

NOTICE OF RACE

Community Boating Inc.'s 80th Anniversary Sail-a-thon: 24-Hour Lap Challenge Fundraiser

Hosted by Community Boating, Inc. ("CBI") as Organizing Authority

Date: June 20, 2026 - June 21, 2026

Venue: Community Boating, Inc (CBI)

Sailing Area: Charles River Lower Basin, Boston, Massachusetts

Official Notice Board: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/I10a8hFkcq>

Official Registration Site: <https://go.rallyup.com/sailathon>

Official CBI (OA) Site: www.community-boating.org



80 Years. 24 Hours. One Mission.

In 2026, Community Boating turns 80. To celebrate, we are launching our first ever 24 Hour Sailathon on the Charles River and we need you on board. For 24 straight hours, teams will keep their boats moving around the Basin, sailing as many laps as possible. It is a test of endurance, teamwork, and heart. But this is bigger than a race, every lap sailed raises critical funds that advance CBI's mission of Sailing for All.

This Notice of Race establishes the rules, eligibility requirements, and fundraising obligations that govern the 2026 80th Anniversary Sailathon. Entry in this event constitutes agreement to both the competitive and fundraising obligations described herein.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2. The following documents apply: this Notice of Race (NOR), the Sailing Instructions (SI), and any amendments posted to the Official Notice Board.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions will control (this changes RRS 63.7).
- 1.4. Fundraising Perks: As described in NOR 13, certain optional fundraising "perks" may modify equipment and/or outside assistance rules. Where permitted, those provisions change the applicable rules.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available no later than **1200, Friday, June 19, 2026** on the Official Notice Board.

3. Communication

- 3.1. The Race Committee will communicate with competitors by **VHF 72**.
- 3.2. Competitors shall comply with Race Committee communications and instructions related to safety and race management.

4. Eligibility, Classes, and Boats

- 4.1. This event is team-based. It is the responsibility of participants to organize their own teams. The Organizing Authority will not assign individuals to teams.

Each team shall compete in one of the following CBI-owned boat classes:

- Sonar
 - Keel Mercury
 - Ideal 18
 - 420E
 - ILCA (Laser), non spinnaker
- 4.2. **Registration Status - Team Captain or Team Member:** At the time of registration, each individual shall designate whether they are registering as Team Captain or Team Member. The Team Captain is the primary point of contact for the Organizing Authority and is responsible for team coordination and event compliance. (See NOR 5.3)
 - 4.3. **Team Roster Submission:** After individual participants have registered, the Team Captain shall notify the Organizing Authority of the complete team roster by June 1, 2026. The Organizing Authority may require confirmation or verification of team membership. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to limit team size by class for safety or operational reasons.
 - 4.4. **Entry Procedure:** Eligible participants may register through the following link: <https://go.rallyup.com/c/c6c28a>.
To be considered an entry in the event, a team shall complete all registration requirements, including:
 - a. All participating individuals have completed registration
 - b. Required waivers have been signed
 - c. All required fees described in NOR 5 have been paid
 - 4.5. **Boat Assignment:** Boats will be assigned and provided by CBI and announced at the skippers' meeting. Boats may be re-assigned at the discretion of the Organizing Authority for safety, maintenance, or event operations. Assignment is not guaranteed until all entry requirements are complete, all fees are paid, and all required safety waivers are signed.
 - 4.6. **Exclusive use of CBI Boats:** CBI boats assigned to this event will be removed from general membership access during the event window and will be available only to entered teams as directed by the Organizing Authority.

- 4.7. Each team shall designate at least one skipper responsible for compliance with the rules and safety requirements aboard while racing. A skipper may, but is not required to be, the Team Captain.
- 4.8. Eligible teams may unlock optional fundraising perks (including, as available, spinnaker use and/or crew-swap launch service, etc) as described in NOR 13 and further detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.9. Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

5. Fees and Fundraising

5.1. Event Registration Fees (Non-Charitable)

5.1.a. Sailing Participant Registration Fee (Team Captain & Team Member):

Each Sailing Participant shall pay a non-refundable \$125 registration fee. This fee includes assigned boat, food and hydration from CBI vendors, sail-a-thon exclusive merchandise, and two Off Hour Spectator access passes for friends/family.

5.1.b. Shore Team Member Registration Fee: Each Shore Team Member shall pay a non-refundable \$75 registration fee. This individual participates in event activities, including logistics, crew rotation management, food and hydration support, and dockside operations.

Refund Policy: Cancellation requests received on or before April 20, 2026 are eligible for a full refund, less a \$20 administrative fee. Cancellation requests received between April 21 and May 20, 2026 are eligible for a 50% refund of fees paid. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after May 20, 2026. All cancellation requests must be submitted through the withdrawal form.

