

IOD NEW ENGLAND CHALLENGE

June 6&7, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Organized by the Marblehead IOD Fleet and the Boston Yacht Club

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescription V1 (Penalty at the Time of the Incident) shall apply. US Sailing prescriptions to Rules 61.4 (Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress) 60.3(b), 67 (Damages) and 76.1 (Exclusion of Boats or Competitors) shall apply. All other US Sailing prescriptions shall not apply.
- 1.3 The IOD Class Rules will apply. The IOD Championship Regulations will not apply.
- 1.4 RRS 62.2 and RRS 66 will be changed to shorten the times for requesting redress and for requesting that a hearing be reopened on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 1.5 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
- 1.6 The Sailing Instructions may change other racing rules.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 This regatta is open to teams loaning their IODs to the 2026 IOD World Championship.
- 2.2 All competing helmspersons must be members of U.S. Sailing or their National Sailing Authority.
- 2.3 As this is a "sail-your-own-boat" event, the owner's personal insurance shall be in effect.
- 2.4 There is no entry fee or social ticket fee. Teams may bring their boat to Marblehead by sea or land.

3. Race Format

- 3.1 A maximum of six Challenge races are planned, of which one must be completed to constitute a series.
- 3.2 The PRO will attempt to create races that are approximately 75-90 minutes in duration.
- 3.3 No more than three races will be sailed each day

4 Anticipated Schedule (Subject to Change)

All Activities at the Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead Neck, Marblehead, except as noted.

Friday June 5, 2026

Housing begins for out-of-town teams.

Saturday June 6, 2026

0900 Competitors Meeting (EYC Sailing Center)

0930 Harbor Start

1100 First warning, multiple races planned.

*Regatta Social Event/Dinner (*Off campus, informal)*

Sunday June 7, 2026

Housing ends for out-of-town teams

0900 Competitors Meeting (EYC Sailing Center)

0930 Harbor Start

1100 First Warning, multiple races planned (*No warning may be made after 1500)

Regatta Awards Eastern Yacht Club Sailing Center, after racing

5. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at www.marbleheadiod.com/challenge2026 on or before June 1, 2026

6. Racing Area

Racing will be conducted in the waters NE of Marblehead Harbor. (NOAA Chart 13275/13275-P)

7. Courses

Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Boats

8.1 Competitors will sail their own boats carrying sails provided by the Marblehead Fleet.

8.2 Boats will set up by the Marblehead technical committee using the Marblehead Championship tuning for mast position, rake, and shroud tension.

8.2 Automatic bilge pumps shall not be disconnected or disabled. Boats shall not race with any significant amount of water in the bilge. Except through the natural act of sailing through seas, or rain, water may not be added to the boats.

9 Other Requirements

9.1 Each team is required to have a functioning VHF radio with US Channels at all times while afloat. These will not be provided by the OA.

9.2 Each competitor shall carry or wear their own personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the U.S. Coast Guard (or for international competitors, the equivalent authority of their home country) at all times while afloat.

9.3 Competitors under the age of 18 shall wear a PFD approved by the U.S. Coast Guard (or for international competitors, the equivalent authority of their home country), at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

10. Scoring

RRS Appendix A will apply. Each team's score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores, except that if six races are completed, there will be one throwout.

11 Prizes

11.1 A prize will be awarded to the winning team.

11.2 Other prizes may be awarded.

12. Housing

12.1 Every effort will be made to accommodate visiting competitors and their families in private homes in Marblehead beginning on Friday evening June 5, 2026 through Sunday morning June 7, 2026

12.2 Every effort will be made to accommodate visiting sailors that bring their boats to Marblehead before June 11, 2026. Please contact the organizers for details.

12.3 For those wishing to make their own arrangements, some guest rooms are available at both the Corinthian and Eastern Yachts, at local Inns, local Bed and Breakfasts, Airbnb, and VRBO.

13. Disclaimer

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. 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.

14 Additional Information

14.1 As available, regatta information, news and racing results will be published on the Marblehead Fleet Web Site – www.marbleheadiod.com/challenge2026

14.2 Questions about the event may be emailed to gregmu@gmail.com