

AMENDMENT #1 (Changes to ESI)

EYC Lambert Overnight Ocean Race

4 Notice to Competitors: Add the following

4.2 Cellphones

Each boat shall carry a fully operational cellphone capable of sending & receiving text messages and it shall remain on for the duration of the race.

4.3 Defining “other means of communicating with the fleets”

In addition to broadcasting over VHF the Race Committee (RC) may use a ‘text message’ to each boat’s cellphone and/or email. This changes RRS 41 OUTSIDE HELP.

10.1 The Course: Add the following

10.2 Courses

The document posted to the Regattaman web site titled “CHART of the COURSE” – MIDDLE-2 COURSE Exhibit A” is hereby made part of these Sailing Instructions.

10.3 Reverse Course Direction

Depending on the wind direction the Race Committee may reverse the course direction.

If this change is to be made it will be communicated to the competitors no later than the Skipper’s meeting.

10.4 Shortening the course

The Race Committee (RC) may shorten the course by a broadcast over VHF channel 72 and/or with other means of communicating with the fleets. Boats will be told which mark of the course (GM) will be the shortened finish location. This changes RRS 32 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START.

10.5 Signaling the course

If the course to be sailed is the reverse direction it will be indicated on the Signal Boat using flag – ‘M’ over ‘R’.

13 The Start

13.4 Class flags at start

In the starting sequence the Class flag will be the classes letter designation (e.g. ‘A’ for Class A) except that Shorthanded Class flag will be ‘H’. Multiple Classes may be started together.

13.5 Starting Line

The starting line will be between the staff with an orange flag on the Signal Boat and Government Mark (GM) Buoy RG "FR" (Marblehead Bell).

16 The Finish

16.4 The finish line will be between Government Mark (GM) Buoy RG "FR" (Marblehead Bell) and a green tetrahedron or a blue flag on an EYC Race Committee boat. See 16.10 – self finish.

16.5 Any Race Committee boat in the area of the finish line will be 'On Station' only if it is displaying a blue finish flag. Without the blue flag, it will only be an observer.

16.6 Each boat shall record & report its finish time HH-MM-SS.

16.7 Even if an EYC committee boat is 'On Station' at the finish line each boat shall report its finish time using the "**FINISH TIME CERTIFICATION**" (FTC) form. This FTC form shall be submitted post-race even if there was a Race Committee boat at the finish.

16.8 The FTC shall be delivered to the EYC Sailing Center after the finish of this race. Alternatively, you may email a photo or scan to cochrane@caiboston.com

16.9 Shortly after each boat crosses the finish line, she shall report their finish time to the Race Committee by VHF 72 as follows "*<yacht name> <sail number> finished at <number> hours, <number> minutes, <number> seconds*". This same information shall be transmitted by text message to (617) 678-4174.

16.10 If there is no green tetrahedron and/or RC boat flying a blue flag at the finish – You shall sail as close as safety allows to the GM Buoy RG "FR" (Marblehead Bell) or the shortened finish GM and when the leading edge of the bow passes it, shall record that as your finish time HH:MM:SS.

17.2 Finishing Window

The Finishing Window - Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat in each Class finishes will be 4 hours. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5. However, the Race Committee may extend this time limit by a broadcast over VHF channel 72 and/or with other means of communicating with the fleets.

MBSA GSI 20.10 is changed as follows

Replace MBSA General Sailing Instructions 20.10 with the following.

20.10 a. When the ORR-ez handicap rating system is used, four wind strength ranges are available to be chosen for scoring. They are (in knots): less than 5 (Very Light), 5 to 8.9 (Light), 9 to 16 (Medium), and over 16 (Heavy).

b. The 'predicted' wind strength will be posted (VL = very light, L = light, M = medium, H = heavy) on the Signal boat and may be broadcast over VHF, before the Warning signal for each race. If no wind strength has been posted prior to the Warning signal the Medium range shall be used for scoring.

c. If the wind strength, during the race, differs significantly from the 'predicted' that was announced, the RC will broadcast over VHF the final wind strength to be used for scoring just prior to the first boat finishing. This final wind strength will also be posted on the Signal boat and shall be used for scoring. Differences between observed wind strength and posted shall not be grounds for redress – this changes RRS 62.1.

d. If a wind strength change is not announced prior to the first boat finishing, the predicted strength posted before the Warning signal shall be used for scoring.

25. Night Requirements

Between sunset and sunrise this race will be governed by COLREGS (regulations for preventing collisions at sea). Including - Everyone maintains course when passing or being passed.

Between sunset and sunrise each crew shall be clipped to a jackline or suitable strong point while on deck.

26. Engine Use

An engine may be used if you are in imminent danger of going aground as long as you do not advance your position. Report such use along with the time of engine start and shut down to the Race Committee after the race in writing to be left at the EYC Sailing Center.

27. Record Mark Rounding's

Each boat will record the GPS time of the selected mark rounding on the sheets labeled "EYC Lambert MARK ROUNDING TIMES". If possible, the sail number of the boat ahead & astern will also be recorded. These sheets shall be deposited with the Race Committee by leaving them in the EYC Sailing Center after the race or you may email a photo or scan to cochrane@caiboston.com.

28. Required Tracking Devices

Each boat shall carry a YB tracking unit supplied by the RC. Prior to the start, each boat shall ensure that they are working properly. Tracking devices shall be turned on at 1530 hrs. on the day of the race. Each device shall be in the recommended location on the boat that allows for the signal to be sent properly. Tracking devices shall remain on throughout the race and for 30 minutes after finishing. Each YB tracker shall be returned to the EYC/RC before noon Sunday, June 25, 2023.

29. Exclusion Area

Boats shall not pass through the area between Thacher Island & Emerson Point.

30 Communication

The "MARK ROUNDING TIMES" & "FINISH TIME CERTIFICATION" sheets may be submitted by emailing or texting a photographic copy.

It is mandatory that the time of rounding Mark RG "FR" (Marblehead Bell) shall be sent as a text as soon as possible after the rounding.

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