

## COVID-19 Awareness

Health guidelines may vary throughout the season. Visit [www.mbbc-vt.org](http://www.mbbc-vt.org) for the latest updates on club use. Please be safe, be smart, and above all be kind.

*Schedule is available at [mbbc-vt.org](http://mbbc-vt.org)*

# Notice of Regatta and Sailing Instructions

### 1. Eligibility:

Each boat must conform to the rules of the class to which it belongs as to measurement, equipment and crew. In the case of one-design classes, the national authority rulings shall pertain. In the case of cruising boats racing under PHRF Handicap, the rules of Lake Champlain PHRF shall pertain.

### 2. Rules:

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Modifications to sailing instructions will be posted no later than 1 hour prior to the Warning Signal.

### 3. Skippers' Meeting:

Only when required by the Notice of Race.

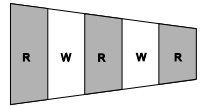
### 4. Marks:

Orange, Green or Yellow marks will be used for races located within Malletts Bay. See chart on inside cover for racing area. An inflatable buoy may be tethered to the stern of the committee boat(s). This buoy will be considered part of the Race Committee boat. Government marks and islands may be used for cruising class or long distance races.

**5. Starting Signals:** See the section "How Does the Starting System Work?" (on last page), and the Racing Rules of Sailing rule 26.

### 5a. Class Flags:

"Class A-B" Red, "Class C/D" Yellow, "Class JAM" White, "J/24" Green, "Lightning" Pink, "Laser" Gray

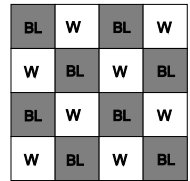


### 6. Sail Numbers:

Sail numbers are required in all races.

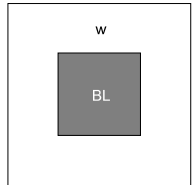
### 7. Additional Signals:

**Postponed:** Answering Pennant (red and white vertical bars) means "Race Postponed". The race may be started later the same day.

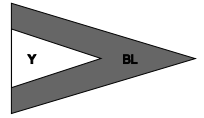


**Canceled:** Code Flag "N" (blue and white checkered) means "Race Canceled".

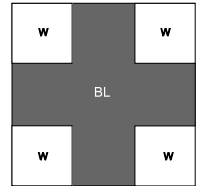
**Shortened:** Code Flag "S" (white with blue square) means "Shortened Course". At its discretion, the Race Committee may shorten course at any mark prior to the first boat passing or rounding that mark. The Race Committee boat will establish its position at said mark by displaying Code Flag "S" and sounding two signals with the cannon or horn. The finish line will be between the Race Committee boat and the mark. The Committee Boat may anchor on either side of the mark.



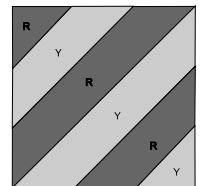
**General Recall:** When at the starting signal the Race Committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which rule 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the Race Committee may signal a General Recall [display the First Substitute (blue and yellow triangle) with two sounds]. The warning signal for the new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (with one sound). If there are multiple class starts, the recalled class's start will be moved to the end of the starting sequence.



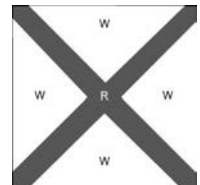
**Individual Recall:** Code Flag "X" (blue cross on a white field) means "Individual Recall". The Race Committee will sound one signal to call attention to the flag, which indicates an individual boat or several boats are over early. The code flag "X" will stay up until all boats have started properly or for four minutes after the starting signal, whichever is earlier.



**Life Jackets:** Code Flag "Y" (red and yellow diagonal bars) means all crews must put on Coast Guard approved life jackets or be disqualified. See also NOR 13, Safety.



**Search & Rescue Instructions (new in 2021):** When the Race Committee displays Code Flag "V" (red X on a white field) with one sound, all boats and official and support vessels shall, if possible, monitor the Race Committee communication channel (VHF channel 12) for search and rescue instructions.



**Radio Communications:** The Race Committee may use VHF channel 12 to broadcast race information. The Race Committee may attempt to identify premature starters by broadcasting their sail numbers on VHF channel 12. However, it is the individual skipper's responsibility to start properly. Failure of a boat to see, hear, or interpret a recall notification shall not relieve her of the obligation to properly start, nor shall it be grounds for redress under RRS 62. A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers or failure of the Race Committee to broadcast recall numbers shall not be grounds for redress.

