



2023 – In Our 29th Year
Notice of Race



**United States Vintage Model Yacht Group
2023 National Championship Regatta Series
October 13 – 15, 2023**

Sponsored by the US Vintage Model Yacht Group

Location: The sailing location is Tel Hai Camp and Retreat Center, 1101 Beaver Dam Road, Honey Brook, PA 19344. This location can be accessed from either the Downingtown (Exit 312) or Morgantown (298) interchanges of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Exit 312 is about 25 minutes to the lake and exit 298 is about 20 minutes to the lake.

Eligibility: Skippers of Remote Control (R/C) Vintage Marbleheads, Vintage 36/600s, Schooners, Skipjacks, Unrestricted model yachts, International A boats, and other vintage model yachts. Membership in the US Vintage Model Yacht Group is [required](#) and the American Model Yachting Association is [encouraged](#).

Rules: Racing will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2021–2024 (RRS), as modified by Appendix E and the Regatta Sailing Instructions.

The following class rules are published on the USVMYG website (<https://usvmYG.org/classes/>).

- [Vintage Marblehead](#) (Traditional, High Flyer, and Classic)
- [Vintage 36/600](#)
- [Skipjack 48](#)
- [Schooner](#)
- [International A Boat](#) (pre-1994 boats)
- [Unrestricted Models](#)

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Entry: Eligible boats and skippers are entered upon receipt of completed Entry Form and entry fee. The entry fee is \$80.00 for the first model yacht and \$25.00 for each additional model yacht, which covers trophies, on-site refreshments, picnic (Friday) and lunch for skippers on all three days of sailing. Regatta dinner party at local restaurant (not included in the regatta fee) will be announced at the regatta.

We would prefer you to use the electronic entry form (for entry details see page 4) which is: <https://form.jotform.com/220725598101958> (Control + Mouse Click to open it)

Registration is due by September 1, 2023.

Hosted by the Chester Springs Model Yacht Club (303), Chester Springs, PA

**2023 National Championship Regatta Series Schedule
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Regatta Schedule: The goals of the regatta schedule are to minimize travel costs, to maximize sailing time in each class and to accommodate skipper participation in conflicting events. The schedule may be modified at the discretion of the Regatta Committee based on fleet registrations, weather, and general sailing conditions.

FRIDAY, October 13, 2023 (Skipjacks, Schooners, Unrestricted)

- 9:00 am: Check-in
- 9:30 am: Welcome; Skipjack skippers' meeting
 - Racing all morning
 - Awards presentation
- Noon: Lunch provided at the site (available for non-skippers)
- 1:00 pm: Schooner/International A Boat/Unrestricted class skippers' meeting
 - Racing all afternoon
 - Awards presentation
- 5:00 pm: Regatta Picnic (on-site)

SATURDAY, October 14, 2023 (V36 boats)

- 9:30 am: Vintage 36/600 skippers meeting
 - Racing all morning
- Noon: Lunch provided at the site (available for non-skippers)
 - Racing all afternoon
 - Awards ceremony
- 6:30 pm: Regatta dinner at local restaurant

SUNDAY, October 15, 2023 (Vintage Marblehead boats)

- 9:30 am: Vintage Marblehead skippers meeting
 - Racing all morning
- Noon: Lunch provided at the site (available for non-skippers)
 - Racing all afternoon
 - Awards ceremony
 - Includes the Craftsmanship and Sportsmanship awards presentation

NOTE: You will be allowed to keep boats in the boat house overnight. The boat house is secured at the end of each day. Overnight charging of batteries is **NOT** allowed in the boat house.

Boats may be placed in the boat house between 1:00 and 3:00 pm on Thursday, October 12, 2023.

Local conditions may force changes in items stated herein during the course of the regatta.

2023 National Championship Regatta Series Notes

Racing Format: Single fleet

Scoring: Low point system, one point awarded 1st place, etc. DNF, DNS and DSQ shall be scored fleet plus one. A DSQ shall not be used as a throw-out. There will be one throw-out for each half day of racing, i.e., one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Sailing Instructions: See page 6 for US VMYG Racing Rules.

Holds, adjustments: One 5-minute hold per skipper for the entire regatta. Adjustments must be made before the start countdown begins. Boats aground or entangled may be freed by anyone.

