

2026 Cow Bay Racing Association Summer Series

May 30, 2026 – September 27, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Hosted by the Cow Bay Racing Association (CBRA)
455 Main Street, Port Washington, New York 11050

1. Rules

- 1.1. The series will be governed by rules as defined by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. In the event of a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will apply. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3. Ideal 18 Class rules.
 - 1.3.1. The Ideal 18 Class Rules, Available at:
<https://www.shumwaymarine.com/ideal18/idealrules.shtml> apply.
 - 1.3.2. Ideal 18 class rule 9.4 is changed such that ideal 18s shall sail without spinnakers UNTIL JULY 19, 2026. The Ideal 18 fleet shall revert to rule 9.4 as it reads in the class rules after July 19, 2026.
- 1.4. Manhasset Bay One Design (MBOD) Class rules.
 - 1.4.1. The MBOD Class rules as agreed to in the 2026 annual meeting shall apply.
 - 1.4.2. As MBODs only formalize class rules by verbal agreement: In the event of a disagreement relating to class legality of appendages, fixtures, and equipment within the spirit of the class: fleet captain shall tie break on legality.
- 1.5. The Sonar Class Rules.
 - 1.5.1. The Sonar Class Rules, available at <https://sonar.org/class/class-rules/>, apply.
- 1.6. The J/70 Class Rules.
 - 1.6.1. The J/70 Class Rules, available at <https://j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/J70-Class-Rules-2026-1.pdf>, apply.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions shall be available after 1200hrs on May 23rd 2026 via the club website as well as via email. They shall also be available on May 24th, 2026 in print within the club as well as on the notice board.

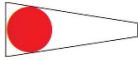



3. Communications

- 3.1. The official notice board for the series shall be on the “Sonar” board within the MBO room. Courtesy notices will be posted to the club website.
- 3.2. All one designs that are racing shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF 69, 72, and 73.
- 3.3. On the water the Race Committee shall make courtesy broadcasts via loudhailer. For vessels that are carrying VHF, the Race Committee shall make further courtesy broadcasts via VHF. The channel shall be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the **Manhasset Bay One-Design, Ideal 18, Sonar, and J/70** classes to compete in the CBRA Summer Series.

- 4.2. Classes are defined as follows:

Pennant Flag	Class Name	Pendant Flag
Pennant 1	Sonar Fleet	
Pennant 2	J/70	
Pennant 3	MBOD	
Pennant 4	Ideal 18	

- 4.3. Eligible boats may complete the entry form by submitting it via Google Forms located at <https://forms.gle/Zxc1QKQiW4s9GP6E8>. (QR codes for all Links and scoring will be available in attachment D of this document.)
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. Late entries shall not be accepted.

5. Fees

- 5.1. The Entry Fee is per fleet and shall be paid to the CBRA treasurer based on percentage share.

6. Schedule

- 6.1. Fleet race days. A full calendar will be available in attachment B of this document.
 - 6.1.1. The MBOD fleet shall race on Saturdays and Sundays Throughout the season.
 - 6.1.2. All other fleets shall race on Sundays only throughout the season with practice days on Saturdays.
- 6.2. The 3rd race of each day will be a crew race, assuming abundance of time. Every 4th race thereafter within a day of racing will be a crew race. Spinnaker Racing classes may opt for a crew race to be non-spinnaker by simple majority vote within the class each day.
- 6.3. Times of racing, provided with First Warning for each class:

MBOD	Ideal 18	Sonar	J/70
1410Hrs	1405Hrs	1415Hrs	1420Hrs

- 6.4. Special event changes to racing
 - 6.4.1. Manhasset Bay Race Week will take place on August 12-16 and will warrant no racing.
 - 6.4.2. Single handed Race will take place Labor Day Sunday, September 6, 2026
 - 6.4.2.1. Crews will be permitted to sail with 1 person on board for the final race of the day. This race will be scored separately.

7. Equipment Inspection

- 7.1. Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 7.2. Complying with local regulations: Each vessel must carry the number of required life preservers for the full crew complement.
- 7.3. For Ideal 18s: It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure that each Ideal 18 meets the required equipment standards set forth in the class rules.

8. Venue

- 8.1. The Racing area shall be around the yellow barge in central Manhasset Bay known locally as “Worry Wart IV”. The full extent of the racing area is defined by the map in Attachment A.
 - 8.1.1. In the event that the start will change position for the day, the race committee will display a green flag from the worry wart to indicate that racing will move for the day.
- 8.2. All shoreside Activities shall take place at Manhasset Bay YC.

9. Courses

- 9.1. Standard courses shall consist of Windward-Leeward, Figure 4, Triangle, Trapezoid and Navigator type courses.
- 9.2. Further Course types may be added at the discretion of the race committee.