## 8. Protests:

Any boat wishing to protest another boat should so indicate by doing all of the following:

- Hail the crew of the other boat to inform them of the protest. If it is not possible, notify the other boat's crew at the first reasonable opportunity.
- Promptly fly an all red protest flag. However, boats of hull length less than 19'8" need not display the flag.
- Notify the Race Committee immediately after the race. Except in unusual circumstances, a written protest must be filed with the Race Committee within 30 minutes of the Race Committee boat's return to the Club.

Whenever possible, protests will be heard by a Protest Committee appointed by the Race Committee of the Day right after the racing is finished for that day. All such protests must be in writing and must include: the name of the protestor, the name of the protested, and the specific rule which is alleged to have been infringed.

When the above procedure cannot be followed, all written protests must be mailed to the Club Race Committee Chairman and must be post-marked within 24 hours (except Sundays and holidays). Upon receipt of such written requests, the Chairman will contact both parties and designate a time and place for a protest hearing. Any Club member who wishes to have the opinion of the Race Chairman regarding any rule interpretation may request the same by writing to the Race Chairman with the appropriate description. Please note that such a request does not constitute a protest.

Racing boats will inevitably sail, at times, out of sight of one another and the person in charge may be the sole judge of fair play. When accepting a trophy, he or she must be satisfied that the race has been sailed in complete obedience to all rules for that race or must advise the Race Committee of any variance.

### **9. Tie-Breaking Procedure:**

**Races that tie:** Any race/regatta that results in a tie will be scored according to RRS Appendix A.

### **10. Errors in Results:**

The Race Committee takes every precaution to ensure that the race results are correct. However, errors are made. Please check the results of all races that you sail in carefully and report any errors to the Club Race Chairman. Errors not found and reported after two weeks from the publication of results shall stand as published, except as provided in rules 90.3(c) and 90.3(d).

### **11. Handicaps:**

Two handicap systems are established for boats of various types:

a. PHRF: This is the handicap system for inter-Club cruising boat competition on Lake Champlain and also for some of the cruising boat races of MBBC. This nationally based performance handicap system is a time on distance or time on time handicap, which is modified and administered by regional groups. Local handicappers (members from Malletts Bay Boat Club, Lake Champlain Yacht Club, Valcour Sailing Club, Royal Savage Yacht Club and Point au Fer Sailing Club) set the ratings. If you want to race your boat under this system, you must apply for a Lake Champlain PHRF handicap for your boat. Application forms are available from PHRF handicappers or on line at <https://mbbc-vt.org/phrf> .

b. PORTSMOUTH: Centerboard boats may use the Portsmouth ratings found in the USSA Portsmouth Yardstick.

### **12. Awards:**

Many beautiful trophies are awarded each racing season. Perpetual trophies include: the "informal" Coffee Pot, Royal Savage and Ted Brooks Trophies, the classic Chiott Cup, Benedict Arnold Trophy, Ethan Allen Trophy, Lake Champlain Race, Seamanship Trophy, Bob Sidle - Emerson Trophies, Finch Cup, and the "Chris Davis Trophy" for the Double-Handed Race.

A "keeper" trophy will be awarded to you if you finish in the top three in class in most races. It may be an individual trophy for this race and/or an award with all your season's results recorded on it. And don't forget our special award — The Moosehead — is looking at you!

**13. Safety:** All boats must be in compliance with Coast Guard safety regulations and the rules for inland waterways. Remember that "the rules of the road" DO NOT necessarily give a racing boat the "right of way." Please be courteous to other

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boaters and stay clear of boats not participating in the race.

**a. Retiring from a Race:** A boat which retires from a race is asked to attempt to notify the Race Committee.

**b. Life Jackets:** Any time while racing and conditions merit, especially at night, all crew members are strongly advised to wear a personal flotation device while on deck.

**c. Risk Statement:** RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. *Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.*

#### **14. Race Committee Recommendations:**

It is the desire of the Race Committee to assist all competitors to be safe when on the water. However, the ultimate responsibility rests with the skipper/owner of each individual boat. The following are guidelines under which an individual race committee may act to cancel or postpone a race due to weather conditions. If possible, a harbor postponement is preferable to a race course postponement.

**a. No wind for Thursday night races:** In the event there is no wind at the time of the first warning gun, the race committee should hoist the postponement flag. If there is no wind or prospect for wind 30 minutes after the scheduled start of the first class, the race committee should cancel all starts.