Prizes: Trophies will be awarded to the top three skippers in fleets that field six or more boats and to the top two skippers in fleets of three to five boats.

Clothing: US VMYG clothing is available from Corporate Casuals by going to the following apparel page: https://shop.corporatecasuals.com/us_vintage_model_yacht_group/shop/home
You may customize an article of clothing for the regatta with, for example, *2023 – 29 Years*, for a slight up charge.

The Waynebrook Inn has set aside a block of rooms for the regatta. It is about 10 minutes from the lake. You can register on-line at <https://waynebrookinn.com/> or by calling (610) 273-2444. Use the code **USVMYG**. They are extending a 10% discount this year on the rooms. Do not use an on-line booking service.

Lodging and Restaurants: There are many hotels and restaurants* in the Exton and Lionville, PA area. A Google search will produce many places to stay and eat. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the regatta coordinator. Many restaurants are on Open Table.

*Breakfast locations include Nudy's (multiple locations), Cracker Barrel, Panera Bread, Bistro 24 American Grille, Wimpy and Dees Diner (Honey Brook) and others.

For More information:

- Chester Springs Model Yacht Club website: <https://sites.google.com/site/csmyclub/>
- United States Vintage Model Yacht Group website: <https://usvmyg.org/>
- John Stoudt at 610-316-8695, or jstoudt309@gmail.com

Embedded Links: You will notice various items that are seen in blue (grey) on this NOR. These are all hyperlinks. If you press and hold the control button on your keyboard and click the mouse button the link will open.

BYOC – Bring Your Own Chair

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Electronic Entry Form
2023 USVMYG National Regatta Series
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Name _____ Phone _____
 Email _____ USVMYG Member - Yes ____ No ____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip Code _____

Denotes }
 Sailing }
 Together }

Entry Fees: \$80.00 for first model entry, \$25.00 for each additional model.

Class	Design	Sail #	Freq 1	Freq 2	Freq 3	2.4 GHz	Fee
Traditional VM	<p>DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM!</p> <p>Control plus click on the following link and complete the On-line registration form.</p> <p>https://form.jotform.com/220725598101958</p> <p>Registration must be done electronically!</p>						
High Flyer VM							
Classic VM							
V36/600							
Schooner: - 50							
Schooner: + 50							
International A Boat							
Unrestricted Class Boat							
Skipjack							
Tee Shirt Size - Write your size in the space to the right S M L XL XXL (etc.)							
Friday: Guest lunch available. Guest lunch/s _____ @ \$20.00 each							
Saturday: Guest lunch available. Guest lunch/s _____ @ \$20.00 each							
Number of people attending Friday evening's picnic _____							No Charge
Number of people attending Saturday evening's dinner _____							*

* Pay at event

See NOR for more details

- Fees include trophies, refreshments, evening (Friday) picnic (for all) and lunch each day for skippers on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Skippers will receive an article of clothing.
- Friday, Saturday, and Sunday lunch for guests will be available at \$20.00.
- Per-head cost of Saturday's regatta dinner at a local restaurant, which will be announced at the regatta and collected at the restaurant.
- **Entries must be received before September 1, 2023**

Questions: John Stoudt at 610-316-8695 (C), or jstoudt309@gmail.com

In consideration of accepting this entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights to claim damages I or my family may have or acquired against the sponsor organization, the US Vintage Model Yacht Group, or its members, the host club, the Chester Springs Model Yacht Club, or its members, the sailing site owner, and its employees, agents, representatives or assigns, the American Model Yachting Association, or its members, during this event. I also agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by other rules that govern this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Directions to Tel Hai Camp and Retreat Center Lake

The camp (lake) address is:

Tel Hai Camp and Retreat Center (lake), 1101 Beaver Dam Road, Honey Brook, PA 19344

Google Maps Locator: 3456+XW Honey Brook, Pennsylvania

CSMYC Website Locator: <https://sites.google.com/site/csmyclub/home/our-sailing-location>

Location coordinates: 40° 03' 23" N - 75° 53' 19" W

Driving Directions:

From Exit 298 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike: Travel south on Route 10 through Morgantown and then through Honey Brook. Turn left onto Beaver Dam Road. The lake will be on your left.