5.2. Team Minimum Fundraising Requirement (Charitable Contribution):

Each entered boat (see list below) is subject to a minimum team fundraising requirement of \$500.

- **Sonar**
- **Ideal 18**
- **Keel Mercury**
- **420E**
- **ILCA (Laser)**

The Team minimum fundraising requirement represents the minimum amount of charitable funds each team agrees to raise for Community Boating, Inc. The required minimum applies per boat entry, not per individual participant.

- ### 5.3. Fundraising Commitment and Financial Responsibility:
- By registering, each team commits to meeting or exceeding the Team Minimum Fundraising Requirement. Each team shall designate a Team Captain who serves as the primary point of contact and assumes responsibility for ensuring the team fulfills its fundraising obligation. Teams are jointly responsible for meeting the minimum fundraising requirement. If the required minimum has not been met within seven (7) days following the conclusion of the event, the Team Captain will be invoiced for the

outstanding balance. CBI reserves the right to charge any unpaid balance to the payment method on file or pursue other lawful means of collection if payment is not received within the stated timeframe. Failure to meet fundraising obligations may result in disqualification from awards and ineligibility for future CBI events, including loss of good standing with Community Boating, Inc.

- 5.4. **Donation Processing and Tax Acknowledgment:** All charitable contributions must be made directly through the official fundraising platform designated by the Organizing Authority or directly to Community Boating, Inc. with proper team attribution. Community Boating, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. EIN: 04-2084042.

Charitable tax acknowledgment letters will be issued directly to donors in accordance with IRS regulations. Registration fees, Shore Team Member fees, and Off-Hours Spectator Access passes are not tax deductible. Funds raised in excess of a team's minimum requirement are unrestricted charitable contributions in support of CBI's mission.

- 5.5. **Off-Hours Spectator Access:** During the defined Off-Hours Period, access to CBI premises is limited to registered participants and individuals holding a valid Off-Hours Spectator Access pass. Off-Hours Spectator Access passes are available for \$10 per person and are non-refundable. These fees are not charitable contributions.

- 5.6. **Optional Fundraising Incentives ("Perks"):** As part of the Sailathon's charitable purpose, teams may unlock optional fundraising incentives ("Perks") through additional donations beyond their minimum requirement. Perks may include limited race-related advantages as described in Section 13 and the Sailing Instructions.

Perks: Must be declared and approved by the Organizing Authority, are subject to availability, may be limited by safety, staffing, and equipment considerations, do not alter the fundamental safety requirements of the event and only Perks explicitly authorized and recorded by the Race Committee are permitted.

6. Schedule

- 6.1. **Saturday, June 20, 2026 - Sunday, June 21, 2026**

- **Saturday June 20, 2026**

- **0900** Morning competitors' briefing (See NOR 14)
- **0955** Warning signal
- **1000** First starting signal
- **1915** Evening competitors' briefing (See NOR 14)

- **Sunday June 21, 2026**

- **1000** No lap to be started after
- **1100** Closing Ceremony Begins

- 6.2. The race will run for **24 hours** from 1000 Saturday June 21, 2026 to 1000 Sunday June 21, 2026 (see NOR 10).

6.3. **Defined Off-Hours Period:** For the purposes of this NOR, the “Off-Hours Period” is defined as:

2200 Saturday, June 20, 2026 through 0530 Sunday, June 21, 2026.

During the Off-Hours Period, CBI is closed to the general public. Access is limited to:

- Registered Sailing Participants
- Registered Shore Team Members
- Off-Hours Spectators holding a valid Off-Hours Spectator Access pass

Access procedures and entry points during the Off-Hours Period will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