**b. No wind for day races:** In the event there is no wind at the time of the scheduled first warning gun, the race committee should hoist the postponement flag. If there is no wind, or prospect for wind one hour after the scheduled start of the first class, the race committee should cancel all starts.

**c. Abandonment:** In the event that conditions become so extreme that the race committee fears for the overall safety of racers, and/or for itself, all races in progress should be abandoned.

**d. Abandonment due to rain:** Although rain can be a nuisance, it is not cause for abandoning a race. Rain is not a race committee concern.

**e. Abandonment due to lightning:** Visible lightning moving towards the race course is cause for postponement or cancellation. Lightning in the race area is cause for immediate abandonment.

**f. Life jackets required:** The skipper of a boat has the ultimate responsibility to require the wearing of life jackets on board his/her boat. The decision to do so should be based on crew experience, weather conditions, day or night sailing, crew comfort level, and number of crew available. However, if wind velocities are exceeding twenty knots at or before the warning signal for a class, the Race Committee may require the use of life jackets by hoisting the "Y" flag and making one sound signal.

**16. Class JAM Rule:** For purposes of sailing in Class "JAM" (non-spinnaker), rules 55.2 and 55.3 shall be waived and not in effect.

**17. Offset Mark:** At the discretion of the Race Committee an offset mark may be used at the windward mark. If present you must round it to port. A white board displaying an "O" will be displayed adjacent to the course board on the committee boat if the mark is present.

# Races for One-Design Classes

## 1. One-Design Series

### General Description:

A series for Lightning's, J/24's, and any other one-design class of three or more starters. Format to be announced.

### Scoring:

Series will be scored by each class according to their individual requirements.

### Courses:

Races will be on a course located on Inner or Outer Malletts Bay at the Race Committee's discretion. Courses will be indicated by an appropriate number or triangle plus letters (see illustration) displayed on the Race Committee boat. All marks will be kept to port. For courses with the Start/Finish in the middle of the weather leg, the starting mark is used only for the start and finish but boats will be allowed to sail through the Start/Finish line during the race unless otherwise noted.

An offset mark at the windward mark may be used. If present you must round it to port.

### Example: 2WL(m)

2 – indicates that competitors need to sail two times around the race course.

WL – indicates race course configuration is windward leeward.

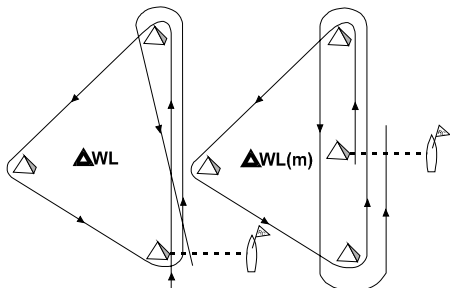
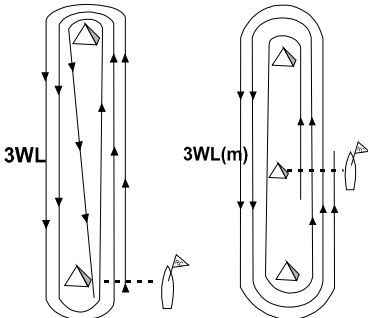
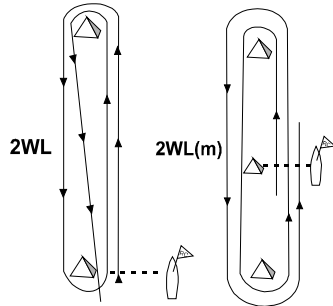
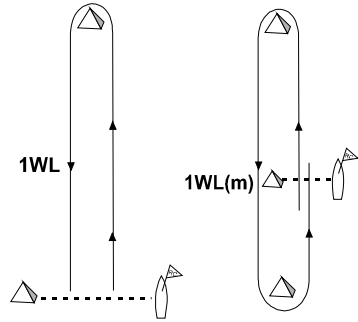
(m) – indicates that the race starts and finishes in the middle.

### Start:

1030

### Finish:

Between a mark and the Race Committee boat.



## **2. Chiott Regatta**

### **General Description:**

MBBC's major one-design, two-day regatta. It is open to Club and non-Club sailors.

### **Date:**

TBD due to the coronavirus pandemic—see schedule at [mbbc-vt.org](http://mbbc-vt.org).

### **Eligibility:**

Any one-design class with three or more entries.

