

## **2009 AMYA M CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**May 15-17 at Redd's Pond, Marblehead, MA**

### **AMYA M Class Championship**

The Marblehead Model Yacht Club (MYC) cordially invites you to attend the 2009 American Model Yachting Association (AMYA) Marblehead (M) Class National Championship on the weekend of May 15 - 17 in Marblehead. This is the first time the M Nationals has been staged at the historic venue of Redd's Pond, which has been the scene of organized model racing activities since 1892. Now it will be backdrop for a robust championship event featuring exciting round-the-course, radio-controlled (R/C) racing with the latest high-tech M Class models. *Note: Pond has some ledge limiting draft of modern M models to twenty-two inches. If exposed fin between hull bottom and top of lead is less than nineteen inches, there will be sufficient clearance.*

### **Vintage M (VM) Racing & Herreshoff Newport 30 Launch**

*VM* - The M has the oldest design lineage of today's 25+ AMYA R/C classes. As such, club will host a New England regatta for 1930-1970 R/C VM boats to further heighten interest. There will also be vane models demonstration of old-style pond racing methods used before advent of R/C.

*Newport 30* - Halsey Herreshoff and Herreshoff Designs Inc. will launch their new 54-inch R/C model yacht, *Newport 30*, at Redd's Pond with a design based on a Captain Nat Herreshoff 1896 racing yacht. Model will be "trial-horsed" against M boats on Friday and at lunch on weekend. Halsey will also race an R/C VM model and be our guest speaker at the Saturday regatta dinner.

### **Venue & Club Link to Marblehead Class**

The M 50-800 design was launched in 1930 at Redd's Pond. It traces its design origins to 1929 when club member Roy Clough envisioned a new model of a size and weight better suited for free-sail racing. It became the most popular class in the world from the 1930s through 1980s. This was directly attributed to Roy's M Class developmental design concept allowing designers, builders and skippers to liberally "tinker" with design to enhance sailing performance.

### **Regatta Events**

It is fitting the AMYA R/C M Nationals have now come to Redd's Pond - the birthplace of the M Class, whose waters have nurtured their share of design innovations these past eight decades. The M 50-800 has truly stood the test of time from the free-sail through R/C eras, but now needs an infusion of support to remain a proactive class. **Please join us for some fun and unique regatta activities, while helping us to renew broader national interest in the M Class.**

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- ❖ May 15, Friday      Noon - 4:30: Check-in, measuring & R/C practice  
                                 2:00 - 4:30: VM free-sail racing & Herreshoff *Newport 30* launch  
                                 5:30 - 7:30: Pond Cookout
- ❖ May 16, Saturday    9:00 - 4:00: 1<sup>st</sup> day R/C M & VM racing  
                                 11:30 - 12:30: Lunch  
                                 6:00 - 8:30: Regatta Dinner with Herreshoff presentation
- ❖ May 17, Sunday      9:00 - 3:00: 2<sup>nd</sup> day R/C M & VM racing with awards ceremony  
                                 11:30 - 12:30: Lunch

For additional club and sailing site history plus M National events details, please check-out the Marblehead MYC's website at [www.mmycboat.com](http://www.mmycboat.com)

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