



Greater Boston Rumble Series

Constitution Yacht Club | Cottage Park Yacht Club | Hingham Bay Racing

Rumble III
July 31, 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Greater Boston Rumble Series (GBRS) will be governed by the Mass Bay Sailing Association (MBSA) General Sailing Instructions (GSI), except as amended by these Event Sailing Instructions (ESI).

The Organizing Authority (OA) of Rumble III is Hingham Bay Racing, Inc. (HBR)

Eligibility: Open to Boston Harbor Handicap Racing / Cottage Park Yacht Club, Constitution Yacht Club, Hingham Bay Racing, and all registered 2024 MBSA members with a valid 2024 ORRez certificate.

Entry: **All yachts are required to register online for the Rumble events at www.regattaman.com**, registration shall close at 1500 hrs on the day of the race. Unregistered yachts shall not be scored.

Check-in: Registered yachts must check-in online, or verbally with the Race Committee (RC) boat, prior to the First Warning Signal. At check-in, skippers must declare to the RC their yacht name and their intention to sail under their Racing Rating (Spinnaker) or Cruising Rating (Jib & Main)¹. This declaration cannot be altered after the First Warning Signal.

Fee: GBRS entry fee is included with your home fleet's twilight series fees.

Notice to Competitors: Notices will be posted online at www.regattaman.com

Signals Made Ashore: VHF channel 68. Please monitor your VHF as courses will be announced over the radio as well as posted on the RC boat.

Schedule of Races: GBRS - Rumble III will consist of one race.

Warning Signal: The First Warning Signal will be at 1830

Racing Area: GBRS - Rumble III will be held in the vicinity of Hospital Shoal Buoy - GR C "HS" (east of Rainsford Island at approximately Lat 042° 18.733' N Long 070° 56.250' W)

Classes: Classes will be assigned based on the 2024 MBSA "Spin" Class Splits. A yacht wishing to compete in any class other than its assigned class should reach out directly to the OA by email at RC@hinghambayracing.org at least 24 hours prior to the First Warning

¹ Per MBSA guidance, yachts shall be allowed to compete in their "Spin" MBSA Class under their cruising rating (jib & main) when declared "Cruising" to the RC at check-in, prior to the first warning signal.

Signal.² Class assignments are indicated on the scratch sheet. Each yacht shall display their class flag from their backstay or stern railing for each race.

Course: GBRS - Rumble III, as determined by RC, will be made with marks from the MBSA Standard Rounding Mark List C: Greater Boston & Hingham Harbor, attached to these GSI's - *Please note "Additional Restrictions" at the bottom of List C.*

RC may designate each class with its own course. Multiple classes may sail the same course.

All class courses will be posted on the RC boat prior to the First Warning Signal.

The Start: Class starts may be combined at the discretion of the RC based on yachts participating.

Starts will be in accordance with RRS 26 and in 'reverse' order (i.e., the slowest class will start first and fastest will start last).

RC will be using rolling starts – The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be the starting signal for the subsequent class:

The below times serve as examples and may be altered by the RC based on conditions, number of participants and multiple class starts being combined.

Class D and G Warning	1830
Class F Warning	1835
Class C Warning	1840
Class B Warning	1845
Class A Warning	1850

Recalls: The RC will use VHF channel 68 to hail yachts.

Time Limits: The time limit for each class shall be two hours from class starting signal. The finishing window will be 30 minutes after the first yacht finishes in each class.

Penalty System: RRS 44.1 is amended herein as follows "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*." Otherwise the turning penalty rule shall be used as per RRS 44.2

Protests: Written protest must be filed on the appropriate US Sailing Protest Form (<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/US-Sailing-2017-2020-Protest-Form.pdf>) by 1830 on the day following the race by emailing to the OA:

HBR RC: RC@hinghambayracing.org

RRS Appendix T – Arbitration is in effect for this event. At a minimum the arbitrator will consist of a three-person panel with a representative each from Cottage Park Yacht Club, Constitution Yacht Club and Hingham Bay Racing.

² Please note, competing out of the designated MBSA class splits may alter a yacht's eligibility for any award(s) issued by MBSA for the GBRS results.

Scoring: Each race of the Series will be scored under ORRez Random Leg Medium rating, as adjusted at the discretion of the RC. The wind rating selection shall not be protested.

Please refer to your home fleet's Twilight Series for individual fleet scoring information.

For the first time in 2024, MBSA will use the combined results of the 3 Greater Boston Rumble Series races as a MBSA Season Championship "Qualifier". Points are to be awarded based on the MBSA Season Scoring System. Overall series results will be calculated by summing the points earned in each of the 3 races. Tie breakers will be based on the most 1st place finishes and if the tie still exists, most 2nd place finishes, etc. There will be no throw out races for this series scoring. Please refer to the Mass Bay Sailing Yearbook, found at Massbaysailing.org for more information.