

New England Beetle Cat Boat Association  
1940-2017  
Leo J. Telesmanick Beetle Cat Championships

NOTICE OF REGATTA  
Saturday & Sunday, August 12 & 13, 2017

Hosted by  
**Edgewood Yacht Club**  
1 Shaw Avenue  
Cranston, RI 02905

1. **ELIGIBILITY** - This regatta is open to Beetle Cat sailboats conforming to the current NEBCBA Class Regulations as printed in the 2006 Handbook. Membership in NEBCBA is required for all skippers.
2. **RULES THAT APPLY** - The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, except as modified by the Regatta Sailing Instructions provided at registration.
3. **REGISTRATION** - Written entries are due in advance using an official entry form available on the NEBCBA and EYC websites. Mail the completed entry form and payment to:

Edgewood Yacht Club  
Att'n: Wayne Kezirian  
1 Shaw Avenue  
Cranston, RI 02905

Entries, with fees included (check payable to Edgewood Yacht Club), must be received by August 1. A late fee of \$15 must accompany all entries received after this date or filed at the beginning of the regatta; all registrations must be received by 0900 on August 9. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting a disclaimer of liability. Regatta fees are indicated on the entry form. Questions about registration may be addressed to wayne1000@cox.net (preferred) or 401-965-9734 (phone or text).

4. **SCHEDULE** (Times are subject to change as conditions indicate). Please note, the race course is directly in front of the EYC docks, there is no need for a long sail to get to the course.

Friday, August 11 Early Check-In	1200-1800
Saturday, August 12 Final Check-In	0730-0900
Skippers Meeting	0930
Harbor Start	0945
First Signal on Race Course	1015
Competitors lunch (supplied)	1230 (approx)
Last race begins no later than	1600

Dinner preceded by NEBCBA Annual Meeting (which will be short!)	1800
Sunday, August 13 Harbor Start	0930
First Signal on Race Course	1000
Last Race begins no later than	1300
Lunch	1330 (approx)
Awards and Final Results	1400 (approx)

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & COURSES - Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in. Races will be held on Narragansett Bay, which lies between East Providence and Cranston, RI. Depending on wind direction, courses may be triangles or windward-leewards or a combination of both. The race committee may employ an offset mark to windward and a gate to leeward. All courses will be outlined in the race instructions and posted on the course.

6. SCORING - The low-point scoring system, Appendix A, of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply. One throw out race will be allowed if 6 or more races are completed. A DSQ may not be thrown out. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. First place will be awarded .75 points; ties broken first by best throw out, then by finish in last race.

7. PENALTY SYSTEMS – Modified Rule 44.2 will apply. One turn (a 360°) is required after a foul and must be completed at the first practical opportunity.

8. PROTESTS – Rule 61.1 will apply to all protests. Protesting boats will be required to hail the boat being protested and to fly a red flag as soon as possible. The manner in which the Race Committee will handle protests will be announced prior to the first race and/or in the Sailing Instructions.

9. AWARDS - The Leo J. Telesmanick trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of this regatta. Trophies will be awarded to the top **two skippers** and crews in the following divisions: Junior (18 & under), Women's, Men's, Old Salts (50-59) and Ancient Mariners (60 & over). The Chairman's Trophy will be awarded in the fall NEBCBA Board of Governors meeting to the yacht club that has at least three boats entered and has the best total finishing scores. Classification eligibility will be based on the identity of the skipper. Except as specifically authorized by the race committee or in the event of an emergency (such as weather conditions requiring assistance or equipment malfunction), crew may take the helm only occasionally.

10. SAFETY EQUIPMENT - NEBCBA Class Regulations require all Junior participants (18 & under) to wear a US Coast Guard Approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) at all times on the water for this regatta. It is also required to have a rescue whistle attached to the PFD.

11. SAIL NUMBERS - All boats must have a distinct sail number. Any duplicate numbers will need to be temporarily altered for participation in this regatta.

12. DINNER AND NEBCBA ANNUAL MEETING – A dinner, preceded by the NEBCBA Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, August 12, 2017, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Edgewood Yacht Club. All friends of the Beetle Cat are welcome. Use the entry form to reserve your

dinner.

13. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Competitors agree to be bound by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their yacht, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third persons or to their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility Edgewood Yacht Club, Edgewood Sailing School, Brown University and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behavior of the yacht's crew, representatives and guests. In any case, competitors agree that the Edgewood Yacht Club, Edgewood Sailing School, Brown University, Beetle, Inc., New England Beetle Cat Boat Association and their officers, employees and members have no responsibility for injury to competitors, members or others or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember may be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability. This disclaimer of liability is a condition of participation and will apply to all participants whether or not a disclaimer of liability is signed.

14. **TRAILERS AND STORAGE** - EYC will provide a place to store trailers that is convenient to the Club. The EYC ramp is not accessible within 2 hours of low tide so plan accordingly. Tides for the weekend are as follows:

Friday, August 11:            High at 11:13 a.m.  
   Low at 4:27 p.m.

Saturday, August 12:        Low at 4:45 a.m.  
   High at 12:01 p.m.  
   Low at 5:12 p.m.

Sunday, August 13:         Low at 5:26 a.m.  
   High at 12:53 p.m.  
   Low at 6:03 p.m.

The EYC ramp is user friendly and launching assistance is available. If you desire, you may rig your boat on Friday and launch on Saturday morning.