

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SYC and BHYC Renewal of the "Around Southport Race" Sunday, 10 July 2011.



1.0 RULES

The BHYC and SYC Around Southport Race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012*.

2.0 NOTICES

Notices to competitors will be posted on the race bulletin boards in the SYC clubhouse and the BHYC casino not later than 0900 10 July.

3.0 AMENDMENTS

3.1 There will be no skippers' meeting.

3.2 Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 0900 on the day of the race on the race bulletin boards at SYC and BHYC. The R/C will endeavor to announce amendments on VHF channel 72 and by hailing competitors verbally between 1050 and 1100 on the day of the race. It is the responsibility of competitors to comply with instructions from the signal boat. Failure of a yacht to hear an announcement will not be grounds for protest.

4.0 SCHEDULE

4.1 There will be one race. The racing will take place in the waters of the Sheepscot River and Boothbay Harbor to the West and East respectively of Southport Island. Racing will be based in the **reverse handicap, pursuit race, format**.

4.2 The time of the warning signal is scheduled for 1105. The first start will be at 1110. Festivities and awards will be held at BHYC at 1700.


5.0 TIDE INFORMATION FOR BOOTHBAY HARBOR

Sunday, 10 July 2011 High — 0702 Low —1249

6.0 RACING AREA

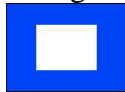
- 6.1 Yachts will rendezvous in Ebenecook Harbor in the vicinity of the "Ink Bottle" **Fl G 4s**, east of Boston Island.
- 6.2 Tows will be available from BHYC and SYC to the rendezvous area for yachts without auxiliary engines.

7.0 COURSE

- 7.1 Yachts will keep Cat Ledges **R "4CL" Gong** and Cuckolds **G Bell"1C"** to port, Squirrel Island flasher **R "4" Fl R 2.5s** to starboard, and finish in the vicinity of Tumbler Island **R Bell "8" Fl R 4s**.
- 7.2 Restrictions: Yachts shall not sail on the east side of the Cat Ledges or between Southport and Lower Mark Island.
- 7.3 Distance of the course will be measured on a straight line. The course will be **9.55** nm in length. It will not be shortened or changed.
- 7.4 The race may be abandoned for reasons of safety, inclement weather, and rough seas. Code flag "N"  with 3 sounds will indicate that racing has been abandoned.

8.0 THE START

- 8.1 The starting time for each yacht will be based on the yacht's PHRF rating and a course length of 9.55 nm. The starting times will be posted on the race bulletin boards at BHYC and SYC by 0900 the day of the race.
- 8.2 Additionally, the R/C will hail and call on VHF the starting time for the next yacht(s) in the sequences. Failure of a yacht to hear the announcement will not be grounds for protest. The R/C will not respond to calls from the fleet during the starting sequence.
- 8.3 The reverse handicap starting sequence will begin for the first boat.

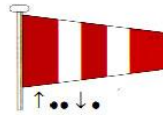
<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Minutes before Start</u>
Warning	Red flag	1 sound	5
Preparatory	P 	1 sound	4

One-Minute Preparatory flag removed	1 long sound	1
First boat start Red flag removed	1 sound	0


The remaining boats will begin racing at the designated time in the starting sequence.

8.4 **TIME OF SIGNALS:** General warning signal and each successive signal will be based on GPS time.

8.5 For postponements before any starting signal, the R/C will display the Answering Pennant (AP) shown below with two sounds. **RRS 27.3**
 Postponements will end with one sound and withdrawal of the AP. The duration of the postponement will be added to each start time in the starting sequence.



8.6 **START** will be between an orange inflatable buoy to port of the R/C signal boat and an orange flag on the signal boat. The signal boat may display an alternative location using

Code flag “L”  and announce on VHF its intentions to proceed to another starting location.

9.0 **RECALLS**

There will be no individual recalls. Yachts that are on the course side of the starting line (OCS) at their start time will be assigned a 15 minute penalty. **THIS CHANGES RRS 29.1**

10.0 **THE FINISH**

FINISH in the vicinity of Tumbler Island will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the R/C signal boat and a nearby orange inflatable buoy. Finish line marks will be positioned so as to allow yachts to cross the finish line with the mark on port and their stern to the last mark.

11.0 **TIME LIMIT.**

Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without hearing. **THIS CHANGES RULES 55, A4 and A5.**

12.0 PROTESTS

- 12.1 Boats intending to protest shall notify the R/C at the finish line. The protocol for any protest will follow **RRS Part 5, 60 and 61**.
- 12.2 Protest forms are available in the BHYC casino. They shall be delivered to the R/C within one half hour after the signal boat has docked.

13.0 PRIZES

The trash can trophy will be awarded to the winning skipper, to be held by his/her respective club, at the post-race festivities at BHYC.

14.0 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

Yachts shall not willingly and knowingly discharge trash overboard.

15.0 SAFETY

Competing yachts shall sail within hailing distance of the R/C signal boat before 1100 to signal their intent to race. A yacht that retires from the race or is in danger shall notify the R/C by hailing, VHF channel 72, or mobile phone (802-349-5213).

16.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participating in the race do so entirely at their own risk. **See RRS 4, Decision to Race.** The organizing authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.