



DOWNEAST CHALLENGE

Marblehead, MA to Portland, ME

July 26-27, 2024



Notice of Race

1.1 Event: The Marblehead Yacht Club invites sailors to participate in the Downeast Challenge, a long-distance overnight sailboat race of 80 nautical miles from Marblehead, Mass to Portland, Maine starting on Friday, July 26. This is a great way to get to Maine for summer cruising or challenge yourself with long distance overnight sailing; sailors can also do the Portland YC's Monhegan race which is the following weekend.

2.1 Eligibility: Open to boats with a valid 2024 ORR-EZ rating certificate. Boats without an ORR-EZ certificate shall be assigned an uncontested rating. Divisions shall include ORR-EZ Spinnaker, Jib & Main, and Shorthanded (Single or Doublehanded).

2.2 Registration: Enter online www.regattaman.com. All entries must be received by July 25 at 1800.

2.3 Fees: The entry fee received by July 14 is \$55 (\$5 discount for MBSA members or GMORA members). Late registration received July 15-July 25 will be charged a \$20 late fee.

3.0 Rules: This event will be governed by the Mass Bay Sailing Association (MBSA) General Sailing Instructions except as changed by this NOR, or the event Sailing Instructions.

(a) Shorthanded boats may use self-steering devices. This modifies RRS 52.

(b) Boats shall adhere to the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Coastal Races as defined in USSER #1.0.2. except for sections 3.6.2, 3.16.2, and 4.3.2.

<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Monohull-SER-2023.0-Coastal.pdf>

(c) Boats may submit USSER waiver requests along with their risk mitigation proposals using the "contact organizers" section in Regatta Management.

4.0 Notices to Competitors: Sailing Instructions (SI's) and notices will be posted on www.regattaman.com page for this event. MYC Race committee will monitor VHF channel 69 at the start.

4.1 Skippers Meeting: Skippers meeting, sponsored by **Rumson's Rum**, will be held on Thursday July 25 at 1900 hours at the Marblehead YC, 4 Cliff, St. Marblehead, MA to discuss the course, sailing instructions, finishing protocol, docking information and awards. Skippers and crew are welcome to participate in rum tasting sponsored by **Rumson's Rum** and dine at the MYC galley. Scratch sheets, finishing sheets and changes to the SI's will be available at that time and posted on www.Regattaman.com's event page.

10.1 The Start: The warning signal will be at 1200 in the vicinity of **G"3" FIG 4s** which is NW of Children's Island.

16.0 The Finish: The finish will be in the vicinity of Portland Head Light. Skippers will record and report finishing times per the Sailing Instructions.

24.0 Prizes and Sponsors: All skippers and crew are invited to the Awards Party sponsored by **Rising Tide Brewery** including complimentary beer at 1700 on July 27 at Fore Points Marina, 1 Marina Way, Portland, ME. Trophies sponsored by **Points East Magazine** will be awarded in each class, plus a bottle of **Rumson's Rum** for the winners.

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MARBLEHEAD MOORINGS: For skippers requesting complementary MYC mooring in Marblehead before the race, contact John Murray at 781-632-8828 by July 15. We will try to accommodate ~10 boats <38' (possibly with rafting). Otherwise contact Marblehead Harbormaster for transient town moorings.

PORTLAND DOCKAGE: Sailors are encouraged to reserve dock space at Fore Points Marina 1 Marina Way, Portland, ME 04101, which is where the Awards Party will be held July 27. To reserve a spot, contact Fore Points Marina at 207-517-4860 or <https://www.forepointsmarina.com> or Dockwa.com



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