From Exit 312 of Pennsylvania Turnpike; Travel south on Route 100. Turn right onto Route 113 south. Turn right onto Route 30 west. Turn right onto Route 322 west. Turn left onto Birdell Road. Turn right onto Beaver Dam Road. The lake will be on your right.

Sailing Location at the Lake: Our sailing location is on the side of the road in front of Tel Hai Retirement Community. Park where directed. See map for details.

Suggestions: It is suggested that you bring a folding chair, as well as boots or water shoes.

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US VMYG Racing Rules

Skipper conduct: Gentlemanly, sportsman-like behavior is required.

Governing Rules: [Current Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#), as modified by Appendix E.

GENERAL RULES SUMMARY

Avoid Contact: A boat shall avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible (RRS #14). Accidental nudges are not necessarily grounds for protest. Don't be a sea lawyer. However, skippers are required to comply with the RRS, especially the basic rules of the road. Do not try to squeeze in where there is no room.

Touching marks: Except for start and finish marks, touching marks on the course is allowed, as long as you round them on the proper side. We round marks to port, unless directed otherwise at the start of a regatta/race. Touching a start mark requires a 360-degree turn, which includes a tack and a jibe, without interfering with other boats. Touching a finish mark requires returning to the course side of the line, doing a 360-degree turn, and finishing correctly.

On opposite tacks: A port tack boat shall keep clear of a starboard tack boat (RRS #10).

On same tack, overlapped: A windward boat shall keep clear of a leeward boat (RRS #11).

On same tack, not overlapped: A boat clear astern shall keep clear of a boat clear ahead (RRS #12).

Passing marks; giving room, keeping clear: When boats on the same tack are overlapped at the four-length zone, the outside boat shall give the inside boat room to round the mark in a seaman-like manner (RRS #18). If there is reasonable doubt that an inside boat established an overlap in time, it shall be presumed that she did not, and she shall thereafter keep clear. If there is any doubt, err on the side of keeping clear.

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You are the keep-clear boat when you are:	The other boat has the r-o-w when she is:	Applicable Rule:
Sailing on port tack	Sailing on starboard tack	RRS #10
The windward boat	The leeward boat	RSS # 1
The clear-astern boat	The clear ahead boat	RSS #12
Changing tacks	Not changing tacks	RSS #13
The outside overlapped boat at marks	The inside boat	RSS #18
Avoiding Contact: A boat shall avoid contact with another boat if reasonably		RSS #14

At the start: We will use either a one- or two-minute start sequence, depending on fleet size and wind conditions. No dip starts, which means that you must not cross the line from the course side after the mid-point of the countdown. If over the line early, you must sail around either end mark and start properly.

Penalties: Infractions of rules require a 360-degree turn as soon as possible, which includes a tack and a jibe, without interfering with others. There is no protest committee. Skippers must resolve protests on the water in a gentlemanly, sportsman-like manner.

Scoring: The low point scoring system will be used, one point awarded for 1st place, etc. "Did Not Finish" (DNF) and "Did Not Start" (DNS) shall be scored fleet plus one.

NOTE: *There will be one throw-out for each morning and afternoon set of races.*

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Possible Guest Activity Destinations

There are spouses who might want to head out on their own or with other spouses to a local attraction. So rather than organize these we thought we would leave this up to the individual spouses to coordinate.

Here is a list of some of the local attractions. These are all within 45 minutes of the lake.

The Brandywine River Museum – Located in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania

Website: <https://www.brandywine.org/museum>

Lancaster City Trip – Lancaster, PA

A trip to Lancaster to visit Central Market (farmers' market), art galleries, and various other shops. Lancaster Central Market was born in 1730 on a 120-square-foot plot of land conveyed by Andrew and Ann Hamilton from their private estate. Still in operation in downtown Lancaster it houses numerous stands with Lancaster County food and other goods.

Longwood Gardens – Located in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Website: <https://longwoodgardens.org/>

Philadelphia Attractions: There are a number of attractions in the city of Philadelphia. These are easily found by doing a Google search.

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Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library, - Located in Winterthur, Delaware

Website: <https://www.winterthur.org/>