



THE CAPE ANN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& THE EASTERN POINT YACHT CLUB WILL HOST THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
GLOUCESTER SCHOONER FESTIVAL™
SEPTEMBER 3-4, 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
FOR
TRADITIONAL SMALL CRAFT RACING ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2011

1. **RULES**

- 1.1 These races will be governed by the current U.S. Sailing Association Racing Rules of Sailing, the rules of the competing classes (except as any of these is changed or altered by these Sailing Instructions), and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Each boat without a distinctive number on her mainsail shall display at the start and at the finish a number placard so that it is readily visible to the Race Committee boat. Number placards will be provided to those boats requiring them at the Skippers Meeting preceding the race.

2. **ENTRIES**

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority, the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce. These races are open to all gaff-rigged and Marconi-rigged traditional sailing boats, PHRF Fleet boats, and Multihull boats (all greater than 19-foot length-on-deck), Friendship sloops, and the Rhodes 19 one-design class (the George Cohen Memorial Race).

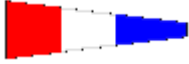





3. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be announced at the Skippers Meeting on Saturday, September 3, at 10:00 a.m. in Solomon Jacobs Park immediately adjacent to the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Harbor Loop, Gloucester.



4. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Races are scheduled on Saturday, September 3, as follows:

Class	Class Number	Class Flag	Time of Warning Signal
Traditional, Gaff Rigged	3	 Red/White/Blue	1:00 p.m.
Traditional, Marconi-Rigged	4	 White Cross on Red	Following Class 3
Friendship Sloops	5	 Yellow/Blue	Following Class 4
PHRF Fleet	6	 Black over White	Following Class 5
Rhodes 19	7	 Yellow over Red	Following Class 6
Multihull	8	 Red Cross on White	Following Class 7

5. **RACING AREA**

The racing area for courses "A", "B", "C" and "D" will be in the waters generally to the east and south of Eastern Point Light, and extending into Gloucester Outer Harbor, as shown on the attached course diagrams. The starting line will be within a radius of approximately one-half mile from the Flashing Red, Whistle Buoy R-"2" off Eastern Point.

6. **THE COURSE**

6.1 The course will consist of one of the four configurations as indicated on the attached course diagrams. The facsimile chart (reproduced from National Ocean Service chart no. 13279; soundings are in feet at mean low water) shows the course including approximate angles between legs and/or magnetic headings of legs, the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The Race Committee boat will display the course designation letters "A", "B", "C", or "D" above the compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark in order to indicate the course to be sailed. The following narrative descriptions supplement the course diagram.

6.2 Course A

- The first mark (#1) will be approximately 2 nautical miles from the starting mark (#3); the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark #1 will be displayed from the Race Committee boat.
- Leaving Mark #1 to port, the course will turn through 135°, and proceed approximately 1.4 nautical miles to Mark #2.
- Leaving Mark #2 to port, the course will turn through 90°, and proceed approximately 1.4 nautical miles to Mark #3.
- The course will then repeat that described above, turning through 135° around Mark #3 and proceeding to the first mark (Mark #1), then Mark #2, and finally to Mark #3 which, with the Race Committee boat, will form the finish line.
- The course will thus consist of the following marks: #3 (start), #1, #2, #3, #1, #2, and #3 (finish), all of which shall be successively rounded (or passed) to port in the order indicated, except at the finish. The finish will be between mark #3 and the Committee boat in a direction as close to the perpendicular of the last course as possible. The length of the course will be approximately 9.6 nautical miles.
- Note: The Rhodes 19 Class will only go around the triangle one time.

6.3 Course B

- Start in vicinity of Eastern Point Whistle Buoy R"2" and proceed to Salt Island Ledge Nun "4" on approximately 53° magnetic, approximate 3.5 miles. Leave to port, and return to finish line in vicinity of Eastern Point Whistle Buoy R"2". The course is approximately 7 miles in length.

6.4 Course C

- Start to the east of Eastern Point Whistle Buoy R"2". The first mark will be the flashing red Whistle Buoy R"2" off Eastern Point. Leave it to port. Go approximately 5.2 at 227° magnetic to Newcombs Ledge Buoy G"1" flashing green. Leave Newcombs Ledge to port—proceed back to finish line, which will be in the vicinity of Eastern Point Whistle Buoy R"2".

6.5 Course D

- Start in the vicinity of Eastern Point Whistle Buoy R"2". The first mark will be approximately 4.5 miles from the start and the compass bearing to the mark will be displayed on the committee boat. Leave the mark to port and proceed back to the finish line which will be in the vicinity of Eastern Point Whistle buoy R "2".

- 6.6 There will be no course changes during a race in this regatta, except as provided below.

6.7 The Race Committee, after the start of the race, may shorten the course by finishing the race at any rounding mark, because of insufficient wind making it improbable that the race will finish within the time limit. Course shortening will be signaled by two guns and the code flag "S" displayed on the Race Committee boat at the new finishing mark.

