



NOTICE OF RACE

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(Supersedes all prior NORs)

MARBLEHEAD JUNIOR RACE WEEK

July 20-22, 2020

Marblehead, MA

The organizing authority (OA) is PLEON Yacht Club, supported by the Boston, Corinthian, Eastern and Manchester Yacht Clubs

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The regatta will be run in accordance with Massachusetts COVID-19 regulations for Entities Providing Youth and Adult Amateur Sports. All participants, coaches, volunteers, race officials, parents and any other persons will be required to complete a COVID-19 affirmation form every day prior to arrival at any venue used by this regatta and wear face coverings at all times at the regatta while onshore, including docks, ramps and beaches regardless of their ability to social distance. **Violation of NOR 1.2 is subject to a Discretionary Penalty (DP).**
- 1.3. Life Jackets:
 - 1.3.1. RRS Rule 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved life jacket, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while launching boats, on the floats, and on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
 - 1.3.2 RRS 40 is further changed to require that life jackets shall have a whistle attached
- 1.4 The Marblehead Junior Race Week Code of Conduct will apply during the entire regatta, beginning when the competitor arrives for registration and continuing through departure on the final day. This code of conduct is posted on the Marblehead Junior Race Week page at <http://www.pleon.org>.
- 1.5 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.6 Appendix P may apply to all boats, except those in the Opti Green Fleet. However, Appendix P is changed as follows.
 - 1.6.1 Rule P2.1 is changed to:

When a boat is penalized her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty under Rule 44.2. If she fails to take it, she shall be disqualified from that race without a hearing.
 - 1.6.2 Rules P2.2, P2.3, P2.4 and P3 are deleted.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Competitors shall not have reached their 19th birthday as of December 31, 2020.

- 2.2 The regatta is open to boats of the Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 and Optimist classes with the maximum number of boats in each class as follows:
- 60 Optimist (Red, Blue and White combined)
 - 25 Optimist Green
 - 25 Lasers (Radial and 4.7 combined)

3. CLASSES

- 3.1 Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 and Optimist (Red, White, Blue and Green fleets).
- 3.2 Opti Championship boats will be divided into two fleets for the first two days of racing; on the last day they may be divided into Gold and Silver fleets based on their combined scores from the first and second days of racing. Assignment of a boat to the Gold or Silver fleet shall not be grounds for a protest (Changes RRS 60 & 62).
- 3.3 The minimum number of entries for any class to receive a start is five (5) boats unless otherwise approved by the OA.
- 3.4 On July 13, 2020 competitors in fleets that do not have five (5) or more entrants will be notified that their fleet is cancelled, and a full refund of all fees paid will be made.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1 All entrants must complete Registration and agree to the Medical Consent, Code of Conduct, and Waiver of Liability statements contained therein.
- 4.2 Online registration at either www.pleon.org or theclubspot.com/events is available until Friday, July 17 at 11.59 pm. Registrations will not be accepted in person. Registrations may be accepted after Friday, July 17 solely at the discretion of the OA.

5. REGISTRATION AND FEES

- 5.1 Registration fee is \$95 per sailor.
- 5.3 Registration fees become nonrefundable starting five (5) days before the confirmed regatta start date.
- 5.4 Completion of registration for all competitors will be accomplished via drive-through in the Marblehead High School parking area located at 2 Humphrey Street, Marblehead, MA on Sunday, July 19 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm or on Monday, July 20 from 8:00am to 9:30am.
- 5.5 Facial coverings shall be worn at all times during registration. Violations are subject to a Discretionary Penalty.
- 5.6 All competitors must personally present themselves at registration to be scored in the regatta.
- 5.7 **Absolutely no boats may be dropped off on the club grounds before Sunday, July 19 at 3:00pm.**
- 5.8 Trailers may be stored in the marked area at Usher's lot, 101 Ocean Avenue, across from Riverhead Beach. No trailers shall be stored on Eastern or PLEON Yacht Club grounds.
- 5.9 All visiting coach and spectator boats must launch at the Riverhead Beach ramp.
- 5.10 Competitors are responsible for assuring that their correct texting phone number is included in their Clubspot registration.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Races are scheduled for July 20, 21, and 22.
- 6.2 Launching is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 20 at 12:00 noon. However, competitors will be notified by text message as to their launching time each day.
- 6.3 On subsequent days, launching will not begin before 9:30 am. Fleets will be released for staggered launching by their assigned group.
- 6.4 Multiple races are planned each day. For those racing in the Optimist Championship fleets, the number of races will be as many as practicable. The maximum number of races for the Gold and Silver fleets, if held, will be 5 races.
- 6.5 The Laser fleet may sail a maximum of 15 races.
- 6.6 There is no limit on the number of races for the Optimist Green fleet.

7. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 7.1 In compliance with Massachusetts COVID-19 regulations, competitors will be placed into groups of no more than 25.
- 7.2 Each group will be assigned a specific berthing area for boat storage, rigging and de-rigging.
- 7.3 Competitors may not move between groups.
- 7.4 The number of people in each assigned area may not exceed 25 people at any time, including parents, coaches and volunteers.
- 7.5 Parents must drop-off and pick-up only. Competitors and coaches must leave the regatta grounds as soon as reasonably possible following racing each day and at the conclusion of the regatta.
- 7.6 Eastern Yacht Club's facilities and services are not open to non-members.
- 7.7 Violation of NOR 7 is subject to a Discretionary Penalty.

8. SKIPPERS' MEETING

In compliance with Massachusetts COVID-19 regulations, there will be no skippers' meeting.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. Sailing instructions will be posted online at www.pleon.org and theclubspot.com/events, and emailed before the event to all competitors, parents, and coaches.
- 9.2 Competitors are encouraged to send questions via jrw@pleon.org (OA) before the event. Questions received and answers will be posted on the event website as soon as practical.

10. RACING AREAS

- 10.1. Multiple racing areas will be located in Salem Sound just outside of Marblehead Harbor.
- 10.2. A course location chart will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. Courses and illustrations will be included in the sailing instructions.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point System, RRS A4, will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if six (6) or more races have been completed.
- 12.2. One race will constitute a regatta.
- 12.3. Overall fleet scoring will be used to determine White, Blue and Red fleet positions for the Optimist Championship class.

13. COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. Support boats and coach boats shall register with On-Water Safety and display issued flags when operating near the race areas.
- 13.2. Coaches are required to complete the coach registration for this event through the same registration system as the competitors at theclubspot.com.
- 13.3. To assist in complying with Massachusetts COVID-19 regulations, Coaches may not hold on-shore, post-race debriefing sessions, as all competitors must disperse as soon as possible at the end of the race day and the conclusion of the event.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Regatta awards will be determined by the size of each fleet.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See decision to Race, RRS 4. The race organizers (organizing authority, care committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liabilities associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 15.1. Visit the Pleon web site at www.pleon.org or email jrw@pleon.org