



Marshall Sandpiper National Championship

August 8-10, 2025

Organizing Authority: Duxbury Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the Sandpiper Class Association, and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

2 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1** The regatta is open to competitors of all ages. All competitors are required to sign a Waiver of Liability. All skippers under the age of 18 shall be required to submit a completed Waiver of Liability signed by his/her parent or guardian.
- 2.2** All skippers at this regatta will be required to be members of US Sailing.
- 2.3** All skippers at this regatta shall be required to be 2025 members of the Sandpiper Class Association.

3 BOATS/MEASUREMENT

- 3.1** The regatta is open to Marshall Sandpiper type sailboats conforming to the 2025 rules of the Sandpiper Class Association. There will be sufficient in-water storage for all competing boats at Duxbury YC. The same crew must sail in all races of the regatta. If a crewmember is not able to continue racing, a substitute may be allowed by written petition to the Race Committee no later than 2000 on the evening before the requested change.
- 3.2** Competitors are encouraged to bring their own boats. A limited number of charter boats may be available. If interested in a possible charter, please contact charter coordinator Greg Hunter at greg@hunterdux.com.

- 3.3** All boats must complete an in-person Required Equipment Check during registration hours in which they will show proof of each item on the following Required Equipment list: suitably sized towline of at least 30', manual bilge pump, 2-gallon or larger bucket, paddle, suitable anchor and anchor line, whistle, USCG approved Type III life vests for each crewmember, and a VHF radio. A failed inspection will be scored as a DSQ.
- 3.4** While there is no scheduled pre-regatta sail inspection, all sails used in this regatta will be subject to a Class Association compliance check at any point before, during or after the regatta at the discretion and direction of the Race Committee.
- 3.5** Each entry's registered skipper will be responsible for ensuring their boat (or chartered boat) is in compliance with the 2025 Sandpiper Class Association Rules.
- 3.6** Boats, equipment or sails may be subject to inspection at the discretion and direction of the Race Committee at any time during this event.

4 ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Competitors shall register in advance online at the regatta website: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29248>. Discounted registration (\$300) ends July 15. Full registration (\$350) applicable after July 15.

5 FEES

The discounted entry fee for the regatta is \$300.00 per boat (Skipper and one crew) if paid by July 15. After July 15 the full entry fee of \$350 will apply. The entry fee includes 2 tickets to dinner and a flats party on Saturday and light refreshments after sailing on Sunday. Two event hats will be included in the skippers bag at check in. Additional crewmembers can be added at \$150.00 each. Spouses of competitors will be able to attend the flats party for a separate charge to be made available on event website on July 15. Additionally, event branded gear will be available for purchase via Team1Newport and may be made available for purchase online before the event and picked up in person at registration.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 FRIDAY 8 AUGUST

(High Tides 1133 / 2338)

1400-1800: Competitor check-in, rigging, equipment checks, launching at DYC

1700-1900: Welcome BBQ (light food provided / cash bar available) at DYC

2100: Warning signal for DYC Moonlight Bang-and-Go-Back Race – all competitors are invited to participate in this fun and unique race (no charge)

SATURDAY 9 AUGUST

(High Tide 1215)

0730-0900: Registration open at DYC Waterfront

0830: Skippers meeting at DYC Waterfront

0930: RC dockout

1100: First warning for multiple races

1700 (est.): Shuttle service to Captains Flat begins

1800: Regatta Party on Captains Flat

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST

(High Tide 1256)

0930: RC dockout

1100: First Warning for multiple races (No warning later than 1430)

1600 (est.): Light BBQ(light food provided / cash bar available) and awards at Duxbury YC to follow racing

6.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a series. No more than four (4) races shall be held on either scheduled race day.

6.3 On the final day of the regatta, the initial warning signal will not be made after 1430 hours. The warning signal for a start following one or more general recalls may be made after 1430 hours.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available no later than the start of registration on 8 August and will be posted on the regatta website as well on the Official Notice Board located on the southern side of the DYC Ellison House (waterfront building).

8 VENUE AND RACING AREA

- 8.1** Racing will take place in the waters of Duxbury Bay, MA.
- 8.2** Regatta Headquarters will be the Duxbury Yacht Club Ellison Waterfront Clubhouse, located at 23 Mattakeeset Court, Duxbury MA 02332.

9 SCORING

- 9.1** One (1) race shall constitute a series.
- 9.2** When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1.

10 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to skippers and one crew placing first through fifth. The Sandpiper National Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the regatta.

11 HOUSING

Members of the host club have volunteered to provide limited housing for visiting competitors. Please contact Event Chair Jessica Williams at jwilliams@duxburyyachtclub.org to arrange for housing with a DYC member. Complimentary housing is not guaranteed and will be allocated on a first come / first served basis.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, contact Event Co-Chairs Jessica Williams (jwilliams@duxburyyachtclub.org) or Greg Hunter (greg@hunterdux.com) or check the regatta website (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29248>).

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage, injury, and death. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained because of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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