



2026 – In Our 32nd Year
Notice of Race



**United States Vintage Model Yacht Group
2023 National Championship Regatta Series
September 25 -27, 2026**

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 Models, International A boats, Vintage 10-Raters, and other vintage model yachts. Membership in the US Vintage Model Yacht Group is [required](#) and in the American Model Yachting Association is [encouraged](#).

Rules: Racing will be governed by the current [Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028](#) (RRS), as modified by Appendix E and the Regatta Sailing Instructions. [USVMYG - Racing Rules](#)
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](#)
- [Vintage 10-Rater](#)

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Entry: Eligible boats and skippers are entered upon receipt of completed Entry Form and entry fee. The entry fee is \$110.00 for the first model yacht and \$15.00 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 [The Waynebrook Inn](#) is not included in the regatta fee.

We would prefer you to use the electronic entry form (for entry details see page 4) which is: <https://form.jotform.com/260565961706969> (Control + Mouse Click to open it)

***Registration is due by September 1, 2026. No accommodations for late registration, extra boats, or sail number changes will be made after this date.
All registrations are FINAL***

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 for 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, September 25, 2026 (Skipjacks, Schooners, V10R, A-boats Unrestricted)

- 9:00 am: Check-in
- 9:30 am: Welcome; Skipjack/V10R 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 Models skippers' meeting
 - Racing all afternoon
 - Awards presentation
- 4:00 pm. Trunk swap meet and free-sailing demonstration
- 5:00 pm: Regatta Picnic (on-site) Including Blue Crabs provided by Scott Todd

SATURDAY, September 26, 2026 (Vintage Marblehead boats)

- 9:00 am: Check-in
- 9:30 am: Vintage Marblehead skippers' meeting
 - Racing **High Flyer and Classic** Marbleheads all morning
- Noon: Lunch provided at the site (available for non-skippers)
 - Racing **Traditional** Marbleheads all afternoon
 - Awards presentation
- 6:30 pm: Regatta dinner at [The Waynebrook Inn](#)

SUNDAY, September 27, 2026 (V36boats)

- 9:00 am: Check-in
- 9:30 am: Vintage 36/600 skippers' meeting
 - Racing all morning (No races will begin after 12:00 pm)
- 1:00 pm: Lunch provided at the site (available for non-skippers)
 - 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. **NO** Boats may be placed in the boat house unit 2:30, September 24, 2026. Check in will be between 2:30 and 4:00 pm on Thursday, September 24, 2026, and every morning at 9 am. All skippers **must** check in prior to racing to confirm sail numbers and boats based on registration.

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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.

Sailing Instructions: See page 7 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 are 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. Craftmanship and Fun Awards will be awarded

Clothing: US VMYG clothing is available from Corporate Casuals by going to the following apparel page: <https://usvmyg.org/store/apparel/>
You may customize an article of clothing for the regatta with, for example, *2026 – 32 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 <https://waynebrookinn.com/> You can reserve a room by calling (610) 273-2444. They are extending a 10% discount this year on the rooms via phone reservations only. 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, September Farms, and others.

For More information:

- Chester Springs Model Yacht Club website: csmyc.org
- United States Vintage Model Yacht Group website: <https://usvmyg.org/>
- John Stoudt at 610-316-8695, or jstoudt309@gmail.com
- Richard McOrmond at 610-717-8285 (C), or McOrmondrc@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: \$110.00 for first model entry, \$15.00 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/260565961706969</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							
Vintage 10 - Rater							
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 _____							\$50.00

* 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 a T shirt
- 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, 2026 No accommodations for late registration, extra boats, or sail number changes will be made after this date. All registrations are FINAL**
- **Volunteering** - An additional request will be listed on the registration. All skippers are encouraged to be available to volunteer when not racing. Please select a time and job you will be available for. Jobs include, chase boat, scoring, monitoring marks, setup for meals, clean up and others. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Questions: Richard McOrmond at 610-717-8285 (C), or McOrmondrc@gmail.com

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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: There is a dock for launching boats, it is suggested that you bring boots or water shoes and your own chair.



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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 # 11
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 possible		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 720-degree turn (two turns which includes a tack and a jibe), as soon as possible, without interfering with other boats.

There is no protest committee. Skippers must resolve protests on the water in a gentlemanly, sportsman-like manner.

If a boat is knocked out of a race by another boat's foul, then the boat committing the foul must withdraw from that race.

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: All fouls must result in penalty turns. If you are fouled, you cannot forgive the foul and tell that skipper to sail on. This negatively impacts the other boats on the water.

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Possible Guest Activity Destinations

Travel companions 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/>