



2018 AM NCR

2018 American Marblehead National Championship Regatta

July 27 — 28, 2018 Century Park, Vernon Hills, IL

Hosted by the Chicago R/C Model Yacht Club. AMYA Club # 7

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1** The 2018 American Marblehead National Championship Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020* as changed by its Appendix E – Radio Sailing Racing Rules, by prescriptions of US Sailing, by the respective class rules of AMYA's American Marblehead Class, and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2** Changes to the Racing Rules are noted in the specific instructions where they apply.

2 RACE DIRECTOR AND CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** The Race Director shall be the primary race official and shall conduct the regatta.
- 2.2** Verbal changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made at any time by the Race Director. All competitors shall be notified. This changes rule 90.2(c).
- 2.3** These Sailing Instructions include Appendix A, *The Odd – Even System for Regatta Fleets*

3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

3.1	<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time (24 hour format)</i>
	7/26	Thursday	Check in and practice	1300 to 1600
	7/27	Friday	Check in	0800 to 0900
			Skippers' Meeting	0900
			Fleet Racing	0930 with no fleet race starting after 1600
			Regatta Barbecue	1700 at the regatta site
	7/28	Saturday	Skippers' Meeting	0900
			Fleet Racing	0930 with the final race starting before 1600

3.2 With the objective of sailing as many races as can be comfortably accommodated, the Race Director will determine the number of races each day after considering weather, course and equipment conditions. No race shall start after 1600 hours on any day.

3.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 0930 on each day.

3.4 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, an audible signal will be sounded at least five minutes before the warning signal for the first race following the postponement.

4 RACING FORMAT

4.1 Considering the number of skippers, weather, course and equipment conditions, the Race Director may decide to use a racing format of:

- a. *Single Fleet, Multiple Fleets for AM Divisions or The Odd – Even System for Regatta Fleets* in Appendix A of these racing instructions.

5 THE COURSE, CONTROL AREA, LAUNCHING AREA, MARKS AND OBSTRUCTIONS

5.1 The course location at the regatta site, the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, the control area, the launching area, the starting line marks, the finishing line marks and any areas to be designated as obstructions will be as determined by the Race Director. The Race Director may verbally communicate this information, may use a course board and may make verbal changes as long as all competitors are notified.

5.2 Marks will be colored buoys.

6 CONDUCT OF A RACE

6.1 Races will be started as required by rule E3.4 and E1.2 using an audible AMYA two-minute starting sequence. This changes rule E3.4.a.

6.2 Prior to the warning signal, a skipper may request the Race Director to delay the starting sequence for five minutes for the repair of a technical problem or breakdown of their boat. When such a delay is granted, it will be announced and the warning signal will not be sounded until the expiration of five minutes from the commencement of the delay. Each boat may be granted one such delay per day.

6.3 Boats whose warning signal have not sounded shall stay clear of the starting area.

6.4 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, that boat shall return to the pre-start side as required by rule 30.1 as if flag I had been displayed. This changes rule 30.1.

6.5 **Individual Recall** – When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the line judge will attempt to recall that boat by hailing per rule E3.5.

Failure of the line judge to make a hail or a skipper to hear such a hail will not be grounds for a request for a redress hearing. This changes rule E3.5.

6.6 Penalty Turns – Rule E4.3, *Taking a Penalty*, will apply.

6.7 The finishing line will be between the finishing marks identified by the Race Director.

6.8 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within twenty minutes, the Race Director may abandon the race. If no boat has finished within thirty minutes, the Race Director may abandon the race.

6.9 If a boat or boats significantly lag the balance of the boats that have finished a heat, the RD may assign finishing positions to these boats. Further, a disabled boat that is still under control and could finish eventually, may, at the discretion of the Race Director, be assigned a finishing position.

7 SCORING, MEASUREMENT CHECKS AND PRIZES

7.1 Awards will be given to yachts in each of four Marblehead divisions. Awards will be given to yachts in each of four Marblehead divisions. The “Distinguishing Features of Marblehead Divisions” are:

Distinguishing Features of American Marblehead Divisions		
	Pre-1970 Boats	
	Traditional — designs prior to 1945	
Rudder		skeg rudder
Ballast		integrated into keel
Garboards		hollow not less than 1” radius
Draft		less than 12”
Materials		wood, fiberglass, aluminum
	High Flyer — designs between 1945 and 1970	
Rudder		spade rudder
Ballast		lead bulb not extending forward of keel
Garboards		hollow not less than 1” radius
Draft		less than 16”
Materials		wood, fiberglass, aluminum
	Post-1970 Boats	
	Classic — designs between 1970 and 1995	
Ballast		lead bulb extending forward of keel
Draft		less than 20”
Materials		earlier materials and carbon fiber masts
	International — designs after 1995	
Materials		earlier materials and carbon fiber and kevlar

- a. For regatta award purposes, each yacht will be placed into one of four Marblehead divisions upon check-in. Color masthead ribbons may be provided to identify each division.
 - b. All yachts will sail together and be scored as one fleet. At the conclusion of the regatta, awards will be given to yachts in each division based upon the scores of the yachts in each division.
- 7.2 The Low Point System described in Appendix A of *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020* shall apply, using one point as the lowest score. For each eight races sailed, one high score race shall be discarded from each boat's overall score
- 7.3 At least eight races shall be completed for the event to be a National Championship Regatta.
- 7.4 The Race Director may decide to conduct random, on site verification of equipment, measurements and class authentication. Boats failing to meet AMYA Class rules shall be disqualified without right to appeal.
- 7.5 Trophies and AMYA Gold Chevrons shall be awarded to the top three positions.

8 SAIL NUMBERS

- 8.1 Rule E8 will apply and sail numbers are therefore required on both sides of the jib sail and the main sail. Opaque tape may be used for sail numbers. This is not a requirement of the Official American Marblehead Class Rules.

9 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 9.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.