### **Classes:**

The Chiott Cup is awarded to the winner of the class that has been selected by the Afterguard. Selection is made after classes have petitioned the Afterguard for the privilege to race for the Cup. For 2021, the Afterguard has selected Lasers to race for the Chiott Cup. Other classes will be determined at the skippers' meeting.

### **Registration:**

At Club house, 0900

### **Skippers' Meeting:**

1000 on Saturday only.

### **Course:**

The course will be determined at the skippers' meeting.

### **Starting Times and Sequence:**

To be determined at the skippers' meeting.

### **Scoring:**

If six or more races are completed, one race will be discarded. This modifies RRS Appendix A 2.1.

### **Awards:**

Individual prizes will be awarded after racing to the first 3 boats in each class.

### 3. Tuesday Evening Laser Series

**General Description:** An evening series for Lasers and other board boats.

**Dates:** See Schedule at [mbbc-vt.org](http://mbbc-vt.org)

**Eligibility:** Open to members and non-members.

**Classes:** Any board class with 3 or more boats.

**Registration:** At the Race Committee Boat

**Course:** Same as One-Design Series.

**Starting Times and Sequence:**

First Warning Signal is at 1800.

Course and postponement signals may be made orally. Audible signals shall govern, even when supplemental visual signals are also used. The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times:

Signal Sound – Time before start

Warning: 3 long – 3 minutes

Preparatory: 2 long – 2 minutes

1 long and 3 short – 1 minute 30 seconds

1 long – 1 minute

3 short – 30 seconds

2 short – 20 seconds

1 short – 10 seconds

1 short – 5 seconds

1 short – 4 seconds

1 short – 3 seconds

1 short – 2 seconds

1 short – 1 second

Start: 1 long

Signals shall be timed from their commencement. A series of short signals may be made before the sequence begins in order to attract attention. Individual recalls shall be signaled by the hail of the sail number (or some other clearly distinguishing feature) of each recalled boat. Flag X need not be displayed. Failure of a competitor to hear an adequate course, postponement, starting sequence or recall signal shall not be grounds for redress.

**Scoring:**

Each boat's series score shall be the total excluding 25% of the worst scores. Any fraction will be rounded up. If a boat has two or more equal worst scores, the score(s) for the race(s) sailed earliest in the series shall be excluded. The boat with the lowest series score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly. Canceled races do not count in the overall score. This modifies RRS Appendix A.

**Awards:** The Lake Champlain Laser Fleet Trophies for both men and women.

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# PHRF Series

## **Midweek and Fall Series** Schedule at [mbbc-vt.org](http://mbbc-vt.org)

### **General Instructions**

**Eligibility:** Open to all preregistered boats. Traditionally, this series provides informal racing and provides the beginning racer or the owner of a non-class boat the opportunity to participate.

**Check In:** Before the first warning signal, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee repeating her number.

**Registration:** Available to all boats - Check in with the Race Committee

### **Classes:**

Class A: Spinnaker (full race) PHRF Handicap 99 and lower

Class B: Spinnaker (full race) PHRF Handicap 102-144

Class C: Spinnaker (full race) PHRF Handicap 147-177

Class D: Spinnaker (full race) PHRF Handicap 180 and higher

Class JAM: Non-spinnaker (maximum rated PHRF genoa)

Class J: J24 One Design Class.

Class L: Centerboard boats normally sailed by a crew of two or more

L Class will use the Portsmouth Handicap system

Note 1: Flashers and similar cruising spinnaker-type sails will be considered as spinnakers for these races.

Note 2: Boats racing in Class JAM should fly a visible white pennant from the backstay from the time of the warning signal until the race is completed.

Note 3: At the discretion of the Race Committee an offset mark may be used at the windward mark. If present you must round it to port. A white board displaying an "O" will be displayed adjacent to the course board on the committee boat if the mark is present.

The Class you start with in your first race of either the Midweek or Fall Series will be the Class in which you are scored for the rest of that Series.

**Start Location:** (Midweek and Fall Series) Inner Malletts Bay.

**Courses:** Same as for the One-Design Series.

**Protests:** Protest hearings will be held as soon as possible and the results will be posted. For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, where there is no damage, the parties involved in the protest may opt for arbitration. One representative of each party shall meet with a mutually agreed upon arbitrator. After taking testimony from each representative, the arbitrator will decide either: a) No boat broke a rule. If the representatives agree, the protest is withdrawn. If any representative disagrees, the jury will schedule a protest hearing. b) One or both boats broke a rule. The representative(s) of the boat(s) breaking a rule agree to withdraw from the race and will be scored as RAF and the protest will be withdrawn. If any representative disagrees, the jury will schedule a protest hearing. c) The



protest does not qualify for arbitration. The jury will schedule a protest hearing. If the protest is withdrawn, the arbitration will neither be reopened nor grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). The arbitrator may be present in the protest hearing as an observer but will not take part in the decision of the jury.