7. Venue & Racing Area

7.1. The race will be conducted in the Charles River Lower Basin as described in the SI.

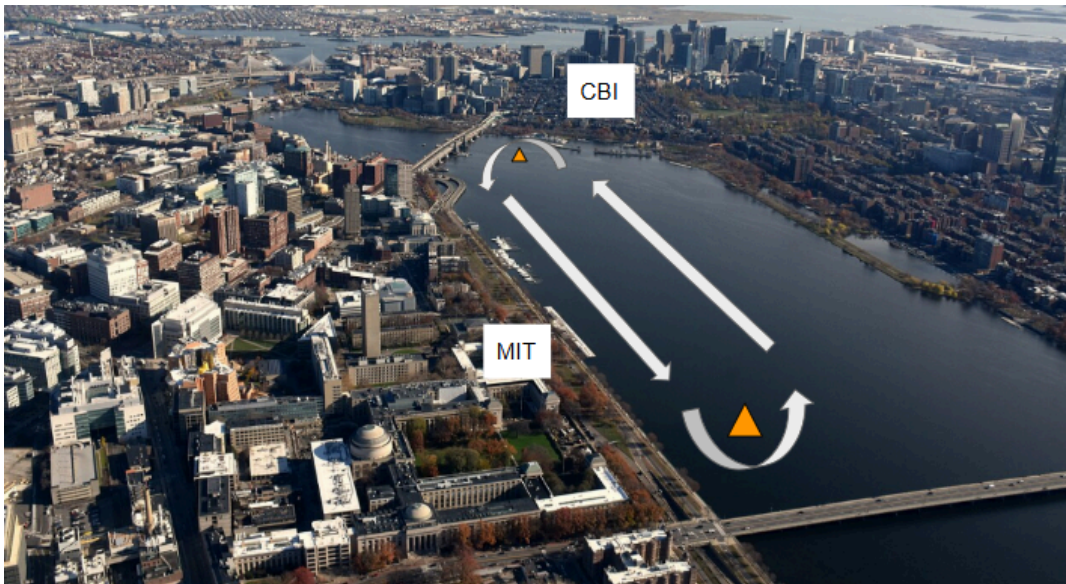
7.2. The venue will be Community Boating, Inc. 21, David G. Mugar Way, Boston, MA 02114

8. Course and Laps

8.1. The course will be an open lap course described in the SI.

8.2. Boats will sail as many laps as possible within the race time limit.

8.3. The Race Committee may adjust the course configuration for safety, river traffic, weather, or fairness as described in the SI.



9. The Start and Finish

- 9.1. The race will be started using RRS 26, unless changed in the SI.
- 9.2. The starting line will be described in the SI.
- 9.3. The lap completion line is the starting line (start/finish line), as described in the SI.

10. Time Limit / Race Duration

- 10.1. No lap can be started after 1000, Sunday, June 21, 2026
- 10.2. The Time Limit is 1030, Sunday, June 21, 2026, when all racing ends.
- 10.3. Only laps fully completed within the time limit will be scored. Laps completed after the time limit will not be scored.

11. Scoring (Full Laps Only)

- 11.1. The boat that completes the greatest number of full laps within the time limit will rank first, second greatest second, and so on.
- 11.2. Definition of a lap: A lap is completed when a boat sails the course and crosses the designated lap line in the correct direction after rounding all marks in the required order (as further defined in the SI).
- 11.3. No partial laps: No partial laps will be scored. A boat that has not completed its next full lap by the time limit will receive credit only for the number of full laps completed.
- 11.4. Tie-breakers: If two or more boats have completed the same number of full laps, ties will be broken by:
 - 11.4.a. The boat with the earliest recorded time of completing its final scored lap, then
 - 11.4.b. If still tied, the race committee will determine the final tie-breaker, then
 - 11.4.c. If still tied, the tie shall remain unbroken.
- 11.5. The Race Committee will record lap counts and lap completion times as described in the SI. Boats may be required to check in periodically or otherwise assist scoring (see SI).

12. Docking, Crew Changes, Pit Stops, and Shore Teams

- 12.1. Docking and crew changes are permitted after a boat has started. Boats may dock and/or come ashore for the purpose of changing crew and conducting "pit stops" (food, rest, clothing changes, minor adjustments) as part of racing strategy.
- 12.2. A boat that docks or conducts a pit stop remains racing and may resume sailing and continue completing laps, provided it complies with the rules, this NOR, and the SI.
- 12.3. The SI may define permitted pit-stop conduct for safety and fairness, including designated dock areas,

- 12.4. check-in/out procedures, quiet hours, and traffic management.
- 12.5. Shore teams permitted: Each entry may have a shore team providing support on land/dock only, including logistics, food and hydration support, clothing changes, communications, and crew rotation management, consistent with this NOR and the SI.
- 12.6. Except as provided in NOR 13 (Fundraising Perks), boats may not receive outside assistance that improves performance beyond routine pit-stop support.

