



Beringer Bowl Overnight Ocean Race
Friday - Saturday July 17 - 18, 2009
Organized and Sponsored by the Boston Yacht Club
Marblehead, Massachusetts

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Introduction. *The Boston Yacht Club invites all yachts with valid PHRF New England handicap certificates to participate in an overnight race from Marblehead to Provincetown and after-race social with band and barbeque on Provincetown harbor. For the more relaxed Cruising Sailors an OCS Division will be provided with a start at noon on Friday July 17, 2009.*

2. Rules. The MBSA Notice of Race and General Sailing Instructions (GSI) and the ISAF ORC Special Regulations Category 3 races will govern, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.

For boats sailing in a double-handed division, the following shall apply:

- a) Crew is limited to 2 persons, one of whom shall be at least 18 years of age.
- b) Wind vanes and/or autopilots may be used without penalty (changes rule 52)
- c) Asymmetrical spinnakers may be used without penalty.
- d) Radio communications is permitted between sailors in the Doublehanded Division while racing. This changes RRS 41

3. Divisions, Classes and Skippers' Meeting.

Divisions: PHRF Racing, Double-handed PHRF Racing, PHRF Cruising and OCS.

Classes: MBSA class breaks will apply.

Skippers Meeting: OCS Division at 0900 hrs Friday July 17th and all other divisions at 1700 hrs, Friday July 17th. A representative for each competing boat must attend the Skippers Meeting.

4. Entries. Entries should be submitted indicating the division entered before 1700 hours on Friday July 3rd, together with the appropriate fee and current rating certificate to the **BYC Race Committee, 1 Front Street, Marblehead, MA. 01945.** (For information contact Anne Coulombe, cell (781)-254-2744, acoulombe@sciplan.com). After July 3rd a late fee will be charged. The Beringer entry form may be downloaded from the Beringer page of the BYC web site.

Fees: \$100.00, less discounts of \$10 for USSA and \$5 for MBSA members. For entries after July 3rd the additional late fee will be \$20.00.

5. Notices to Competitors. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board near the main lounge of the BYC.

6. Changes to Sailing Instructions. Changes to the sailing instructions will be provided at the Skippers Meeting.

7. Signals Made Ashore. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the BYC flagstaff.

8. Schedule of Races. The first Warning Signal will be made for the OCS Division on Friday July 17th at 1200 hrs and at 1900 hrs for all other Divisions.

9. Class Flags. Alphabetic signal flags will designate classes and must be flown from the backstay at the start. Class flags are not required for the OCS Division.

10. Check-in Procedures. All boats must check-in with the Race Committee Signal Boat before 1200 hrs for the OCS division and before 1900 hrs for all other divisions, by sailing by the Race Committee Signal Boat, or by using VHF channel 72.

11. Racing Area. The starting area will be in the vicinity of Tinkers Rock Gong Buoy TR, Mark "D" of the Mass Bay Handbook List A, unless the Race Committee Signal Boat Carl Alberg displays Code Flag "L" and proceeds elsewhere.

12. Starting Line. The start line for the PHRF Divisions will be between the Race Committee Signal Boat and an orange tetrahedron. The start line for the OCS Division will be between the Race Committee Signal Boat and Tinker's Gong Buoy.

13. Finish Line. The finish line will be a line bearing 090 degrees magnetic from Provincetown Harbor Approach, Long Point Shoal Lighted Bell Buoy - Green "3", "QG" which is to be passed to port.

14. Course and Marks. The course will be given at the Skippers' Meeting. Marks of the course will be US Coast Guard navigational buoys, except for the start line which will use an orange tetrahedron as specified above in section 12.

15. The Start. Races will be started in accordance with Paragraph 14 of the GSI. The time interval between the start of one class and the warning signal for the subsequent class will be at least one minute.

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(continuation of Beringer Bowl NOR/SI)

16. Recalls. Recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29. The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF channel 72. Failure to hail, the hail of some but not all, or the untimely hail of OCS starters shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17. Finish. Boats shall take their own finish times. Boats must contact the Race Committee for confirmation of finish time. It is expected that the Finish Line Race Committee boat *Elizabeth M* will be on station at the Finish Line for the majority of the finishes.

When boats are approximately ½ mile by GPS from the Finish Line, they shall hail the Finish Line RC boat *Elizabeth M* with their boat name and sail number. All boats must also report their finish time, boat name and sail number promptly on VHF 72 to the *Elizabeth M*. If the boat is unable to report their finishing time when crossing the line or shortly thereafter by VHF, they may report via mobile phone call to Geoff Smith on (508) 561-0202 between 0900 hours and 1200 hours on Saturday, July 18 2009.

A signed copy of the Finish Time Confirmation form must be provided to the Race Committee by delivering it to the *Elizabeth M* at her Provincetown Marina slip . Boats that have not reported and received acknowledgement of their finish time may be scored DNF.

18. Time Limit. Sixteen hours after the start of each class, except for the OCS Division, this will have twenty four hours. The Race Committee may extend the time limit, and will make such announcement on VHF channel 72 at 1100 hours on Saturday July 18.

19. Protests. Protest forms will be available from the Race Committee representative in Provincetown and must be delivered to the Race Committee by 1000 hrs Saturday, or within 1 hour of the protesting boat's finish, whichever is later.

20. Scoring. The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, with ¾ points for first places, will apply. (Changes Appendix A4.1).

21. Prizes. The Beringer Bowl will be awarded for first place in Class PHRF-A. The Merrigan Cup will be awarded for first place in Class PHRF-B. Trophies for the first and second place in each class in each division will be presented. Third place trophies will also be presented for any class with five or more, and a fourth for classes with ten or more entries.

22. Social Activities. A barbecue and live band will highlight the social activities on Saturday evening at the Provincetown Inn. The fee for the Saturday Evening Barbeque is \$28.00 per person. Reservations and payment are to be made by July 10th. Further details will be given on the BYC website www.bostonyachtclub.net .

23. Mooring and Marina. Each skipper must make his/her own reservations at the Provincetown Marina by calling 508 487-0571.