**Scoring:** All keel boat classes will use PHRF time-on-time handicap. Centerboard boats may use the National Portsmouth Handicap. The Race Committee of the day will be scored as if they had raced and will receive 1 point. This will not affect the scores of the race. This modifies RRS Appendix A.

For these series, any boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

**Fleet Captains:** Will be responsible for organizing cleanup crews for their specific cookout night. They will also be the go-to person for making sure we have the correct information on any boat in their class: i.e. boat name, sail number, PHRF number, owners' contact information.

**Class A/B:** Mark Gardner    **Class C/D:** David Jillson    **Class J:** Paul Hansen  
**Class L:** Mark Gardner    **Class JAM:** Bill Whalen

### 1. Midweek Summer Series *Schedule at mbbc-vt.org*

**General Description:** A Summer series of Thursday evening races.

**Eligibility:** Open to all preregistered boats sailing in Class A/B, J/24, C/D, JAM, or L

**Classes, Starting Times, and Sequence:** Harbor Start: 1730

Class	Flag	Warning	Preparatory	Start
JAM	White	1810	1811	1815
L	Pink	1815	1816	1820
C&D	Yellow	1820	1821	1825
A&B	Red	1825	1826	1830
J	Green	1830	1831	1835

**Courses and Location:** The Race Committee will attempt to choose a start location that will give the best initial windward leg. Watch for the Race Committee boat and leeward mark at a logical downwind position. The course will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat.

**Overall Series Scoring:** Each boat's Summer Series Score shall be the total excluding a limited number of worst scores. After the 6th race, one race gets excluded. After the 10th race, two races get excluded and if we have 14 or more races, three races get excluded. If a boat has two or more equal worst scores, the score(s) for the race(s) sailed earliest in the Series shall be excluded. The boat with the lowest Series Score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly. Canceled races do not count in the overall score and cannot be used as excluded scores.

**Monthly Series Scoring:** Each class will be scored as a monthly series. All races will count. The Practice Race will not count toward any series.

**Time Limit:** Boats not finished more than 30 minutes after sunset will be scored DNF

**Awards:** For 2021, the Gordon Anger Trophy will be awarded to first in Class J for

the season. Awards will be conferred on the top three finishers of each class for the season. Awards will be given for the monthly series.

## 2. Midweek Fall Series *Schedule at mbbc-vt.org*

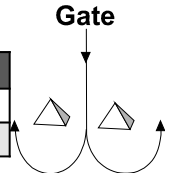
**General Description:** A Fall series of Thursday evening races.

**Eligibility:** Open to all preregistered boats, sailing in Class A/B, C/D, L, J, or JAM.

**Scoring:** Each boat's Fall Series Score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score if four or more races are scored. If fewer than four races are scored, no races shall be excluded. If a boat has two or more equal worst scores, the score for the race sailed earliest in the Series shall be excluded. The boat with the lowest Series Score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly. Canceled races do not count in the overall score and cannot be used as the excluded score.

**Classes, Starting Times, and Sequences:**

	Flag	Warning	Preparatory	Start
L & JAM	White	1755	1756	1800
A/B - C/D -J	Red	1800	1801	1805



**Start Location:** Inner Malletts Bay at the mark closest to the Club. Start may be either a windward or leeward start.

**Time Limit:** Boats not finished more than 1.5 hours after their Class Start will be scored DNF.

**Course:** Course will be windward - leeward or leeward - windward, twice around. A leeward gate may be present in the event of a downwind start.