13. Fundraising Perks and Optional Modifications

- 13.1. As part of the fundraiser, competitors may “unlock” optional perks with additional donations. These perks are permitted for all classes only if purchased/authorized as described in this NOR and the SI. Competitors acknowledge that this is a charitable fundraising event and that optional perks are designed to incentivize philanthropic support.
- 13.2. Perks, prices, and availability will be published by the Organizing Authority March 13, 2026 and may be limited by safety, staffing, and equipment availability.
- 13.3. A boat’s perks (if any) must be declared by June 1, 2026. The Race Committee may publish a list of each entry’s approved perks.
- 13.4. Only perks explicitly authorized by the Organizing Authority and recorded by the Race Committee are permitted. All other variations are prohibited.
- 13.5. All other sailing rules apply. Where a perk conflicts with a rule, the SI will control the on-the-water implementation, and the allowance in this NOR/SI will govern.
- 13.6. **Equipment carried aboard at the start (default rule):**
Except as explicitly permitted by an approved perk under **NOR 13.7–13.8**, boats shall race only with the same equipment carried aboard at the time of their starting signal. Replacement or additional performance-related equipment may not be taken aboard after the start.
- 13.7. **Spinnaker perk (available to all spinnaker classes, if unlocked/approved):**
 - 13.7.a. If unlocked/approved, a boat may use a spinnaker as described in the SI.
 - 13.7.b. Unless the SI states otherwise, any spinnaker and associated gear must be carried aboard at the start to be used.
 - 13.7.c. The SI may specify spinnaker limitations by class and/or wind limits for safety.
- 13.8. **Crew-swap launch service perk (available to all classes, if unlocked/approved):**
 - 13.8.a. If unlocked/approved, a boat may conduct crew swaps using Organizing Authority/Race Committee launch assistance as described in the SI.
 - 13.8.b. This changes RRS 41 only to the extent necessary to permit the specifically described assistance. All other outside assistance remains prohibited unless permitted by the SI.

- 13.9. The Organizing Authority may offer other perks. Any such perks and their terms will be stated in the SI and/or published on the Official Notice Board.

14. Safety Requirements

- 14.1. This is an endurance race that may include sailing after sunset and before sunrise. Each boat is responsible for the safety of its crew.
- 14.2. All sailing participants are required to attend one of the Competitors' Briefing (see NOR 6.1) prior to going on the water for the first time.
- 14.3. Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs):
- 14.3.a. PFDs shall be worn at all times by all competitors while on the water, in the boat, and on the front of dock, as defined by white line on dock.
 - 14.3.b. Each competitor shall wear a properly sized U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD.
 - 14.3.c. PFDs may be provided by the Organizing Authority, competitors may bring their own subject to inspection by the Organizing Authority.
 - 14.3.d. Water activated lights will be provided by the organizing authority and must be worn by all competitors while navigation lights are turned on.
- 14.4. Minimum operating requirements:
- 14.4.a. Navigation lights, provided by the Organizing Authority, must be on from **2000 to 0530**.
 - 14.4.b. Each boat shall have a working sound-producing device.
 - 14.4.c. Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the Race Committee.
 - 14.4.d. Competitors shall comply with any Race Committee safety instructions, including directions related to river traffic, bridges, course congestion, or emergency response.
- 14.5. The racing area is confined and the Race Committee expects to maintain observation of the course throughout the event; however, this does not reduce each boat's responsibility under RRS 3 and the rules of the road.
- 14.6. Additional safety, check-in, and communication procedures (if any) will be stated in the SI.

15. Support Vessels

- 15.1. No outside support vessels are permitted.
- 15.2. Organizing Authority/Race Committee vessels may be on the water for safety, race management, observation, and for any approved "perk" services described in the SI.

16. Prizes and Awards

- 16.1. **Event Overall Lap Award:** An Event Overall Award will be presented to the entry that completes the most laps overall across all classes.

- 16.2. **Overall Class Laps Awards:** The Organizing Authority will recognize the highest lap total within each class (Sonar, Ideal 18, Keel Mercury, 420E, ILCA).
- 16.3. **Additional awards:** Other awards may be determined by the Organizing Authority and announced on the Official Notice Board and/or at the awards ceremony.
- 16.4. **Fundraising Awards:** The Organizing Authority may recognize top fundraising teams and/or individual fundraisers at the awards ceremony.

17. Risk Statement

- 17.1. Every participant shall sign a Waiver of Liability with CBI.
- 17.2. **RRS 3** states that "*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, the owner/crew are participating entirely at his/her own risk. None of the OA, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization affiliated with this event accept any liability for damage, personal injury or death sustained during this event or prior, during or after.

18. Media Rights

- 18.1. Each boat (including all crew members), as a condition of entry or participation, consents to allowing the Organizing Authority and its sponsors the right to use, free of compensation, their name, likeness, voice, and image in any media taken in connection with the event for the purpose of editorials, press information and/or advertising purposes.
- 18.2. The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event's sponsor in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.

19. Further Information

For further information please contact: sailathon@community-boating.org

Community Boating, Inc. is a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation and a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. CBI EIN: 04-2084042.

Since 1946, CBI has been driven by a simple idea: **Sailing for All**. Our mission is to build a diverse community, promote personal growth, and inspire appreciation of the natural environment through sailing.

For general information, please visit our website:
www.community-boating.org