10. Penalty System

- 10.1. For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. Scoring

- 11.1. The scoring system for all classes shall be Cox-Sprague as described in Attachment E of this document.
 - 11.1.1. Qualification for this series for all classes will be 50% Participation.
 - 11.1.2. Ideal 18s shall have an additional championship to be sailed on the last day of the series for which this event qualifies. Skippers within this series must score a qualified 75% to sail in this event. There will be a separate NOR and Sis for this event.
- 11.2. Crew Races will be scored in addition to standard racing via the Cox-Sprague format.
- 11.3. All scores will be made available via public google spreadsheets which are made available online as well as a summary sheet being available in print within Manhasset Bay YC. Links to these spreadsheets are available on the MBYC club one design racing page (https://www.manhassetbayyc.org/Sailing/Racing/One_Design_Fleets) QR Code links are available in Attachment D of this document.

12. Support Persons/Vessels

- 12.1. Mark Boats, Crash Boats, and Official Vessels shall be marked with a Yellow Race Committee flag.

13. Chartered/Loaned Vessels

- 13.1. Vessels borrowed from MBYC shall be accepted “As-Is”. All issues that would occur through normal wear and tear shall be reported to the Organizing Authority at soonest possible opportunity.
- 13.2. Sailors that utilize MBYC-Provided vessels Accept responsibility for avoiding damage and well as the financial responsibility or repairing vessels that were damaged beyond normal wear and tear in their care.

14. Risk Statement

- 14.1. 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.

Prizes

14.2. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

MBOD Season Championship will be awarded for the highest percentage performance in the MBOD class.

Ideal 18 Season Championship will be awarded for the winner of the Ideal 18 Championship sail off.

Ideal 18 Crew Trophy will be awarded to the Ideal 18 crew member with the highest percentage performance across the season.

Sonar Fleet Champion will be awarded to the sonar with the highest percentage performance across the season.

J/70 Fleet Champion will be awarded to the J/70 with the highest percentage performance across the season.

Single Handed Champion will be awarded to the winner of the single-handed race for each class.

15. Further Information

15.1. For series information, please contact Geoff Barbour, Sailing Director MBYC
Sailingdirector@manhassetbayyc.org

Attachment A: CBRA Racing Marks Map



MARKS OF THE COURSE

- CBRA Marks are Yellow Cans
- A - Can "3" in Manhasset Bay
 - B - CBRA mark off Plandome
 - C - Green bell buoy "27" off Gateway Rock
 - D - Green gas buoy "29" off Hewlett Point
 - E - Green gas buoy "25" off Sands Point
 - F - Green bell buoy "23" off Prospect Point
 - G - Red gas buoy "2" north of Exec. Rocks (Hens/Chks)
 - H - Nun "2" off Elm Point
 - I - CBRA mark off Barkers Point
 - J - Gong "1" off Hart Island
 - K - Green Flasher off Plum Point
 - L - Nun "46-A" W of Stepping Stones Light (Throgs Neck)
 - M - CBRA mark WNW of Plum Point
 - N - Red flasher buoy "2" off Belden Pt. City Is. (Big Tom)
 - O - CBRA mark off Kennelworth Club
 - P - Nun "2" off Willents Point
 - R - Nun "2" off Willents Point
 - S - Special Mark placed at the discretion of RC
 - T - Obstruction buoy SW by W of Execution Rocks
 - U - CBRA mark N of "B" and S of Worry Wort
 - V - Special Mark placed at the discretion of RC
 - W - CBRA mark SW of "K", N of "O"
 - X - Can "1" N of Execution Light
 - Y - CBRA mark S of Barkers Point
 - Z - Nun "4" in Manhasset Bay
 - 6 - CBRA mark NW of "M", SE of "D"

RESTRICTIONS TO RACING AREA

Course Limitations: No boat shall sail within the area bound by Stepping Stones Light, Mark "H" and Nun "4" unless it is in the act of rounding Mark "H" when it has been designated as a turning mark of the course.

No boat shall pass between Mark "T" and Execution Light; nor between Nun "44" NE of Execution Light and that light; nor between Mark "D" and Hewlett Point; nor between mark "Y" off Barkers Point and that Point unless it is in the act of rounding any of these marks when that same mark has been designated as a turning mark of the course.

No boat shall pass between Hart Island Flashing Red Beacon and Hart Island, nor pass north of Hart Island.