**Awards:** Awards will be presented to the top three place finishers of each class for the series.

## 3. Midweek Late Fall Series *Schedule at mbbc-vt.org*

**General Description:** A Late Fall series of Thursday evening races.

**Eligibility:** Open to all preregistered boats, sailing in Class A/B, C/D, L, J, or JAM.

**Scoring:** Each boat's Fall Series Score shall be the total of her race scores.

**Classes, Starting Times, and Sequences:** Class Flag is "White"

### Races 1 and 2

Class	Flag	Warning	Preparatory	Start
All Classes	White	<b>1730</b>	1731	1735

**Start Location:** Inner Malletts Bay at the mark closest to the Club. Start may be either a windward or leeward start.

**Time Limit:** Boats not finished more than 1.5 hours after their Class Start will be scored DNF.

**Course:** Course will be windward - leeward or leeward - windward, twice around.

**Awards:** None.

# PHRF Races and Regattas

## 1. Coffee Pot Race

**Date:** 5/29/21—check schedule at [mbbc-vt.org](http://mbbc-vt.org).

**General Description:** The traditional season opener. Be prepared for possible cold conditions. The Coffee Pot may be scored as a multiple race regatta.

**Eligibility:** Open to all PHRF boats.

**Classes:** Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker

**Course:** The available courses are described in the Log under "Courses for One-Design Races," or Race Course C.

Race Course C:

1. Start in the Inner Bay between RC Boat and an orange, yellow or green mark
2. Stave Island Rock Buoy 2 to Port
3. Stave Island to Port
4. Jones Rock Buoy 31 to Port
5. Finish near the vicinity of the start between RC Boat and an orange, yellow or green mark

**Shortened Course:** The race may be shorted at any mark of the course. The RC may shorten the course approximately 200 yards southeast of the Cut in the Outer Malletts Bay. The race committee will announce the shorted course by displaying the "S" flag and two sounds. They will also announce the shorted course on VHF channel 12.

**Start Location:** The course may be located on the Inner or Outer Malletts Bay at the discretion of the Race Committee. The location will be posted on the chalk board at the end of the dock by 0900. The first warning signal for the final race will be no later than 1530.

**Starting Times and Sequence:** Class Flag is "White"

Class	Flag	Warning	Preparatory	Start
All	White	1000	1001	1005

**Note:** Starting times will be 30 minutes later if the race is sailed on Outer Malletts Bay.

**Scoring:** All Classes will use PHRF time-on-time handicap and will be scored using The Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 90.3 and Appendix A.

**Awards:** The Coffee Pot will be awarded to the overall winner.

## 2. Royal Savage Regatta

**Date:** 6/12/21—check schedule at mbbc-vt.org.

**General Description:** A two-race event held on Outer Malletts Bay.

*The Royal Savage Trophy is one of the most historically significant trophies awarded to sailors on Lake Champlain. The trophy consists of a glass encased relic from the Sloop Royal Savage, the first American Vessel to engage the enemy at the Battle of Valcour on October 11, 1776.*

**Eligibility:** Open to all PHRF boats.

**Classes:** Classes A, B, C, D and JAM. A PHRF fleet must have two or more boats.

Classes defined:

Spinnaker A (PHRF < 081)

Spinnaker B (PHRF 081 - 126)

Spinnaker C (PHRF > 126)

**Registration:** There is no competitors meeting. Boats must check in at the Race Committee Boat prior to the first warning gun.

**Race Instructions:** Available only on the MBBC website.

**Course:** As per race instructions

**Harbor Start:** 0930

**Start Time:** First Warning Gun at 1030

**Awards:** For 2021, the Ted Brooks Trophy will be awarded to the boat finishing first for the combined total overall in Classes A and B.

For 2021, the Royal Savage Trophy will be awarded to the boat finishing first for the combined total overall in Classes C and D.

## 3. Double-Handed Race

**Date:** 6/19/21—check schedule at mbbc-vt.org.

**General Description:** A double-handed race for boats in Malletts Bay open to all keel boats normally crewed by two or more people.

**Eligibility:** Any class/fleet with two or more boats may race.

**Classes:** To be determined at Skipper's meeting.

**Skippers' Meeting:** 0900 hours

**Course:** Same as One-Design Series.

**Starting Times and Sequence:** Class Flag is "White"

"Warning	Preparatory	Start
1025	1026	1030

**Notes:** There will be separate starts for non-spinnaker keel boats and/or Portsmouth handicapped centerboard boats if there are 3 or more boats in each class. There may be multiple races at the discretion of the Race Committee.

**Scoring:** PHRF classes will use PHRF time-on-time handicap and will be scored using The Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 90.3 and Appendix A.

**Awards:** The "Chris Davis Memorial Trophy" is awarded to the top boat in the PHRF Spinnaker Class.

#### 4. Finch Cup

**Date:** 6/20/21—check schedule at [mbbc-vt.org](http://mbbc-vt.org).

**General Description:** An open regatta, raced using no spinnakers or bloopers.

**Eligibility:** Any PHRF boat. Non-Club sailors are welcome to participate. The boat must be helmed by a woman or Junior sailor.

