



Sailing Instructions Downeast Challenge

Marblehead to Boothbay Harbor

August 7-8, 2020



1. **Event:** The Marblehead Yacht Club invites sailors to participate in the Downeast Challenge, an exciting overnight sailboat race of 100 nautical miles from Marblehead, MA to Boothbay Harbor, Maine.
2. **Handicap System:** ORR-EZ Time on Time will be used. Boats without a current ORR-EZ certificate will be issued a non-contestable rating by the race committee.
3. **Rules:** This event will be governed by the Mass Bay Sailing Association General Sailing Instructions except as changed this event sailing instructions.

(a) Shorthanded boats (Single/Doublehanded) may use self-steering devices. This modifies RRS 52.

(b) Boats shall adhere to the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Coastal Races as defined in USSER #1.0.2. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the "person in charge", as per RRS 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather. S/he shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. S/he shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely installed or stowed as appropriate, and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.

4. **Notices to Competitors:** Sailing Instructions and notices will be posted on www.regattaman.com page for this event. MYC Race committee will monitor VHF channel 69 at the start. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on www.regattaman.com
5. **Mandatory Skippers Meeting:** Will be held on Thursday August 6 1900 hrs remotely:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82375679328?pwd=aIU4M044Z0NaRmVIT015UIVPQS9jQT09>

We will discuss the course, finishing protocol, and docking information. Scratch sheets and any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be available and posted on www.regattaman.com event page.

6. **The Start:** Start line shall be between either G"3" or RN"6" (alternate start location) and yellow Q flag aboard the power boat named 'Eider'. The first warning signal will be August 7 at 1200 in the vicinity of **G"3"** **FI G 4s** which is NW of Children's Island. Rather than delay the start due to lack of wind or other reason, the fleet will follow the RC boat to the alternate start location, Gales Ledge **RN "6"** located about a mile NE of Bakers Island. The warning signal for the Alternate start will be 1300 and starting sequence delayed by one hour.
- 6.1 **Checking In:** Each boat shall check in with the race committee before her first warning signal by sailing past the race committee boat stern and stating her boat name and number of people aboard. Checking in by VHF radio on channel 69 is allowed.
- 6.2 **Starting Sequence:** Start sequence will be as follows, all GPS time. The MYC Race Committee will sound one signal at each of the times show below, and attempt to hail start sequence via VHF 69. This modifies RRS 26. RC will attempt to notify OCS (over early) boats via VHF 69. OCS boats that do not restart will be assessed a 10 minute penalty.

1200 Warning for Shorthanded Class

1205 Start for Shorthanded Class

1205 Warning for Spinnaker and Jib & Main classes (Fully Crewed)

1210 Start for Spinnaker and Jib & Main classes (Fully Crewed)

- 6.3 **Radio Monitoring:** After each yacht starts they are required to monitor Ch 16 at all times during the race.
7. **Marks:** Marks of the course will be US Coast Guard Navigational Buoys

- (a) The start line will be between the MYC Race Committee boat flag & **G"3" FIG 4s** which is NW of Childrens Is, Marblehead.
- (b) The alternate start line will be between the MYC Race Committee boat flag & Gales Ledge **RN "6"** NE of Bakers Is, Beverly
- (c) Thatcher's Island to be left to port.
- (d) Dry Salvages (NE of Thatchers Is.) Lighted Bouy G"1" FI G 2.5S to be left to port
- (e) Bell G "1C" to the south of the Cuckolds and the Cuckolds (western Boothbay approach) must be left to port.

7.1 Restricted Areas: Boats shall not traverse the area bounded by a line connecting the following in the sequence listed: Bell G"9" (Powers Rock), Salem Channel Cans: "7" & "3", Nun "2" (near Newcombs Ledge), South Gooseberry Island, Can "5" (Pope Head), Bell G "9" (Powers Rock). Yachts entering this area must leave between the same two boundary markers that they passed when entering.

7.2 Course Distance: The course distance is measured as:

Normal Start (G"3" NW of Childrens Is) course 95.4 nm

Alternate Start (RN "6" NE of Bakers Is) course 92.2 nm

8. The Finish: The finish line is the line extending true west from **R"4" FIR 2.5s** (R"4" kept to starboard) which is NW of Squirrel Island.

8.1 Finishing Times: Skippers shall take their own finish time (GPS time) and immediately contact race organizers via Text message instructions below. Additionally, skippers shall complete the finishing time available at www.regattaman.com, with their finish time and deliver and email to eliotshanabrook@gmail.com

Text to **617-653-8358**

Finish Text Message: 'Yacht Name' HH:MM:SS

Withdraw Text Message: 'Yacht Name' withdraws HH:MM:SS

***Please Note:** Do not use the Text Number to call or ask race organizers questions. If you do not notify your finish or withdrawal by Aug 8 1600, race organizers will try to locate you, and if unsuccessful, will notify the Coast Guard.*

9. Time Limit: Shall be 1600 hrs Saturday August 8. Yachts that have not finished at this time shall record their 1600 lat/long position to be reported on their finishing time certification.

10. Protests: Must be delivered to Hodgdon Marina front desk within 1 hour of boat's finish.

11. Prizes: All skippers and crew are invited to the Awards Party starting at 1700 on August 8th at Hodgden Marina. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each class. There will be special prizes awarded for noteworthy events, so share your stories.

MARBLEHEAD MOORINGS: For skippers requesting a guest mooring in Marblehead on August 6, contact John Murray of MYC at 781-632-8828 by July 26. We will try to accommodate all visiting boats (with rafting). Alternately you can use Brewer Marina in Salem, MA for guest moorings or slips.

BOOTHBAY MOORINGS: Hodgdon Marina www.hodgdonmarina.com in Boothbay harbor has offered. Boats may be required to raft up. Moorings available too. Contact Hodgdon Marina at 207-632-5427 or imckay@hodgdonyachtservices.com to reserve a space.



