



NOTICE of RACE

27th CORINTHIAN CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA

Marblehead, MA

August 7 through August 9, 2026

Presented by Doyle Sailmakers

An official event of the 2026 Classic Yacht Challenge Series

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. 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).

2. ADVERTISING: Advertising will be in accordance with Category ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising.

3. ELIGIBILITY and DIVISIONS: (new definitions shown on 2026 CRF Certificates) . The Organizing Authority (OA) may restrict entries based on its judgement of a boat's suitability to compete over the range of courses.

VINTAGE (V): Yachts designed before January 1, 1950 that have been built, maintained, or restored primarily of wood, aluminum or steel, that have been maintained or restored with materials and methods consistent with their original design. .

CLASSIC (C): Yachts designed on/after January 1,1950 and before January 1,1980 that are built primarily of wood aluminum or steel, that have been maintained or restored with materials and methods consistent with their original design, and whose rudders are attached to the trailing edge of the keel with at least one pivot point on the stern post and are rated by CRF with Keel Types 5 or 6.

MODERN CLASSIC (MC); Yachts that meet at least one of the following criteria:

- A)** Yachts with design date on or after January 1,1950 and prior to January 1, 1982, whose rudders are separated from the trailing edge of the keel, that are rated by CRF with Keel Types 2, 3, or 4
- B)** Yachts that otherwise qualify for the Classic or Vintage divisions but that employ construction materials and methods not consistent with their original design, or are not primarily built of wood, aluminum, or steel. Determination of "construction materials and methods that are not consistent with their original design" to be at the discretion of the CYOA Technical Committee.
- C)** Yachts that otherwise qualify for Classic or Vintage divisions, but that have been extensively modified from their original design. Determination of "extensively modified" to be at discretion of the CYOA Technical Committee.
- D)** Yachts with design date on or after January 1, 1982, rated by CRF with Keel Types 5 or 6.

SPIRIT OF TRADITION (SOT): Yachts designed on or after January 1, 1980 that embody elements recognizable to classic yacht or traditional workboat elements in hull shape, deck and superstructure shape style and features,

whose rudders are separated from the trailing edge of the keel, that are rated by CRF with Keel Types 1,2,3, or 4. A SOT yacht may not be constrained by restrictions on rigging, equipment, or construction methods and materials.

CONTEMPORARY (CT): Yachts that do not meet the qualifications for Vintage, Classic, Modern Classic, or Spirit of Tradition divisions.

ONE DESIGN: There will be a separate division for **One Design** yachts whose entries are four or more. Classic One Design yachts (IOD, BB25, Shields, etc.) are encouraged to organize for fleet racing with four or more boats. For classic one-design yachts, eligibility shall be in accordance with their class rules when sailing both as a one-design class and under a pursuit race format. Other one-design classes that have classic heritage may participate with four or more boats.

4. **SPINNAKERS:** Any entry may sail with a Spinnaker under their CRF 2026 rating. **A declaration form must be filed by email with the OA by 12 noon on Thursday, August 6th.**
5. **A CRF 2026 rating certificate is required for all yachts.** The application form can be downloaded from <http://www.classicyachts.org/ratings/certificates/>. Please do this as soon as possible, as it may take several days to get a CRF rating.
6. **ENTRY AND SOCIAL FORMS;** The entry fee is \$175. For entries received after August 1st add \$25. Online entry forms, payment and information are available at www.corinthianclassic.org. Entries are accepted at the discretion of the Regatta Committee. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Regatta Committee. Entries must be accompanied by the entry fee.
7. **SKIPPER'S MEETING:** There will be a mandatory Skippers' Meeting on Saturday, August 8 at 0930 at Corinthian Yacht Club where Sailing Instructions, any Amendments and Scratch Lists will be distributed.
8. **RACING AREA:** Racing will be off Marblehead. The Race Committee will designate courses using government marks and special racing marks as specified in the Sailing Instructions.
9. **COURSES:**
 - 9.1 Course descriptions will be distributed at Registration. The course for each race will be posted on the RC boat, and announced over the VHF working channel to be announced at the Skippers' meeting.
 - 9.2 Races will be conducted as pursuit races with slower rated boats starting first.
10. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** For the Classic Yacht Divisions, one race is scheduled on Saturday and one race on Sunday. The schedule of events is shown below: **All entrants must check in by representative or in person on Friday August 7th from 3 to 6 pm**

Friday, August 7	1500 – 1800 1730	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Check in ➤ CYC Hospitality
Saturday, August 8	0930 1100 1200 1700 1830	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Skippers Meeting, scratch sheets, class breaks ➤ Harbor start ➤ Warning Signal Race 1* ➤ After race hospitality ➤ Dinner
Sunday, August 9	1100 1200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Harbor start ➤ Warning signal Race 2* ➤ Awards party after racing

*The first warning signal each day will be made no earlier than 1200.

11. **SCORING:** Yachts sailing in the Corinthian Classic Yacht Regatta (CCYR) will be scored under the Classic Rating Formula (CRF 2026) yacht handicap measurement rule. The Low-Point System will be used to score CCYR..
12. **PRIZES:** Trophies for the Corinthian Classic will be awarded in each division. The W. Starling Burgess Trophy will be awarded for the best performance in the Vintage Yacht division. Trophies for the Classic Yacht Challenge Series will be awarded after the conclusion of the series in accordance with the terms of the 2026 Challenge Notice of Series.
13. **SOCIAL ACTIVITY:** All skippers and crew are invited to share in the facilities and hospitality of the Corinthian Yacht Club during Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday, August 7 - 9, 2026. There will be dinner and entertainment on Saturday and an awards party on Sunday following the race.
14. **MOORINGS:** Visiting yachts will be offered complimentary moorings Friday and Saturday on a first come first served basis. Any yacht needing other accommodations should contact info@corinthianclassic.org
15. **INSURANCE:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid liability insurance.
16. **LIABILITIES:** Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers, the Corinthian Yacht Club, race committee, protest committee, volunteers, sponsors, agents, employees, or any other organization or official providing services at the request of any of the foregoing in connection with the events will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any person sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners, skippers and crew) agrees to release the race organizers and all persons and groups listed above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
17. **MEDIA RELEASE:** Competitors and crew members of the competing yachts grant, at no cost, the Corinthian Yacht Club, photographers and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material and representations of the boats in any media world-wide (including but not limited to television, video, print and electronic media), for the sole purpose of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the Classic Yacht Regatta and all participants therein.
18. **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>**

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