

NOTICE OF RACE

THE SPERRY TOP-SIDER NATIONAL OFFSHORE ONE-DESIGN REGATTA Marblehead Race Week

Marblehead Racing Association July 24 - 27, 2008 Marblehead, MA

Sailing World and Marblehead Racing Association (MRA) are the Co-Organizing Authorities for this regatta and MRA will provide race management.

1. RULES

This regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2004-2008 (RRS). The regatta is subject to the advertising restrictions as defined in ISAF Regulation 20. Those classes sailing under Category "C" are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

2. PERSONAL FLOTATION

Personal flotation shall be worn as required by class rules. Competitors should be aware that the race committee may display Flag "Y" in accordance with RRS 40.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1. The regatta is open to any boat that is either: a) a member of a recognized class association for entry in this regatta's One-Design classes, or; b) a boat that meets the criteria established for this regatta by the class coordinator for entry in a level class; and provided that each class has a minimum entry of six boats. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to invite additional classes that do not meet all the requirements.

3.2 Potential classes: Alerion Express 28, Colgate 26, Etchells, Finn, IOD, J/24, J/105, Rhodes 19, S2 7.9, Skud 18, Sonar, Star, Town Class, and Viper 640.

3.3 The NOOD Regattas are open to those boats whose Owner and/or Skipper is a current member of their National Governing Body (US SAILING for USA members; to join call 1-800-877-2451.)

3.4 Except for wooden-hulled boats, easily removable bow stickers shall be attached to the forward 25% of both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing. The stickers are to be carried with the top approximately 6"-10" below deck level and with the leading edge approximately 10"-20" aft of the bow. Bow stickers will be provided at Registration in the Skipper's package.

4. ENTRIES

Classes shall meet eligibility requirements no later than July 14. Entries received after July 7th will be subject to a \$50 late fee. Boats which have registered for the MRA season championship are exempt from the entry fee (but not the social fee or the late fee). These MRA boats must still register and are subject to the late fee. For information on the Sperry Top-Sider Marblehead NOOD and/or to register online, please go to www.sailingworld.com. Completed entry forms, with the entry fee, can also be mailed to Sperry Top-Sider NOOD Regatta, 55 Hammarlund Way, Middletown, RI 02842 or faxed to 401-845-5180, and must be accepted by the Organizing Authority. Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of Sailing World and the Marblehead Racing Association.

BOAT SIZE

up to 24'
25' - 29'
31' and over
MRA entries

ENTRY FEE*

\$172.00
\$187.00
\$198.00
PAID (does not include a social ticket)

*** FEE INCLUDES ONE
SOCIAL TICKET For
Non-MRA Members**

MRA entries DO NOT include a social ticket.

*Entry fee includes one social ticket for Non-MRA Members

Social tickets - Advance purchase \$44.00 with your entry form (entry fee includes one social ticket for Non MRA Members)

Social tickets include dinner/beverages for Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Additional tickets will be \$46 after your entry has been submitted and at the door.

MRA entries DO NOT include a social ticket.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1 Each boat owner or his representative must report to the Corinthian Yacht Club, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, or Thursday, July 24 between 9:00-11:00 am, and 5:00-7:00 pm, to complete registration details.

5.2 Crew lists and waivers of liability must be submitted at registration. No boat will be registered without a completed waiver form. In the event of a crew member substitution during the regatta, the new crew member must submit a signed waiver of liability to the Race Committee prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid.

5.3 Sailing instructions will be available at Registration. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at all three clubs (Corinthian, Boston and Eastern), by 0800 EDT daily. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or other notices.

6. COURSES

Courses will be sailed off-shore from Marblehead Neck. Course patterns will be provided with the Sailing Instructions.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

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 total of 12 races for the series. No warning signal will be made prior to 1200 hrs on each race day. No warning signal will be made after 1430 hrs on Sunday, July 27th.

8. MEASUREMENT/WEIGH-IN

Measurement is not required, but each boat shall submit proof of holding a valid measurement certificate at registration if required by the class.

Neither the Organizing Authority nor the Corinthian Yacht Club shall be responsible for conducting or administering weigh-ins should they be required by individual class rules. Local or national class associations shall be responsible for conducting weigh-ins if needed.

9. SCORING

Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races, amends RRS A2. One race will constitute a series.

10. PRIZES

10.1 Daily and series prizes will be awarded for each class.

10.2 An award will be made to the boat which, in the opinion of the Organizing Authority, had the best overall performance during the 2008 Sperry Top-Sider Marblehead NOOD Regatta.

11. BERTHING

Moorings for the regatta may be arranged by calling the Corinthian, Boston or Eastern Yacht Clubs. Boats from out of town will need to arrange for a mooring. The Viper 640's are the only fleet with haulout privileges this year.

12. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.