Factor (TCF) will be calculated as:

$$\text{TCF} = 650 / (550 + \text{PHRF})$$

Calculated to the nearest 0.001 (0.0005 to be rounded upward)

## **12 MEDIA RIGHTS**

12.1 Each boat (including all crew members), as a condition of entry or participation, consents to allowing the OA and their sponsors the rights to use, free of compensation, their name and image in any media taken in connection with the event for the purpose of editorials, press information and/or advertising purposes.

## **13 RISK STATEMENT**

13.1 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.

## **14 INSURANCE**

14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with sufficient valid third-party liability insurance.

## **15 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:

15.1 Halifax Herald and Mail Trophy to the first monohull to finish on elapsed time.

15.2 1st boat in each division.

15.3 Where the division has:

(a) not been divided into classes, 2nd and 3rd in the division.

(b) been divided into classes, 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class.

15.4 As described in Addendum A for special competitions.

15.5 Cook's Plate to the chef aboard the last boat to finish on elapsed time.

**16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

16.1 For further information please contact:

[race@marbleheadtohalifax.com](mailto:race@marbleheadtohalifax.com)

or

The Marblehead-to-Halifax Ocean Race Committee,  
c/o Boston Yacht Club  
P.O. Box 487,  
Marblehead, Massachusetts, 01945 U.S.A.,  
Phone (781) 631-3100, fax (781) 631-9059

or

The Marblehead-to-Halifax Ocean Race Committee,  
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**MARBLEHEAD-TO-HALIFAX OCEAN RACE COMMITTEE**

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