



Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions
Tech Dinghy Frostbite Series 2026-2027
Organizing Authority
Boston Yacht Club
Marblehead MA, USA

1. **Rules.** Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of the Class Association, and these Sailing Instructions, as well as standards, guidelines, and rules required by federal, state, and local law.

1.1 Racing rules shall be changed as follows: Rules 40, 44.1, 44.2, 44.3, and Appendix A4.2 are modified for these series. Appendix U applies while Rule 26 does not apply.
2. **Entries and fees.** This event is open to all current and paid members of the Marblehead Tech Dinghy Association (MTDA). Each boat will be responsible for completing their own drysailing agreement with BYC, to be available under Race Documents in Clubspot. Individual boats/drivers will need to register by sail number by submitting the completed registration by November 7, 2026. All Tech Dinghies will be dry sailed from the premises of the Boston Yacht Club. Details and registration here:
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/WogEnVUm8K>
 - 2.1 Racers may bring their Tech Dinghies to the drysail area **beginning 11/4/26**
 - 2.2 Fee for Boston Yacht Club (BYC) members is \$275
 - 2.3 Fee for non-BYC members is \$375
 - 2.4 Registration fees are to be paid through registration at Clubspot
 - 2.5 Payment of a \$20 cash loaner fee per race day for using an available boat is encouraged
 - 2.6 All Tech Dinghies must **be removed from the BYC premises on or before 4/11/27**
3. **Notices to Competitors & Changes to NOR/SI.** Notices to competitors and changes to NOR/SI will be posted on the Marblehead Tech Dinghy Association Facebook group site (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1279151919105733>) and on the official notice board at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/WogEnVUm8K/#notice-board>. Oral changes to Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. This changes RRS 90.2c
4. **Drivers.** Scores will be counted for the season according to the sail number. Crew is optional. Substitute drivers are encouraged if the owner/skipper is unavailable to race, scoring will follow the hull number, unless the driver has their own sail, in which case the sail number will control.
 - 4.1 All drivers, whether owners or not, shall execute the BYC Waiver before racing. Minors shall have their parent or guardian sign on their behalf. Waivers must be signed once per season.
5. **Schedule of Races.** The schedule of races is given below. We will have a mid-winter break from January 1-January 31 when there will be no racing.
 - 5.1 All efforts will be made to make the first warning signal prompt at 1200 hours and no races will be started after 2:30pm. There may be a brief skippers meeting at 1130 under the crane to

notify of any last-minute changes. Racers should plan to arrive no later than 1030 so all boats can be launched and rigged in time for the first signal.

First Series

November 8, 2026
November 15
November 22
November 29-Turkey Tryst
December 6
December 13
December 20
December 27

Second Series

February 7, 2027
February 14
February 21
February 28
March 7
March 14-Blarney Bowl
March 21
March 27 (Saturday)
April 4

5.2 Race Days November 29 and March 14 are “elevated events”, which may have their own NORSI.

5.3 Cancellations may occur due to inclement weather or high winds. Assume racing is still on unless a cancellation notice is posted on the Facebook group, WhatsApp, and theclubspot.com by the Organizing Authority.

5.4 Multiple races may be sailed immediately after the first race. It is the intention to run as many races as practical.

5.5 Beverages and light snacks will be available inside BYC after racing for competitors and volunteers when BYC’s restaurant is open.

6. **Racing Area.** All races will be conducted inside Marblehead Harbor. Please avoid moorings when possible.

7. **Safety.**

7.0 Each boat is required to have a functioning VHF radio to facilitate communication between competitors and RC. VHF channel 68 will be used.

7.1 Life jackets shall be worn by all personnel and competitors while sailing. Failure to comply will result in that boat being scored DSQ without hearing for each race there is a violation.

7.2 All boats must always have a suitable tow line (15’) affixed to the bow, paddle, and bailer.

7.3 Only licensed BYC members will be allowed to use BYC hoists.

7.4 If retiring from racing you must notify the RC as soon as possible.

7.5 If in its discretion the RC determines that conditions have become unsafe, the RC will abandon the current race, and the competitors shall return to shore and await further instruction. The RC shall signal with 3 horns. No flags will be displayed. (This is an amendment to Rule 32.1 and is equivalent to an “N” over “H”).

