



**New England Beetle Cat Boat Association
1940-2008
Leo J. Telesmanick Beetle Cat Championships**

**NOTICE OF REGATTA
Saturday & Sunday, August 9 & 10, 2008
Hosted by
Weekapaug Yacht Club, Weekapaug, RI 02891**

- 1. ELIGIBILITY** - This regatta is open to skippers and crews sailing Beetle Cat sailboats conforming to the current NEBCBA Class Regulations as printed in the 2007 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 2005-2008 and the NEBCBA Class Regulations, except as either is modified by the Regatta Sailing Instructions.
- 3. REGISTRATION** - Written entries are due in advance using the official entry form included in this mailing and available on the NEBCBA website (www.beetlecat.org). Mail the completed entry form and payment to:
Ted Sherman
246 N. Bridebrook Rd.
East Lyme, CT 06333

Entries, with fees included (check payable to Weekapaug 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 ted_sherman@watkinson.org (preferred) or 860-908-6734.

- 4. SCHEDULE** (Times are subject to change as conditions indicate)
- 5. Friday, August 8**

Early Check-In	1100-2000
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- Saturday, August 9**

Final Check-In	0700-0900
Skippers Meeting	0930
Harbor Start	1000
First Signal on Race Course	1030
Competitors ferried in for lunch	1230 (approx)
Last race begins no later than	1600
NEBCBA Annual Meeting Followed By Dinner	1800
- Sunday, August 10**

Harbor Start	0930
First Signal on Race Course	1000
Last Race begins no later than	1300
Lunch	1330 (approx)
Awards and Final Results	1430 (approx)

6. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & COURSES** - Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in. Races will be held on Quonochontaug Pond, which lies between Charlestown and Weekapaug, RI. Courses will be marked by orange balls., courses may be triangles or windward-leewards. 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.
7. **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 the series. First place will be awarded .75 points; ties broken first by best throw out, then by finish in last race.
8. **PENALTY SYSTEMS** - Rule 44.2 will apply. Two turns (a 720°) are required after a foul.
9. **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 in the Sailing Instructions available at check-in.
10. **AWARDS** - The Leo J. Telesmanick trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of this regatta. Trophies will be awarded to the top three 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.
11. **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.
12. **SAIL NUMBERS** - All boats must have a distinct sail number. Any duplicate numbers will need to be temporarily altered for participation in this regatta.
13. **NEBCBA ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER** – The NEBCBA Annual Meeting, followed by dinner will be held Saturday, August 9, 2008, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Weekapaug Yacht Club. All friends of the Beetle Cat are welcome. Use the entry form to reserve your dinner.
14. **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 the Weekapaug Yacht Club 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 Weekapaug Yacht Club and its officers have no responsibility for injury to 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 will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.