



Corinthian Classic Yacht Regatta

Marblehead, MA. USA

Saturday and Sunday August 8 and 9, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the rules of the 2026 Classic Yacht Challenge Series, except as altered by the Sailing Instructions. See Notice of Series (www.classicyachts.org/series).
- 1.2 The regulations of the 2026 Classic Yachts Challenge Series will apply for yachts participating in the Challenge Series (www.classicyachts.org/series).
- 1.3 For the purposes of rules 14 and 44.1, any contact between boats shall be considered serious damage. This changes rule 44.1.
- 1.4 The penalty for a boat that has broken a rule, other than a part 2 rule, shall be at the sole discretion of the protest committee and may be different than disqualification. This changes rule 64.1(a).
- 1.5 Appendix V2, Post Race Penalties, will be in effect.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board (www.corinthianclassic.org) and as a courtesy on the notice board in the hallway near the Trophy room of the Corinthian Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to these Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0800 on the day they take effect, except any change in the schedule of races shall be posted before 1800 on the day before they take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm at Corinthian Yacht Club. When the AP signal is displayed ashore, the WARNING for the race will not be less than 60 minutes after the lowering of the AP signal made ashore. Competitors shall monitor **VHF Channel 72** for announcements regarding postponed or abandoned races and change in starting/finish area.

5. RACE SCHEDULE

For all yachts the warning signal will be no earlier than 1200. For all yachts, one race is scheduled on Saturday and one race on Sunday.



6. RACING AREA AND RACE FORMAT

- 6.1 Racing will be off Marblehead. The starting area is in the vicinity of the Marblehead Channel Bell RG “FR” located between Children’s Island and Marblehead Rock, except if conditions warrant relocation. In such case, the RC will display Code flag L (“follow me”) and announce its intent over VHF channel 72.
- 6.2 Races for Classic Yacht Classes will be conducted using a pursuit race format with slower rated yachts starting first. A schedule of the Pursuit Race starting times will be provided at the Skippers’ Meeting

7. CHECK-IN BEFORE THE START

Yachts shall check in before their start. The preferred method of check-in is for each yacht to sail by the Race Committee signal boat, hailing their name and the number of persons aboard. Yachts withdrawing from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible.

8. MARKS

Marks for all courses, except starting and finishing marks, will be government buoys or navigational aids except a portable mark “M” may be used as designated in the applicable course packet instruction. Courses and rounding or honoring marks are described in the Course Packets provided with these instructions and SI 9.1 below.

9. THE COURSE

- 9.1 The course to be sailed will have a Roman Numeral designation that will be displayed in the forward most rack of the Race Committee signal boat along with the approximate magnetic bearing to the first mark. The distance to the first mark will be displayed in the aft most rack of the Race Committee signal boat. The course signal will be displayed no later than the warning signal.
- 9.2 All yachts will sail in a Pursuit Race format with slower rated yachts starting first.
 - a. Course(s) will be made up from the government marks described in the **Course Packets** that will be distributed at the Skippers’ Meeting.
 - b. The starting time for each yacht will be provided with the scratch sheet that will be distributed at the Skippers’ Meeting.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the **Two Turns penalty is replaced by the One -Turn-Penalty** (at the earliest safe opportunity).

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a **Green** tetrahedron mark.
- 11.2 One minute prior to the WARNING signal, the Race Committee may make a short series of sound signals.
- 11.3 Yachts not starting shall stay clear of the starting area.

12. PROPULSION

A Yacht shall be allowed to have her engine on and running up to her start. The engine may be used for propulsion of the yacht in the sole discretion of the Skipper for safety purposes in pre-start maneuvers. This changes Rule 42.

13. RECALLS

The Race Committee will attempt to hail premature starters on VHF channel 72. The failure or delay of the Race Committee to hail some or all premature starters shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).



14. MARK BOATS

Mark Boats will display a yellow Race Committee flag.

15. SHORTEN COURSE The Race Committee may shorten course for any reason. (Changes RRS 32.)

16. THE FINISH

The finish line will be near the entrance to Marblehead Harbor and will be between a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and a **Green** tetrahedron buoy, unless the course is shortened. The Race Committee reserves the right to finish yachts in their positions.

17. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first yacht to finish is 1700 hours.

18. PROTESTS

- 18.1 Yachts intending to protest must conspicuously display a red protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity following the incident(s) being protested.
- 18.2 Protest forms are available at the Corinthian Yacht Club RC office. Protests shall be delivered to the RC office at the Corinthian Yacht Club within one hour after the time the Race Committee signal boat has docked.

19. SCORING

Yachts will be scored in the order in which they finish within their divisions. Ties will be broken in the manner deemed most fair by the organizing authority.

20. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

Competing yachts are required to carry prescribed Coast Guard and Class Association safety equipment, a working VHF Radio, Coast Guard approved visual signals for daytime use, and suitable anchor and line for the class and sailing area.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AND EMERGENCIES

- 21.1 While racing, a yacht shall not make, transmit or receive electronic communications that are not available to all competitors.
- 21.2 Emergency conditions should be reported directly to the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72. Yachts in need of assistance can call the Marblehead Harbor Master on VHF Ch 16. VHF 9 is monitored by the Corinthian dock.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 3, Decision to Race.) The organizing authority will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to or during or after the regatta.

23. THE CORINTHIAN CLASSIC YACHT REGATA IS DESIGNATED AS A CLEAN REGATTA.

Please bring suitable water bottles, consider carpooling and provision your boat to avoid single use plastics and keep our harbor and ocean clean. Please visit <http://www.sailorsforthesea.org>

These boats are all beautiful. When in doubt, give way.

