

Marblehead-to-Halifax Ocean Race
July 5, 2009
Starting Area Protocol

Coast Guard.

The US Coast Guard will be represented by *a vessel to be determined* which will be stationed approximately 600 yards, 150 deg. magnetic from Tinkers Rock Gong Buoy. There will also be additional Coast Guard *Vessels TBD* monitoring operations. The U.S. Coast Guard has final authority and control of the area. The Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels are under CG command and can be identified by their blue and white ensign. They must be obeyed under all circumstances. Other boats should refer questions and problems to the Race Committee Signal Boat, *Carl Alberg*.

Canadian Forces.

A Canadian Forces vessel to be determined will represent the Canadian Forces and will be located at the Southeast end of the Starting Line, approximately 0.70 nautical miles (NM), and 150 deg magnetic from Tinkers Rock Gong Buoy.

Race Committee (RC) Vessels

The Race Committee is responsible for layout of the racing area and proper conduct of the start of the race. Race Committee requests must be respected by privileged vessels, spectators and racing competitors.

1. Boston Yacht Club Signal Boat; *Carl A. Alberg*
 - Stationed at the signal end of the starting line, approximately 0.60 NM and 150 deg magnetic from Tinkers Rock Gong Buoy.
 - Controls Race Committee operations in the starting area
 - Flies the Race Committee flag, blue field with Red or Black anchor and the letters "RC" and an orange line flag.
 - Communications central for race operations
 - Race Committee: VHF 5, 68 and Private 4
 - Racing Fleet: VHF 72
 - Coast Guard: Private 4 and VHF 5

2. Eastern Yacht Club Line Boat; *Emerson T. Oliver*
 - Stationed at the port end of the starting line, approximately 0.15 NM from *Carl Alberg*.
 - Flies a yellow Race Committee flag and an orange line flag.
 - Communicates with Race Committee on VHF 5 or Private 4

3. Racing Fleet Check-in Boat; *Judy Sea*
 - Flies yellow Race Committee flag under the BYC burgee
 - Stationed approximately 0.1 NM west of *Emerson T. Oliver*
 - Performs check-in operations for the racing fleet
 - Communicates with fleet on VHF 72
 - Communicates with Race Committee on VHF 5 and Private 4

3. Corinthian Yacht Club Judges Boat *Pegasus*
 - Moves in pre-start and OCS areas
 - Flies white "J" flag
 - Communicates Racing fleet VHF 72
 - Communicates with Race Committee VHF 5 or Private 4

4. Starboard OCS Patrol *Irma*
 - Patrols starboard spectator limit to the South and East of the start line
 - Flies yellow Race Committee flag
 - Communicates with RC VHF 5 or Private 4

- 5 Port OCS Patrol *Red Pepper*
 - Patrols port spectator limit to the North and East of start line
 - Flies yellow Race Committee flag
 - Communicates with RC on VHF 5 or Private 4
- 6 Starboard Pre-Start Patrol *Corinthian P1 or P2*
 - Patrols starboard spectator limit to the South and West of start line
 - Flies yellow Race Committee flag
 - Communicates with RC on VHF 5 or Private 4
- 7 Port Pre-Start Patrol *EYC Inflatable*
 - Patrols port spectator limit to the North and West of start line
 - Flies yellow Race Committee flag
 - Communicates with RC on VHF 5 or Private 4
- 8 Fleet Chase Patrol *PDC Inflatable*
 - Patrols started fleet at direction of the PRO
 - Flies yellow Race Committee flag
 - Communicates with RC on VHF 5 or Private 4
- 9 Race Photo Boat *Barrows Inflatable*
 - Operates in pre start and course side of starting line
 - Communicates with race committee on VHF 5 or 72
 - Flies yellow flag with black X

Privileged Vessels

Privileged vessels are permitted, under the control of the RC, in the designated starting area. They will fly an orange flag with a black diagonal and communicate with the race committee on VHF 5. There will be approximately 20 privileged vessels including VIP spectator boats and press boats.

Harbor Masters.