**Course:** To be announced at the end of registration

**Registration:** 1100 to 1200 hours at MBBC. Please try to pre-register via email to Dave Klebanoff anytime after June 1 and before 0900 hours June 24. (Just type “Finch Cup” in the subject and state your name, boat name and boat type in the email.)

**Starting Time:** Individual start times based on your PHRF rating will be assigned at registration and the first boat to finish wins!

Flag	Warning	Preparatory	Start
White	1255	1256	1300

**Scoring:** The race will be scored using The Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 90.3 and Appendix A.

**Awards:** The Finch Cup will be presented directly after the race.

#### 5. Ethan Allen Regatta

**Date:** 7/4/21—check schedule at [mbbc-vt.org](http://mbbc-vt.org).

**General Description:** An open regatta raced using no spinnakers or bloopers.

**Eligibility:** Any PHRF boat. Non-Club sailors are welcome to participate.

**Course:** To be announced at the end of registration

**Registration:** 1000 to 1100 hours at MBBC.

Please try to pre-register via email to Julie Trottier ([communications@mbbc-vt.org](mailto:communications@mbbc-vt.org)) anytime after June 1 and before 0900 hours July 4. (Just type “Ethan Allen Regatta” in the subject and tell me your name, boat name and boat type in the email.)

**Starting Time:** Individual start times based on your PHRF rating will be assigned at registration and the first boat to finish wins!

Flag	Warning	Preparatory	Start
White	1155	1156	1200

**Scoring:** The race will be scored using The Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 90.3 and Appendix A.

**Awards:** Presented directly after the race.

## 6. Lake Champlain Race

**Date:** 7/16/21—check schedule at mbbc-vt.org.

**Race Coordinator:** Dave Klebanoff, email dklebano@gmail.com

**General Description:** The Lake Champlain Race exposes the racer to the northern sections of Lake Champlain. Information for the Lake Champlain Race can be obtained from the Race Coordinator.

**Eligibility:** Open to all PHRF boats.

**Scoring:** All classes will use PHRF time-on-time handicap and will be scored using The Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 90.3 and Appendix A.

**Classes:** Spinnaker A (PHRF < 081)  
 Spinnaker B (PHRF 081 - 126)  
 Spinnaker C (PHRF > 126)

**Registration:** At the Race Committee boat on the starting line. There is no skippers' meeting. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 12.

**Start Location:** Between the Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag and Carlton's Prize, North of Stave Island. The RC boat may be on Hazelett's dock on Stave Is. If that's the case, Channel 12 will be open microphone as the sound signals occur.

**Finish Location:** Between the Race Committee boat and Carlton's prize, north of Stave Island. If the Race Committee boat is not on station, the finish line will be between Hazelett's dock on Stave Is. and Carleton's Prize. In the event that a Race Committee boat is not present at the finish line, it will be the responsibility of the boat finishing to record its own finish time and to then report it to the Race Coordinator. Finish times must be recorded as the GPS time of day finished, not the elapsed time of the race. NOTE: Leading boats should contact the RC with an ETA when passing Crab Island, or at 0600, whichever occurs first.

**Starting Times:** Class Flag is "White". Time of day will be established by GPS.

Class	Flag	Warning	Preparatory	Start
All Classes	White	2000	2001	2005

**Race Course:** Total distance 66.3 nautical miles.

1. Start location as described above
2. RN "28" Garden Island Ledge to STBD
3. RN "20" La Roche Reef to PORT
4. Juniper Island to STBD
5. The Four Brothers to PORT
6. "L47" Quaker Smith Reef to PORT
7. Crab Island to STBD
8. Finish location as described above

**Shortened Course:** The Race Committee may shorten the race at any mark.

**Time Limit:** One boat finishing in any class will make the race valid for that class. Time limit will be 1900 on July 17, 2021.

**Protests:** Protests must be filed at the Race Committee boat at the finish, or by phone or e-mail to the Race Coordinator by 2000 on July 17, 2021. All protests will be heard at MBBC on July 17, 2021 at 2030.

**Awards:** The Lake Champlain Trophy will be awarded to the boat that sails the course with the lowest corrected time.

### 7. Goodbye Summer Regatta

**Date:** 9/5/21—check schedule at [mbbc-vt.org](http://mbbc-vt.org).

**General Description:** Wave goodbye to summer with a day of racing on the water followed by an informal BBQ at the Club.

