



2025 Rhodes 19 National Championship
Organizing Authority (OA); Rhodes 19 Fleet 5 and
Eastern Yacht Club
Marblehead, Massachusetts
August 22-24, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE AMENDED ON AUGUST 5, 2025

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in ***The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)***, and the Rhodes 19 Class rules as defined in **THE RULEBOOK** for the Rhodes 19 Class Association and its amendments.

1.2 Rule 60.2(a) will be changed to require all boats intending to protest to conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity following the incident(s) being protested. She shall display the flag until she is no longer racing.

1.3 The failure to hail, the order of hail, the hail of some but not all, the failure of a boat to hear such a hail, or the untimely hail of OCS boats will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.2(a).

1.4 Rule 60.4 (a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) If it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see the incident or,

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category A (see World Sailing 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 must register online at
https://www.regattaman.com/race_reg.php?race_id=1217&yr=2025

3.3 Boats whose entry fee is received after August 1, 2025, will be subject to a late fee. Late entries will be accepted until Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 12 noon.

3.4 This regatta is a championship event sanctioned by the Rhodes 19 Class Association. Competitors shall comply with the eligibility regulations of the Rhodes 19 Class Association rules.

4. FEES

4.1 The entry fee is \$350 per boat. The late fee for those registering after August 1, 2025, is \$75.

4.2 The entry fee will cover racing and social activities for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

4.3 Entry fees for skippers under the age of twenty-five will be reimbursed by the Rhodes 19 National Class.

4.4 Guests are invited to attend the Friday and/or Saturday night events at a cost of \$35.00 per person per evening.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Each boat's representative must complete registration by checking in at the Eastern Yacht Club and picking up their competitor packet during the following times:

- Wednesday, August 20 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Thursday, August 21 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, 4:00 pm to 6:00pm
- Friday, August 22 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Date	Event
Wednesday, August 20, 2025	Registration and Measurement
Thursday, August 21, 2025	Practice Race Warning Signal for Friday's races will be no earlier than 2:00pm. Rhodes 19 Annual Class Meeting following racing at approximately 5:00pm.
Friday, August 22, 2025	Race Day 1 Competitor's Meeting at 10:00am. Warning Signal for Friday's races will be no earlier than 12:00pm. Casual regatta dinner and Fleet camaraderie at the Eastern Yacht Club at approximately 6:00pm.
Saturday, August 23, 2025	Race Day 2 Warning Signal for races will be no earlier than 11:00am. Regatta dinner and Fleet camaraderie at the Eastern Yacht Club at approximately 6:00pm.

Sunday, August 24, 2025	Race Day 3, Awards Ceremony Warning Signal for races will be no earlier than 11:00am. No warning signal after 3:00pm. Awards and refreshments following racing at approximately 4:00pm.
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6. BOAT MEASUREMENT

Each boat shall possess a valid measurement certificate on file with the Rhodes 19 Class Association. Boats not having a valid measurement certificate may obtain one by undergoing the measurement process. As this is time consuming, boats should obtain their measurement certificate prior to the regatta. Measurement appointments, if needed, are strongly recommended.

The Measurement Committee will be measuring sails at the event and also spot checking boats with valid measurement certificates and spot checking boats for all safety equipment.

Measurement contacts are Stefan Thibodeaux at sjthibodeaux@gmail.com and Jim Taylor at jim@tayloryachtdesigns.com

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available in a separate document online at 2025nationals.rhodes19.org

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Mass Bay, outside of Marblehead Harbor and described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. COURSES

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Taking a Penalty

a) Appendix V1 applies, which states: "The first two sentences of Rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a one turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark, other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a two-turns penalty."

b) Appendix T and V2 apply, except that a penalty taken prior to arbitration shall be 20%. This changes rule V2.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4 shall apply. Appendix A2.1 is changed so that each boat's series score will be a total score for the series, excluding her worst score if four (4) or more races have been completed.

11.2 A maximum of twelve (12) races are scheduled. A minimum of three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

12. RIGGING, LAUNCHING, MOORING & HAUL OUT

12.1 Eastern Yacht Club has launch/haul facilities. If you intend to use the club facilities, please specify during registration that you will need a mooring.

12.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Judges.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

13.1 All boats shall carry a working VHF radio. The Race Committee will be monitoring Channel 68.

13.2 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or for non racing purposes, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

14. PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- Prizes will be awarded to skipper and crew for the top five places in the regatta.
- Perpetual trophies and other prizes will be awarded as applicable.

14.2 The following perpetual trophies may be awarded at this event:

- National Championship Trophy – awarded to the overall winner.
- Cressy Trophy – awarded to the overall second place finisher.
- President's Trophy – awarded each year by the Class President to the class member who has made significant contributions to the Rhodes 19 class.
- Don Quixote Trophy – awarded to the highest finishing competitor who has never finished in the top five in any previous National Regatta.
- Novice Trophy – awarded to the highest finishing competitor who has never competed in the event previously.
- Robert Jensen Masters Trophy – awarded to the highest placing skipper over sixty years of age on the first day of racing.
- Corinthian Trophy – awarded to the highest placing amateur skipper under 25 years of age on the first day of racing.
- Travel Trophy – awarded to the competitor who has traveled the farthest with the greatest effort to attend the regatta.

- Wet Bottom Trophy – awarded to the top finisher who is sailing with bottom paint.
- Fleet Trophy – presented to the fleet with the best record for its top finishers

15. SAFETY

Competitors are required to adhere to Section E - REQUIRED EQUIPMENT WHILE RACING as contained in the R19 Class Association Rulebook as follows:

ARTICLE XXXII – EQUIPMENT

RE 32.00 All equipment listed below shall be carried in every race:

RE 32.01 4-pound Danforth anchor or equivalent.

RE 32.02 Anchor line 100 feet long of 1/4" nylon or equivalent.

RE 32.03 Serviceable life preserver for each person aboard.

RE 32.04 Foghorn.

RE 32.05 Marine compass. Electronic compasses or other electronic devices capable of providing tactical or navigational information, or any information other than or in addition to, real-time direction, are prohibited. Separate, unlinked, timing devices are permitted.

RE 32.06 10 quart non-collapsible bucket.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'

By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury or death.

18. QUESTIONS, HOUSING and CHARTERS

For any general questions, please contact Jeff Shoreman at jshoreman@gmail.com

For housing inquiries for visiting sailors, please contact Tom Dailey at tomdailey15@gmail.com