7. **MARKS**

- ◆ Course A: Marks #1, #2, and #3 will be yellow, pyramidal-shaped, inflatable marks.
- ◆ Course B: Turning mark will be Salt Island Ledge Nun "4", leave to port.
- ◆ Course C: Marks are government marks—Eastern Point Whistle Buoy R"2" and Newcomb Ledge Buoy G"1".
- ◆ Course D: Mark #1 will be a yellow pyramidal-shaped inflatable mark.

8. **THE START**

8.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26 with the warning signals being given at the times indicated below before the starting signals. Races will be started by using the following signals. Times will be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag & Sound	Minutes before Starting Signal
		All Classes
Warning	Class number flag; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	Code flag "P"; 1 sound	4
One-Minute	Preparatory flag lowered; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

8.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat at the starboard end and an yellow, pyramidal-shaped, inflatable mark.

8.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

9. **RECALLS**

9.1 Individual recalls of premature starters will be signaled in accordance with racing rule 29.2. The Race Committee will also attempt to hail premature starters over Channel 72 using their sail or placard numbers; however, the responsibility for starting correctly rests entirely with the boat(s) concerned. When a boat is on the course side of the starting line, she shall sail completely to the pre-start side of the line before starting.

9.2 General recalls will be signaled (code flag "first substitute" and two sound signals) in accordance with racing rule 29.3 when there is a number of unidentified starters on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal or there has been an error in the starting procedure. The warning signal for the new start for the recalled class will be made one (1) minute after the lowering of the code flag "First Substitute"; one sound signal will be made with the lowering of code flag "First Substitute". The new start will be signaled five (5) minutes after the warning signal is made. The starts of succeeding classes will be postponed accordingly.

10. **POSTPONEMENT**

Postponement of a race may be signaled by the Race Committee boat with code flag "AP" and two sound signals.

11. **ABANDONMENT**

The Race Committee may abandon a race in progress because of foul weather, or when a change in weather conditions has, in its judgment, made the race an unsatisfactory test of skill or directly affected the safety of the competition. Abandonment will be signaled by three sound signals and code flags "N" over "A" displayed on the Race Committee boat.

12. **THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat and finishing mark or the mark of the course at which the race is shortened. The finishing line should be crossed in the direction of the course from the last mark of the course.

13. **TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the races scheduled for Saturday, September 3, will be four hours. To qualify as a race in any class, the first boat in that class must finish within the time limit. Competitors who wish to finish after the four hour time limit are welcome to take their own time but the committee boat will not necessarily be on station after that time.

14. **PROTESTS**

When protesting, a boat must comply with the requirements of racing rules 61.1 (a) and 61.2; she must fly a red rectangular flag, attempt to hail the protested boat, and notify the race committee boat on finishing. Protests shall be submitted in writing on forms available from the Race Committee; submittal must be within 30 minutes after the committee boat has returned to the Eastern Point Yacht Club dock.

15. **SCORING**

Classes Number 7 (Rhodes 19) will race on a boat-for-boat basis. Finishing order of the boats in Classes Number 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 (gaff-rigged and Marconi-rigged traditional classes, Friendship sloops, PHRF Fleet boats, and Multihulls, respectively) will be determined utilizing various handicap systems incorporating specific hull and rig measurements, as described in the Notice of Regatta.

16. **ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

A 360° turn penalty, for touching a mark of the course, may be taken in accordance with racing rules 31.1 and 31.2. A 720° turns penalty, for breaking a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules while racing, may be taken in accordance with racing rules 44.1 and 44.2.

17. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

VHF radios are recommended equipment. Except in emergency conditions, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive special radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.

Race Committee boats will monitor VHF Channel 9, and utilize VHF Channel 72 to control the racing. The Race Committee will attempt to notify early starters on VHF Channel 72.

The Gloucester Harbormaster, Gloucester Police, Environmental Police, and USCG boats will monitor VHF Channel 16 at all times during the Schooner Festival.

18. **WITHDRAWALS**

Boats retiring from the race must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible, either by sailing by the Race Committee Boat and communicating directly or by marine radio, before leaving the racing area.

19. **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third boats in each of the seven Traditional Small Craft classes of the Festival.

REMINDER: YOU WILL BE RACING IN THE WATERS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO AND IN A WORKING HARBOR WHICH, ON THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND, WILL ALSO BE TRANSITTED BY HUNDREDS OF OTHER BOATS, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL. KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT FOR THIS TRAFFIC, WITH THE FULL UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU ARE SUBJECT TO THE "NAVIGATION RULES OF THE ROAD" AND DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY BECOME A PRIVILEGED BOAT SIMPLY BY VIRTUE OF YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS MARINE EVENT. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN MEETING, CROSSING, OR OVERTAKING SITUATIONS WITH OTHER BOATS CONSTRAINED BY THEIR DRAFT OR RESTRICTED IN THEIR ABILITY TO MANEUVER. IF THE VISIBILITY IS LESS THAN TWO NAUTICAL MILES, YOU MUST COMPLY WITH THE COLREGS SOUND SIGNAL REQUIREMENT. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO SAIL SAFELY, WITH PARTICULAR REGARD FOR HARBOR TRAFFIC, SO THAT IT WILL BE A HAPPY WEEKEND FOR ALL.

