



## Notice of Race and Event Sailing Instructions (ESI)

# FAST MERMAID - Charity Race

EASTERN YACHT CLUB

Marblehead, Massachusetts

Sunday – June 23, 2024

**EYC Clubhouse**



**Pursuit racing is simple and fun. Boats start in reverse order according to their ratings with the slowest boats starting first. The first boat around the course wins. Come have FUN! First-time and experienced racers are all welcome.**

**This race is a QUALIFIER for the MBSA Pursuit Championship.**

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing & MBSA GSI except as changed by these ESI.
- 1.2 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules (Changes RRS 44).
- 1.3 Contact between boats is grounds for disqualification of both boats (Changes RRS 14).
- 1.4 All boats shall only use sails per their PHRF or Class Rule.

### 2. REGISTRATION

- 2.1 Open to all PHRF, one design, and cruising boats. If you do not have a 'PHRF rating certificate' the Race Committee (RC) will assign a rating. Register at [www.regattaman.com/calendar.php?reg=MBSA|MBSA-N](http://www.regattaman.com/calendar.php?reg=MBSA|MBSA-N). There is **NO FEE** required to register for this race. The RC may adjust handicaps to facilitate competition.
- 2.2 Online Registration shall be done no later than 2100 hours the day before the race. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee. The Regattaman website shows an up-to-date scratch sheet and the start time - click on 'View Current Race Entries'.
- 2.3 Fees: The entry fee is \$85 with a \$5 discount for US Sailing members and another \$5 discount for MBSA members. Get an 'early entry' discount of \$10 by registering before June 9<sup>th</sup>. Take advantage of the Plan Early / Pay Later feature.  
**Net proceeds will go to a healthcare fund set up for Lindsay Smith.**

### 3. SCHEDULE OF RACES - Only one race will be held. The first start will be approximately 1230 hours local time.

### 4. THE COURSES

- 4.1 The course will be provided in an Addendum to the Sailing Instructions. Copies will be available at the EYC Sailing Center and on the Regattaman website at [www.regattaman.com](http://www.regattaman.com).
- 4.2 The starting area shall be between the mouth of Marblehead Harbor and Children's Island.
- 4.3 Shortening of a race shall be between a blue flag on a race committee boat and the nearest mark of the course. The RC boat will also display an 'S' flag.

### 5. MARKS - Marks shall be government navigation buoys or orange tetrahedrons or MarkBot.

### 6. THE START

- 6.1 The starting line shall be between a staff on ETO bearing an orange flag and a green tetrahedron or a MarkBot or government mark. The mark may be replaced by another RC boat bearing an orange flag.
- 6.2 A code flag 'W' will be raised with one sound signal at the beginning of the start time sequence.
- 6.3 Each boat will start according to her rating with slower boats going first. Starting time information will be available at the EYC Sailing Center, or the website [www.regattaman.com](http://www.regattaman.com).
- 6.4 The RC will attempt to do a countdown (at 1 min. and 10 sec.) for each boat's start - broadcast on VHF 72
- 6.5 OSC boats shall restart by rounding either end of the starting line – no dip restarts allowed.

### 7. THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between a staff on an RC boat bearing a blue flag and a green tetrahedron or a MarkBot. The mark may be replaced by another RC boat bearing a blue flag.

### 8. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for the race is 4 hours from the first start.

### 9. SCORING

Boats shall be scored based on their finishing position.

### 10. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Since this is informal racing, competitors are urged to avoid possible protest situations. If this is not possible, you are encouraged to take a One-Turn Penalty as per 1.2.

### 11. SAFETY

A boat retiring from racing or in distress shall notify the RC on VHF channel 72 at the earliest opportunity.

### 12. POST-RACE

All competitors are invited to socialize and celebrate the day's racing at the EYC Sailing Center post-race with Complimentary chowder & hot dogs and a chit/credit card bar.