

MS HARBORFEST 2019

38th ANNUAL MS REGATTA, SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019

To benefit the GREATER NEW ENGLAND,
NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

THERE ARE THREE COURSES PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

1. **Rules:**

The regatta will be governed by the 2017 - 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and by these sailing instructions.

2. **Schedule of Race:**

The First Warning signal will be at 12:30.

3. **The Start:**

Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 of the Racing Rules of Sailing. This is not a “rolling” starting sequence. Each class will have its own starting sequence. The time between the START for one class and the WARNING for the next class is at the discretion of the Race Comm.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and Sound</i>	<i>Minutes Before Starting Signal</i>
Warning	Class Flag HOISTED; 1 Sound	5
Preparatory	“P” Flag HOISTED; 1 Sound	4
One-minute	“P” Flag REMOVED; 1 Long Sound	1
Starting	Class Flag REMOVED; 1 Sound	0

The hoist of the flag, not the sound, governs the signal. Boats that start prematurely must return to cross the starting line properly. The Race Committee will try to notify boats that have started over early, but failure to notify does not remove the boats responsibility for a correct start.

All yachts shall keep clear of the starting area until five minutes prior to their scheduled start.

4. **Starting Line & Finish Line**

The starting line will be from the orange flag on the committee boat to an orange inflated buoy. **The committee boat will be anchored Northwest of Fort Gorges.** The orange inflated buoy will be approximately 100 yards from the committee boat. The finish line will be similar to or shorter than the starting line. **Note:** there may be orange standoff buoys at the committee boat. These are to be considered part of the committee boat. No yachts are to pass between these buoys and the committee boat.

The course side of the line will be the side closest to the first turning mark of the course without regard to wind direction.

All Courses shall cross the Finish Line in the same direction as you started.

5. **The Course:** There are **THREE** courses. Please, make sure you are sailing the correct one.

If, prior to the warning signal of the first start, Code Flag "R" is flown with one sound, ALL courses shall be sailed in reverse order. Marks designated as Port (P) shall be left to Starboard and marks designated as Starboard (S) shall be left to Port.

5.1 **Course 1 (Cruising Division 2, 3, 4, Classics)** **Course Length: 10.12 nm**
MARK **LOCATION** **LEAVE TO:**

Start	Northwest of Fort Gorges	
Daymarker	West Ledge off Fort Gorges	Port
G"11" FL G 2.5s	North of Portland Head	Port
Y"A" FL Y	House Island	Starboard
N"8"	West of Great Diamond Island	Starboard
RG N CI	West of Cow Island Ledge	Port
G "11"	East of The Brothers	Port
Finish	Northwest of Fort Gorges	

5.2 **Course 2 (Racing Division 2, 3, Etechells, Cruising Division 1)** **Length 11.58 nm**
MARK **LOCATION** **LEAVE TO:**

Start	Northwest of Fort Gorges	
Daymarker	West Ledge off Fort Gorges	Port
BR"D" FL (2) 5s	East of Portland Head	Port
Y"A" FL Y	House Island	Starboard
N"8"	West of Great Diamond Island	Starboard
RG N CI	West of Cow Island Ledge	Port
G "11"	East of The Brothers	Port
Finish	Northwest of Fort Gorges	

5.3 **Course 3 (Racing Division 1)** **Course Length 14.23 nm**
MARK **LOCATION** **LEAVE TO:**

Start	Northwest of Fort Gorges	
Daymarker	West Ledge off Fort Gorges	Port
G"7" FL G 4s	Willard Rock	Port
Y"A" FL Y	House Island	Starboard
N"8"	West of Great Diamond Island	Starboard
RG N CI	West of Cow Island Ledge	Port
G "11"	East of The Brothers	Port
Finish	Northwest of Fort Gorges	

6. **Recalls:**

- 6.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will attempt to notify yachts on **VHF Channel 78** however, the responsibility of a proper start shall remain with the competitor.
- 6.2 When a general recall has been signaled, a new warning signal will be made one minute after the lowering of code flag "First Substitute" (RRS 29.3).
- 6.3 When a general recall has been signaled, the start(s) for the succeeding class(es) will be postponed accordingly.

7. **Shorten Course:**

At the discretion of the race committee, the race may be shortened at any mark by sounding a horn and displaying Code Flag "S" on a boat anchored close aboard such mark. The finish line will be between the mark and the staff of the Code Flag "S".

8. **Communications:**

All participants are required to have an operable VHF radio turned on, tuned to channel 78 and monitored at all times during the race. In accordance with the Coast Guard Permit participants are also encouraged to monitor channels 13 and 16.

9. **Protests:**

Protests shall be written and lodged with the RACE COMMITTEE at the MS information table at The Maine Yacht Center within one hour after the time of the last yacht's finish.

10. **Scoring:**

The order of the finish will be based on corrected time over distance computations using the PHRF rating system.

11. **Alternate Penalties:**

The One – Turn and Two-Turns Penalty, RRS 44.2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply. After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible;

For touching a mark, a boat must complete one full turn.

For infringements when boats meet, a boat must complete two full turns. If the infringement occurs at or near the finish line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

12. **Commercial Traffic and Right of Way:**

These races are held under a permit granted by the U.S. Coast Guard, the Harbor Commission and the Portland Pilots. If a boat's failure to follow the rules of safe navigation results in a complaint from the United States Coast Guard, The Harbor Master, the Harbor Commission or the Portland Pilots, the violating boat will be disqualified from the race. Commercial Vessels shall have the Right of Way.