



EASTERN YACHT CLUB
MARBLEHEAD, MASSACHUSETTS 01945

May 25, 2026

Dear NESSA Teams

Eastern Yacht Club is excited to be hosting the NESSA National Keel Boat Invitational Qualifier the weekend of Oct 17 and 18 2026. The event will be race in a fleet of news sonars which have recently been delivered to Eastern and Corinthian YC.

The NOR will be posted shortly but we wanted to get some information out to the teams in advance so they can plan, especially teams that need to travel.

If you traveling to the event, please book your hotel rooms now. Marblehead, while having several small B & Bs only has two small hotels. The commercial hotels are in Salem, Mass the next town over from Marblehead. As Salem starts to celebrate Halloween on Oct 1 and does so for the full 31 days of October teams need to plan for accommodations.

Please note Eastern's Race Committee has incorporated the latest in race management technologies and will do so for this event. The NOR and SI will reference the options for the race committee to use Vakaros Race Sense and robotic marks. Note all the Sonars are outfitted with the Vakaros Race Sense.

For planning purposed please note we plan to have a competitor meeting at 9:30am the morning of Saturday October 17, 2026, to review the use of Race Sense and the robotic marks.

We look forward to seeing you in October. Feel free to reach out to me if you have questions about accommodations. I may be reached at commodore.mckinnon@easternyc.org

Cheers

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