8. **Marks.** Marks will be yellow or orange tetrahedrons or buoys and the mooring buoys to which they are attached.

9. Courses & Start.

9.1 All starts will be in accordance with Appendix U, 3-minute dinghy sequence.

9.2 Any competitor not starting within 3 minutes of their starting signal will be scored DNS.

9.3 The start line shall be defined as between the yellow Flag on the RC float and a tetrahedron or buoy on a mooring. The start pin shall be a different color from the marks. The Start/Finish line shall be considered "Open" - meaning a ***boat that is not starting or finishing may pass through the line.***

9.4 There shall be 2 courses (see appendix for diagrams):

- W: Windward-Leeward: Leeward mark may be a gate. Note the start/finish line is "open".
- T: Twice. This shall be W twice around. Note the line is "open".

9.5 **Recalls.** The race committee will attempt to hail boats that are identified as on the course side (OCS) on VHF channel 68. The failure to hail, the hail of some but not all boats, or untimely hail of a boat or boats, shall not be grounds for granting redress. The change RRS 61.1.

9.6 The finish line may be shortened by setting a mark or buoy approximately halfway between the signal float yellow flag and the starting pin. The mark or buoy shall not be part of the course until the finish.

10. **Change of Course After the Start.** When changing the course after the start, the Race Committee will lay a new mark and notify competitors before the first boat rounds the prior mark.

10.1 Changes of course may be announced orally with no sound signal and no "C" flag required. This changes RRS 33

11. **Shortened Course.** The Race Committee may shorten the course by finishing boats at a mark they were required to pass. No "S" flag is required. This changes RRS 32

12. **Penalties.** The first two sentences of RRS 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".

13. **Alternative penalty.** If a racer deems a 360 to be unsafe or otherwise is unable to do it, they may hail the RC at finish and indicate that they wish to take a 20% penalty (rounded up to the next full boat).

14. **Rule 42.** Rule 42 is in effect, but Appendix P is not.

15. **Bow Numbers.** All boats must display bow numbers matching their sail numbers. Bow numbers shall be black and 12" in height and closest digit shall be no more than 12" from stem (bow) and 2" below the gunnel. (Bow numbers will be provided by MTDA)

16. **Adjusting Standing Rigging during racing:** The stay tension may not be changed once the warning signal for an individual race has been made.

17. **Protests.** No flags or forms are necessary. The skipper protesting shall notify the race committee of his or her intention to protest as soon as practical following the race where the

incident occurred. Protests shall be heard using "3 Minute Justice" will be used, 1 minute for each side and 1 minute for deliberation. This changes RRS 60.

18. Scoring.

18.1 Each boat starting and finishing and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress will be scored points in accordance with The Low Point Scoring System rule A5.1.

18.2 Boats failing to finish within ten (10) minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored points equal to the average points that would have been awarded to all boats failing to finish had all such boats finished.

18.3 All other boats will be scored as follows (modifies RRS A5.2):

DNF, DNS, OCS = 1 + number of finishers for that race

DNC, DSQ, RAF = 1 + number of starters for that race

18.4 A boat's score for each race day will be the sum of her scores for all races that day, with no throw-outs. For calculating results for each series and overall, there will be one throw-out allowed for every 5 races completed. This changes Appendix A2.1

19. Prizes.

19.1 A daily prize will be awarded for the boat with the best score for that race day.

19.2 A series and season prize will be awarded to the boat finishing first, second and third.

19.3 Season championship prizes will be awarded based on the sum of the final scores for the two series after racing concludes on Saturday, April 4. A first, second and third place prize will be awarded per 19.2 above.

19.4 The Humphreys Winter Series Bowl will be awarded to the overall season champion.

19.5 The Boulter Award will be awarded to the BYC team with the best overall score in the winter racing season.

19.6 The Franny Charles Award will be awarded to the owners that best embody the spirit of fleet building and collegial competitive sailing.

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