



August 15, 2015

REGATTA INVITATION

The Flip Flop Regatta committee invites all sailors to participate in this twelfth annual open ocean regatta. The race will take place at 12 pm on August 15, 2015 and will be a pursuit race starting outside Boston Harbor, with each boat starting on her own time. The race will be open to all mono-hull racing/cruising boats holding a current 2015 PHRF of New England certificate.

A private skipper's meeting will be held at the Courageous Sailing Center at 7:00pm on Friday, August 14th, 2015. Each registered skipper is allowed to bring one guest. A public party will be held on Saturday evening, August 15th after racing. Festivities will take place under the Mount Gay Rum Tent on Pier 4 at the Courageous Sailing Center at 6pm Saturday and will be open to racers and guests who have purchased identification bracelets. Refreshments and live entertainment will be on hand.

A special thanks goes out to the Constitution Yacht Club and the many loyal Flip Flop Volunteers who staged the Barefoot Regatta last year, filling a temporary void in the Summer sailing calendar.

Funds raised from the Flip Flop Regatta will go to support nonprofit inner-city youth sailing programs in and around Boston, such as Courageous Sailing, Piers Park Sailing, and others. The funds will be donated in Ally's memory.

**For more information regarding online registration and obtaining an application for a PHRF certificate, please visit our website:
www.flipflopboston.org**



NOTICE OF RACE

Flip Flop Regatta Committee is the organizing authority for the 2015 Flip Flop Regatta, a pursuit race to be held inner and outer harbor waters of Boston Harbor.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governing by:

- A. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (RS).
- B. The PHRF of New England Rules & Regulations
- C. Rule 52 is deleted.
- D. If there is a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
- E. Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skipper's Meeting. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the notice board at Courageous Sailing Center no later than 9am on the day of the race.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Flip Flop Regatta is open to mono hull cruising/racing boats which;

- A. have a 2015 PHRF NE handicap assigned by PHRF NE; and
- B. conform to the ISAF Special Regulations Governing Minimum Standards for a Category 4 race.

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to accept entries that do not comply with all of the criteria specified above.

3. ENTRY PROCEDURES

Online registration will be available on the www.flipflopbooston.org website.

- An email will be sent to all participants to verify receipt of application.
- Online registration must include: regatta fee and a copy of a valid 2015 PHRF certificate.
- No entries will be accepted after 6pm on August 9, 2015.

4. FEES—SAILBOAT ENTRIES ONLY

Entry Fees must be received by 6pm August 9, 2015. (Entry fee includes \$60.00 race fee, and 2 bracelets at \$70.00 each for admission to tent activities.) Skippers are permitted to purchase additional crew bracelets with their entry fees.

* Additional means of registering are available through Skipper Sponsorship packages described at www.flipflopbooston.org.

* Additional bracelets for the tent will be available at race registration for \$100.00, or CREW tickets can be purchased online at www.flipflopbooston.org for \$75 until August 9th.

5. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third-party Hull and adequate liability insurance.

6. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk and must sign a Waiver of Liability form. See RRS 4, decision to race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta (including on-shore regatta events).

7. EQUIPMENT

The PHRF Fleet must comply with all of the ISAF Special Regulations for a Category 4 race. Please pay special attention to Regulation 1.02 regarding Owner's Responsibility, as well as, but not limited to the following provisions of the regulations:

- A. All boats must have lifelines in accordance with Sections 3.14;
- B. All boats must carry a marine radio in accordance with Section 3.29; and
- C. All boats must have sail numbers (not manufacturers numbers or logos) in accordance with Section 4.01.

8. RATING

All boats racing the Flip Flop Regatta must have a valid 2015 PHRF NE Handicap rating.



9. MANAGEMENT

The Race Committee shall have the authority to interpret the rules governing the race, and to decide protests. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat anytime before and after the race.

10. DIVISIONS and STARTING TIMES

The Flip Flop Regatta will be sailed in one or more divisions depending on the number of entries and will be a pursuit race, with each boat starting at a designated time. The initial warning signal is scheduled for 12pm on August 15, 2015. Starting times will be assigned by the Race Committee and published with the Sailing Instructions.

11. CONDUCT

The boat owner or skipper will be responsible for the conduct of the crew offshore and onshore. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any boat, skipper, or crew from this race and/or future races in the event of a serious breach of conduct.

Reasonable safety measures mandate no water balloons, water fights or firecrackers, or other inappropriate conduct.

12. IDENTIFICATION

A Race Weekend Identification Bracelet will be required for admittance into the Mount Gay Rum Tent. Bracelets are available for crewmembers and guests over 21 years of age.

Picture ID's are mandatory for admittance into the Mount Gay Rum Tent. Children will not be allowed in the tent.

Skippers are responsible for all crew and guests for whom they purchase bracelets. All Skippers must check the Waiver of Liability prior to the Skippers meeting via the online registration process.

13. DOCKAGE

Dockage is available on Pier 4 next to the Flip Flop Regatta Tent for \$50/night on a reservation basis only.

Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis and can be reserved on the flipflopbooston.org website. Shore power will not be available in the "bullpen". Portable facilities will be available on the premises. Skippers rafted in the "bullpen" are responsible for ensuring they have adequate fender support for docking/rafting. The race committee reserves the right to place and move docked boats as necessary, and at their discretion.

Alternatively, you may contact the following marinas to reserve transient dockage.

Constitution Marina

28 Constitution Road
Boston, Massachusetts 02129
phone: (617) 241-9640
Fax: (617) 242-3013
Email: davidoff@foreshore.com
Web: <http://www.marinemart.com/constitution.html>

Shipyard Quarters

1 Pier Eight
Charlestown, MA 02129
Phone: (617) 242-2020
Fax: (617) 242-5296
VHF: 09, 16, and 71
Web: <http://www.marinemart.com/shipyard.html>

Boston Yacht Haven

87 Commercial Wharf
Boston MA 02210
Phone: (617) 523-7352
Fax: (617) 523-2270
Email: contact@bostonyachthaven.com
Web: <http://bostonyachthaven.com/>

Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina

256 Marginal Street
East Boston. MA 02128
Phone: (617) 561-1400
Fax: (617) 561-9539
VHF: Channel 9
Web: <http://www.seachain.com/bostonharbor.shtm>

For more information on the Flip Flop Regatta, including online registration and ticket purchasing, please visit: www.flipflopbooston.org or contact us at: info@flipflopbooston.org.

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