



Notice to Competitors #1 - Marblehead Sonar Fleet

General - The Marblehead Sonar Fleet is comprised of boats owned by the Boston, Corinthian, Eastern and Pleon Yacht Clubs. While the boats were not built or purchased as a “fleet”, the boats have been standardized and are nearly identical. Over the past ten years, the boats have been used collectively by the Marblehead yacht clubs to host numerous team racing and match racing events including US Sailing’s Prince of Wales Trophy and the annual Jackson Cup Team Race, CYC 2v2 Team Race, and Halloween Team Race regattas.

The OA wishes to highlight a few known differences between the boats, as detailed below:

- “Consoles” (the area at the forward end of the cockpit where most control lines are led) - all lines are the same type, size and color from boat to boat and are laid out on the console in the same order left to right, however two of the 10 boats have their spinnaker halyard on the deck directly above the “console.”
- Mainsheet pedestals - two of the 8 boats do not have a mainsheet pedestal. The mainsheet is attached to an extrusion on the traveler. All mainsheets are rigged such that the primary mainsheet block is rigged aft of the traveler.
- Tillers - 8 of the 10 boats have metal 46 inch Rondar tillers. 2 of the 10 have wooden 44 inch tillers.
- Jib tracks - the spacing of the holes for the car placement differ slightly boat to boat from 1/2 inch frequency to 2 inches. The track placement (position inboard/outboard) has been standardized across the fleet
- Weight - boats are equalized with weight. Unequalized weights were within 100lbs of each other (weighed Sept 2019)
- Spinnakers - all spinnakers (10 primary and one spare) are the same cut made by the same sail loft. 7 spinnakers have 2-4 days of sailing on them. 4 spinnakers have approximately 15 days on them.