

Sonar Atlantic Coast Championships

May 31 and June 1, 2008

Manhasset Bay Sonar Fleet #11



United States Merchant Marine Academy



Manhasset Bay YC 

Port Washington, NY

Notice of Race

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the US SAILING Prescriptions. In case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions prevail.

1.2 Racing rules 29, A4.1 and Race Signals will be changed as follows:

- (a) The Race Committee may use VHF channel 71 to make courtesy hails for individual recalls (RRS 29.1). The visual signals shall govern.
- (b) A4.1 shall be changed to automatically score boats as DNS that have not started within 15 minutes of a starting signal and to score all boats finishing later than 30 minutes after the first boat to finish or within the time limit whichever is later as TLE.
- (c) Race Signal's AP flag when displayed ashore "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes".

The Organizing Authority is the Sonar Class Association. The regatta will be hosted by Sonar Fleet #11, United States Merchant Marine Academy and Manhasset Bay Yacht Club.

2. Eligibility

All Sonar class boats with a valid measurement certificate on file with the ISCA are eligible to enter. Helmspersons must be members (regular or associate) of the ISCA for 2008.

3. Entries

Eligible boats may enter by completing registration and paying the entry fee to Manhasset Bay YC. Entry forms may be obtained from Manhasset Bay YC (516) 767-2150 or the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club website at <http://www.manhassetbayyc.org>. Registration may be completed on line in advance or on Saturday, May 31 from 0800 to 0930.

The early entry fee until May 16, 2008 is \$180 for US SAILING members and \$200 for non-members of US SAILING and the regular entry fee is \$230 and \$250 for non US SAILING members, which will include a continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and a BBQ dinner Saturday evening for four people per registration.

4. Schedule

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| Friday, May 30 | 1200 to 2000 | Launching at MBYC dry sail facility |
| Saturday, May 31 | 0800 to 1000 | Registration & launching at MBYC |
| | 0930 | Competitor's Meeting at MBYC |
| | 1000 | Harbor Start |
| | 1100 | First Warning Not Before |
| | | BBQ dinner after sailing |
| Sunday, June 1 | 0930 | Harbor Start |
| | 1030 | First Warning Not Before |
| | | Awards to follow racing |

No Warning Signal will be made after 1330 hours on Sunday, June 1. A maximum of ten races are scheduled and one race constitutes a series.

The courses will be determined in the Sailing Instructions. The intention of the PRO is to have set mark courses from a moveable committee boat.

5. Scoring

The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will be used and a boat's worst score will be discarded if six races are completed.

6. Haul-Out Restriction

All boats shall be afloat before 1000 on Saturday, May 31, 2008 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission from the Principal Race Officer, a member of the Jury, or the MBYC Event Chair.

7. Safety/Communications

All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio. The channel for RC announcements will be stated in the sailing instructions. The MBYC dock monitors VHF channel 73.

8. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available from MBYC no later than Friday, May 30, 2008.

9. Racing Area

The racing area will be one of the three locations below in Long Island Sound and its bays west of Execution Rocks. The Race Committee boat will make a VHF announcement on channel 71 at 1030 hours on May 31 and 1000 hours on June 1 to announce the location of the Race Committee.

- A. West of Stepping Stones Light and between the light and Nun "2" off Willet's Point.
- B. East of Stepping Stones Light and between the light and Green Gas Buoy "29" off Hewlett Point.
- C. East of Hart Island in the vicinity of Gong "1".

10. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers, including their crew.

For more information, contact the Event Chair Bill Simon at foursimon@aol.com (516) 883-3418 (H)

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