

NOTICE OF RACE

Rhodes 19 Class Association

East Coast Championship Regatta

Host: New Bedford Yacht Club and Rhodes 19 Fleet #9

South Dartmouth, Massachusetts

June 22-24, 2007

New Bedford Yacht Club and the Rhodes 19 Fleet #9 invite Rhodes 19 sailors to the 2007 Rhodes 19 East Coast Championships to be sailed on the waters of Buzzards Bay in Southeastern Massachusetts. The Organizing Authority for this regatta will be the New Bedford Yacht Club and the Rhodes 19 Fleet #9 in conjunction with the Rhodes 19 Class Association.

1. Rules

1.1 - The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2006-2008 (RRS). All of the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association and the Rhodes 19 Class Rules shall apply.

1.2 - Racing rule 43.1(b) will be changed to specify a maximum dry clothing weight of 5 pounds, including footwear.

1.3 - Racing rule A2 will be changed to exclude a boat's worst score if five or more races are sailed.

1.4 - Racing Rule A8.1 will be modified to include all scores when breaking ties.

The changes to the rules cited in 1.3-1.5 will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

1.5 - RRS 44.1, 63 and 64 will be changed to permit arbitration to be used to resolve protests.

1.6 - Rhodes 19 Class Rule, Article XII, Section B, Part 12.02 stating that the minimum total crew per boat for a class sanctioned event shall be three for all races shall be waived for this event in favor of the following:

Entrants will be authorized to sail with either a two person or a three person crew providing the following conditions are met:

- a. A boat wishing to apply for a waiver to Rhodes 19 Class Rule, Article XII, Section B, Part 12.02 for the East Coast Regional Championship Regatta must declare in writing (see *Official Entry Form*), that it will sail the entire regatta with two crew. Such declaration must be submitted no later than Friday May 25, 2007. No exceptions will be made for any reasons to the number of crew once a boat has declared. A boat that is not declared by the waiver date will be required to sail with a three-person crew.
- b. Boats sailing under the 2 person waiver will be subject to a minimum crew weight of 375 pounds, with the difference between the actual crew weight and the 375 pound minimum to consist of closed containers of water ballast which shall be installed inside the cuddy and above the floorboards and sufficiently secured so that they cannot shift while sailing.

Crew weights will be determined while wearing dry clothing not weighing more than 5 lbs, including footwear. There is no minimum weight limit for 3 person crews.

2. Advertising - Advertising will be restricted to Category A (see ISAF Regulation 20)

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 - The regatta is open to all Rhodes 19 Class keelboats as defined by the rules of the Rhodes 19 Class Association. All boats must meet all ownership, class membership, yacht measurement requirements and class eligibility rules, and must have paid all event fees before becoming official competitors.

3.2 - Eligible boats may enter by submitting an Official Entry Form, together with the Entry Fee, no later than May 18, 2007. Official Entry Forms may be obtained from the NBYC office, from the event web site

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www.r19fleet5.org/eastcoast2007 or from the Registration Chairperson, Scott Lindblom, s-lindblom@sensata.com (508-878-2969). Completed entry forms, indemnification forms, medical release forms for those under 18, and the entry fee, shall be mailed to: Scott Lindblom, 11 Smithfield Place, Dartmouth, MA 02748.

3.3 - Late entries will be accepted. Boats whose entry fee is received later than May 18, 2007 will be subject to a late fee.

4. Fees

4.1 - The entry fee is \$175 per boat. The late fee is \$40.00

4.2 - The entry fee will cover racing, dockage or mooring for one Rhodes 19, launching and hauling, social activities for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, one (1) t-shirt and coffee each morning. Box lunches will be available for additional fee. (Place your order with the registration form or with the NBYC receptionist by 2000 hrs. the prior day)

5. Schedule

5.1 - On-Site Registration for the regatta will be available:

Thursday, June 21, 2007 from 1600 hrs to 2000 hrs.

Friday, June 22, 2007 from 0700 hrs to 0900 hrs.

Each boat's representative must complete registration by checking in at the registration desk and picking up their competitor's packets during these times.

NBYC launching hours are: Wednesday June 20, from 8 am to 8 pm.

Thursday, June 21, from 8 am to 8 pm.

5.2 - Racing Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Races</u>
Friday, June 22	Up to 3 Races
Saturday, June 23	Up to 3 Races
Sunday, June 24	Up to 2 Races

There will be a Skippers meeting on Friday June 22nd at 0900 under the tent on the lawn of the New Bedford Yacht Club. The Warning Signal each day will be at 1100 hours. On Sunday, no race will begin after 1400 hrs.

6. Measurements

All boats shall conform to the Class By-Laws and the Class Rules as prescribed by Rhodes 19 Class By-Law Article XV, Section B 15.00. The actual measuring of boats and sails are waived for this regatta in accordance with the Rhodes 19 Class Association Rules.

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1 - The Sailing Instructions will be available at on-site registration.

7.2 - Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at the New Bedford Yacht Club official notice board by 0900 hrs daily. The notice board will be located in the tent on the lawn at the rear of the Clubhouse. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the regatta notice board for any amendments to the Sailing Instructions or any other notices.

8. Venue

The racing area will be outside Padanaram Harbor in Buzzards Bay.

9. Courses

The courses will be drop mark configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Penalty System

10.1 - Penalties shall be as described in RRS rules 44.1 and 44.2

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10.2 - Decisions of the protest committee shall be final as provided in rule RRS 70.4.

11. Scoring System

11.1 - The Low Point Scoring system, RRS Appendix A, as modified by the Sailing Instructions, will apply.

11.2 - Three races will constitute a series.

12. Rigging, Haul Out, Docking

12.1 - The New Bedford Yacht Club has a lift in the south end of the parking lot.

12.2 - No haul-outs will be permitted once launched until after the finish of the final race of the regatta. Only the Protest Committee may grant exceptions to this rule, in writing, in order for a boat to undertake repairs.

12.3 - All competitors shall follow any instructions given by the staff of the New Bedford Yacht Club or the Chairperson of this event.

13. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the warning signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

14. Radio Communications

No boat shall activate any device capable of receiving or transmitting radio waves communications when racing except in an emergency.

15. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for series finishes (number depending upon the number of entries).

16. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. Information

For additional information, contact the regatta chairperson Scott Lindblom, s-lindblom@sensata.com 508-878-2969, or the New Bedford Yacht Club www.NBYC.com info@NBYC.com 508-997-0762.