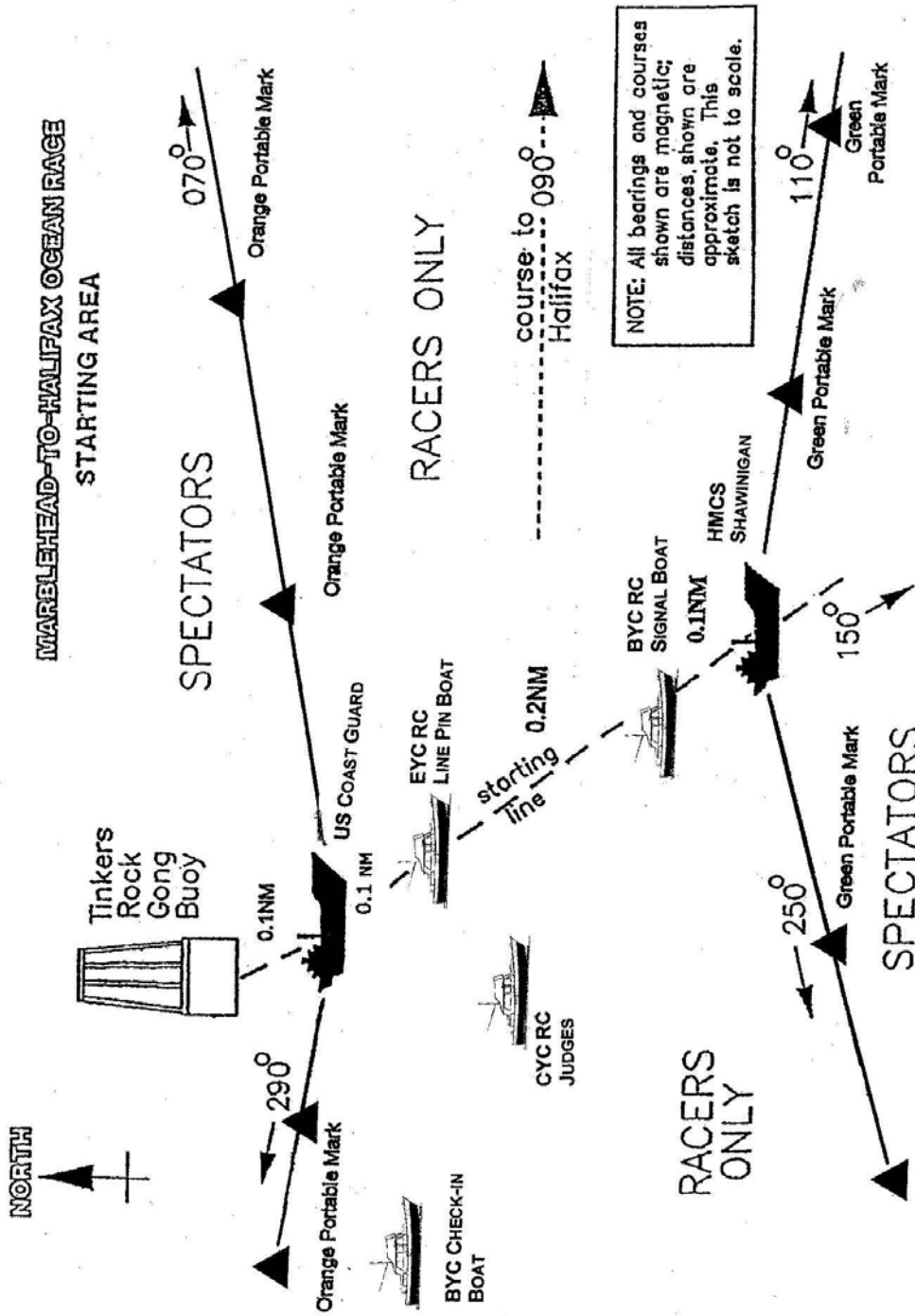
- General patrol duties at their discretion.
- Marblehead Harbor Master aboard *Stacy Clark*
- Salem Harbor Master aboard *Donald Francis*
- Communications monitor and calling on VHF 16.

Communications

- Emergency messages from any vessel will be made to the Coast Guard on VHF channel 16.
- Except for emergencies, all Race Committee communications with the Coast Guard should be routed through the Race Committee signal boat on Private 4.
- Racing vessels are requested to check in by passing to the North of and hailing the Fleet check-in boat, *Judy Sea* on VHF 72.
- All communications between racing vessels and race committee should be on VHF 72.

Area Restrictions.

- a) Refer to sketch attached showing starting area.
- b) The Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary and RC patrol boats will enforce area restrictions.
- c) No spectator boats are permitted in the "Racers Only" areas, except that they may be allowed to cross from one side to the other if racing boats are clear of the area.
- d) Privileged vessels are allowed in the "Racers Only" areas but must not interfere with the Race Committee operations or the racers ability to maneuver at the racers discretion. In particular the areas immediately behind and in front of the starting line, and between the race committee signal and line pin boats and the line guard vessels, must be clear of all privileged vessels within 5 minutes before and after each start.



LEGEND: BYCRC Vessel is the "Carl A. Alberg", CYCRC Vessel is the "Pegasus", and the EYCRC Vessel is the "Emerson T. Oliver".

Starting Area – General Marblehead to Halifax Race