**Eligibility/Classes:** Open to any boat with a valid PHRF rating.

**Registration:** 0900 at Clubhouse, or email Alan Ouellette

**Race Instructions:** Available during registration.

**Course:** Same as One-Design Series

**Harbor Start:** 0930

**Start Time:** First Warning Gun at 1030

### 8. Benedict Arnold Race

**Date:** 10/2/21—check schedule at [mbbc-vt.org](http://mbbc-vt.org).

**General Description:** This race commemorates the Revolutionary War naval Battle of Valcour which occurred on Friday, October 11, 1776, between an American fleet commanded by Benedict Arnold and a British fleet under the authority of Sir Guy Carleton, though he was not the operational commander.

The weather that day was clear with a northerly wind. Snow could be seen on the mountains. The American fleet was anchored across the Valcour Channel from near Bluff Point to the New York shore. There were 500 non-sailors in this fleet. The British fleet, 700 sailors, had passed the eastern shore of Valcour Island the previous day, sailing south. In order to attack the American fleet, the British fleet had proceeded to windward up the Valcour Channel by tacking and rowing.

The first British ship was sighted by the Americans at 8 AM. The battle commenced three hours later at 11 AM with the main forces joining battle at 12:30 PM. The battle ended at 5 PM. During the battle Arnold's flag ship "Royal Savage" was badly damaged and driven ashore on Bluff Point where it was abandoned.

After the battle the British fleet retired south and anchored in a blocking line with the eastern end of the line near Garden Island. However, during the night Arnold was able to slip away by sailing down the western shore of the Channel. On the following days in their search for the American fleet, it was reported that some British ships fired upon a rock south of Providence Island, thinking it was an American ship. That rock is now named Carleton's Prize.

**Eligibility:** Open to all PHRF boats.

**Skippers' Meeting:** None

**Starting Times and Sequence:** Class Flag "White"

Class	Flag	Warning	Preparatory	Start
A, B, C, D, JAM	White	1100	1101	1105

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**Course:** length 12.25 nm

- a. Start near Carleton's Prize
- b. RN 24 (Crab Island) to port
- c. Crab Island to port
- d. RN 2 (Valcour Shoal) to starboard
- e. GC 3 (in Valcour Channel) to port
- f. Garden Island to starboard
- g. RN 28 (Garden Island Ledge) to port
- h. Finish near Carleton's Prize

**Time Limit:** 1630 hours for all classes











**Shortened Course:** The course may be shortened to finish at any of the RN's that are marks on the course.

**Scoring:** All Classes will use PHRF time-on-time handicap and will be scored using The Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 90.3 and Appendix A.

**Awards:** Benedict Arnold Trophy to the boat with the fastest corrected time regardless of class.



## How Does the Starting System Work?

Title	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Time to Start
Warning	Class Flag(s) Displayed	 1	5* minutes
Preparatory	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">             "P" Flag  <small>Blue with a white square</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>or</small>             "I" Flag  <small>Yellow with a black dot</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>or</small>             "Z" Flag  <small>Yellow Black Blue Red</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>or</small>             "Z" Flag  <small>Yellow Black Blue Red</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>or</small>             "I" Flag  <small>Yellow with a black dot</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">             Black Flag  <small>Black</small> </div> </div>	 1	4 minutes
	Preparatory Flag(s) Removed	 1	1 minute
Start	Starting Class Flag Removed New Starting Class Flag Raised	 1	0

\* or as stated in the sailing instructions  
The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

### The Midweek and Fall Series

The Midweek and Fall Series have multiple starts. The starting sequence is uninterrupted. The starting signal for the starting class is the warning signal for the next class. If the start is fair, meaning no one was on the course side of the starting line at the start, the next class flag is raised as the starting class flag is lowered (one up and one down).

#### Individual Recalls:

In the case of an Individual Recall, after the next class flag is raised, one additional sound and the Individual Recall Flag will be raised. The Race Committee will attempt to hail the guilty boat(s), although it is the boat's responsibility to start properly. The Race Committee attempt to hail them is a courtesy.

#### General Recalls:

In the case of a General Recall, after the next class flag is raised, two additional sounds and the General Recall flag will be raised. In the event of a General Recall the recalled fleet will start at the end of the class starts.

#### Starts with only one Sequence:

***The starting sequence follows the Racing Rules of Sailing "26 Starting Races" as detailed in the graphic above.***