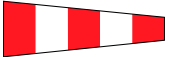









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NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION PURPOSES



Attachment B: CBRA Summer Racing Schedule

Weekend Dates	Saturday	Sunday
May 23-24	Practice Racing	Practice Racing
May 30-31	MBOD only	All classes
June 6-7	MBOD only	All classes
June 13-14	MBOD only	All classes
June 20-21	MBOD only	All classes
June 27-28	MBOD only	All classes
July 4-5	MBOD only	All classes
July 11-12	MBOD only	All classes (Larchmont YC RW)
July 18-19	MBOD only	All classes
July 25-26	MBOD only	All classes
August 1-2	MBOD only	All classes
August 8-9	MBOD only	All classes
August 15-16	Manhasset Bay Race Week (No Bay Racing)	
August 22-23	MBOD only	All classes
August 29-30	MBOD only	All classes
September 5-6	MBOD only	All classes (Single handed trophy)
September 12-13	MBOD only	All classes
September 19-20	MBOD only	All classes
September 26-27	MBOD only	Orient Trophy Race/Cow Bay Ideal 18 Championship
October 4 th	No Race	Cable and Anchor Reef Trophy

Attachment C: CBRA Flag Usage chart

	<p>Postponement</p> <p>AP and 2 sound signals. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after the removal unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned.</p>		<p>Abandonment</p> <p>Code Flag N and three sound signals. All races that have already started are abandoned. Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after the removal unless at that time the race is abandoned again or postponed.</p>
	<p>Come Within Hail or Follow Me</p> <p>Code Flag L and one sound signal. Afloat: Come within hail or follow this boat.</p>		<p>Course Change</p> <p>Code Flag C and repetitive sound signals. The position of the next mark has been changed.</p>
	<p>Personal Buoyancy</p> <p>Code Flag Y and one sound signal. All crew members shall wear USCG approved personal buoyancy.</p>		<p>Missing Mark</p> <p>Code Flag M and repetitive sound signals. The object displaying this signal replaces a missing mark.</p>
	<p>Individual Recall</p> <p>Code Flag X and one sound signal. The Race Committee will attempt to hail sail numbers of boats on the course side. Failure to hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1</p>		<p>No Further Racing</p> <p>Code Flag A – When displayed at the finish boat: there will be no further racing today.</p>
	<p>General Recall</p> <p>First Substitute and two sound signals. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.</p>		<p>Start in a different position.</p> <p>If Displayed from the Worry Wart, the start for bay racing for the day will take place in a different location. Radio the RC on 69 for more information.</p>
	<p>Finish separate from Start</p> <p>Code Flag F – A separate finish line has been set.</p>		

Attachment D: QR Code Links

<p>CBRA Google Form Sign Up</p>		<p>Manhasset Bay YC OD and Bay Racing Page (with links to all scoring)</p>	
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Attachment E: Cox-Sprague Scoring

1. Series scores are computed as follows:
 - a. Each starter in each scheduled race shall be credited with the number of points for finishing place and number of starters as indicated in the table on the following page.
 - b. A boat's score shall be the quotient obtained from dividing her Total Points Scored by her Total Possible Points. This shall garner a quotient also called "Percentage Performance".
 - c. A boat's score shall not be used for the purpose of placement in series championship if she does not sail a minimum of 50% of days sailed by the total group. This principle shall be known as "Qualification" henceforth.
2. All scoring procedures:
 - a. A boat that does not complete the prescribed course after her starting signal, or withdraws, or is disqualified, shall be counted as a starter and shall receive the number of points applying to the finish place one worse than the number of starters in that race.
 - b. If two or more boats finish in a dead heat, they shall each receive the number of points for that place and the next boat shall receive the number of points for the position equal to the number of boats that beat her plus one.
 - c. Calculation of scores shall include a total number of days sailed for purposes of qualification for credit in the series.
 - i. A day sailed shall categorize as a day in which a yacht crossed a starting line and a finish line in due process of a race.
 1. A day sailed shall also categorize as a day sailed for attendance in an away regatta, but only if the away regatta was reported to the race committee no less than 1 week before the start time of the first race in a day that would be sailed. Sailors may gather a maximum of 3 of these "Away days" in a season.
 - ii. A boat shall not be counted as a starter for the purpose of finishes but may include that race for the purpose of qualifying if:
 1. she goes to the assistance of any vessel or person in peril during a race and for that reason does not choose to finish, or
 2. she is disabled by an infringing yacht which withdraws from the race or is later disqualified through protest by the disabled yacht.
 - iii. A boat having no competition in her class shall, if she crosses the starting line, be credited with a start for the purpose of qualification, but shall receive no score even if she completes the course.
 - d. Series scores shall be computed to the third digit. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken in favor of the yacht that has beaten the other the greater number of times. If a tie still exists, the tie shall be broken in favor of the yacht with the greater number of 1st places. If a tie continues to exist, the tie will be broken in favor of the yacht which sailed against a larger fleet. If a tie further exists, it shall be at this point sailed off.

