

**TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
GLOUCESTER SCHOONER FESTIVAL™
SEPTEMBER 2-5, 2011**

NOTICE OF RACE

We are pleased to announce the 27th Annual GLOUCESTER SCHOONER FESTIVAL™--the annual commemoration of the significance of the classic fishing schooner to the history of Gloucester, the oldest fishing port on the East Coast. For three days, the City's harbor hosts a unique mix of old and new, as modern day fishermen share their home port with the traditional vessels of an earlier era. **Please join us for this exciting weekend!**

The GLOUCESTER SCHOONER FESTIVAL™ is organized by the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce with the support of the City of Gloucester, the U.S. Coast Guard, and numerous corporate sponsors.

1. **RULES**

1.1 The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association, the Class Association Rules for the Friendship Sloop Society, Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of New England (PHRF), the Rhodes 19 Class, the International 210 Association and the New England Multihull Association as may be applicable, and by the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Sail numbers, as described in the racing rules, are not required. Each vessel in the traditional small sailing vessel classes racing on Saturday, 9/3/2011, without a distinctive number on her mainsail, however, shall display at the start and at the finish a number placard so that it will be readily visible to the Race Committee boat. Number placards will be provided to those vessels requiring them at the Skippers' Meeting preceding the race; the need for such a placard must be indicated on the attached Entry Form.

2. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

2.1 The racing will be open to all sailing vessels of three schooner classes (*Large*: more than 80-feet, length-on-deck/Esperanto Cup, *Medium*: 45-to-80 feet, length-on-deck/Ned Cameron Trophy, and *Small*: 19-to-45 feet, length on deck/Betty Ramsey Trophy); gaff-rigged and Marconi-rigged traditional sailing vessels; PHRF Boats; and Multihull vessels (all greater than 19-feet length-on-deck); Friendship sloops; the Rhodes 19; and the International 210 one-design classes. Note that small schooners (19-to-45-feet, length on deck) are eligible to race in both the Traditional Small Craft Sailing Vessel races on Saturday, 9/3/2011, and in the Mayor's Race on Sunday, 9/4/2011, for the Betty Ramsey Trophy. ***Only schooners are eligible to race in the Mayor's Race on Sunday, 9/4/2011.***

2.2 Eligible vessels may be entered by completing the attached *Entry Form* and submitting it, along with the entry fee, to the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce. Submittal of entries at the earliest possible date is requested. *Entries cannot be accepted after the Skippers' Meeting.*

2.3 Please note that the three schooner classes have been renamed as follows:

Class #	Class Name in 2011	Class Name Prior to 2011
1	Large schooners (more than 80-feet, length-on-deck)	Large schooners
2	Medium schooners (45-to-80 feet, length-on-deck)	Small schooners
3	Small schooners (19-to-45 feet, length on deck)	Little schooners

There are no changes to the class names in the traditional small craft racing classes.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS *(subject to change)*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Function</u>
9/2/2011	Friday	5:00 p.m.	Arrival of participating vessels. Welcoming Reception for invited guests at the USCG Station Gloucester on Harbor Loop in Gloucester

9/3/2011	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Skippers' Meeting for all traditional small sailing vessels (gaff and Marconi-rigged), PHRF Boats, Friendship Sloops, 210s, Rhodes 19s, and multihull classes at the Solomon Jacobs Park, immediately adjacent to the U.S Coast Guard Station, Harbor Loop, Gloucester.
		10am-4pm	The Schooner Adventure's MARITIME SATURDAY events including <i>Gloucester's Working Waterfront Walking Tour</i> and activities at the Gloucester Marine Railways (978-281-8079)
		10am-4pm	Gloucester Maritime Heritage Day – Maritime Heritage Center Crafts, food, live music, children's activities, free admission.
		1:00 p.m.	Racing off Eastern Point Light for the above classes.
		6:00 p.m.	Crew Party for Participating Vessels & Crews at the Gloucester House Restaurant.
		7:30 p.m.	Lighted Boat Parade, sailing along the Annisquam River to Gloucester Inner Harbor.
		9:30 p.m.	Fireworks display over Gloucester Harbor. (Lighted Boat Parade and Fireworks, raindate: Sunday, 9/4/2011)

9/4/2011	Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Skippers' meeting for the large, medium, and small Schooner classes (Esperanto Cup, Cameron Trophy, Betty Ramsey Trophy) at the Solomon Jacobs Park, immediately adjacent to the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Harbor Loop, Gloucester.
		10:30 a.m.	Parade of Sail: Large, Medium and Small Schooner classes enroute to the starting area, as well as entrants in the Saturday races.
		12-4pm	Open House at the Schooner Adventure (978-281-8079)
		1:00 p.m.	Mayor's Race for the Esperanto Cup (Large Fishermen-type Schooners-greater than 80 feet, length on deck), the Ned Cameron Trophy (Medium Schooners, 45-to-80 feet, length on deck), and the Betty Ramsey Trophy (Small schooners, 19-to-45 feet, length on deck).
		6:00 p.m.	Reception and Awards Ceremony for contestants in all classes.

9/5/2011	Monday		"Rain day" - <u>only if required</u> for recovery from postponements of the Mayor's Race caused by inclement weather. <i>(There will be no rain date for small craft races.)</i>

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee for each vessel is \$35.00 (or \$50.00 for entries received after Monday, August 29). The fee should be submitted with the entry form; checks should be made payable to the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce.

5. MEASUREMENT AND HANDICAPPING

Measurement is not required for this event. The Sunday races are categorized by length, with no handicapping system as in the Saturday races. However, the finishing order of each vessel in the gaff-rigged and Marconi-rigged Traditional Classes, the PHRF Class, the Friendship Sloop Class, and the Multihull Class will be determined utilizing various handicap rating systems.

Vessels in the Friendship Sloop, the PHRF Class, and the Multihull Class will be handicapped in accordance with the handicap rating system utilized by the Friendship Sloop Society, the U.S. Sailing PHRF, and the New England Multihull Association respectively; contestants in these classes must have an official handicap rating issued by their respective organization, in order for their finishing order to be determined. PHRF vessels will be presumed to be competing under their racing rating unless they register on their entry form as competing under their cruising rating; those vessels competing under their cruising rating may not fly a spinnaker or similar headsail. Each vessel's time allowance for this race will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting on Saturday, 9/3/2011.

Vessels in the gaff-rigged Traditional Class and the Marconi-rigged Traditional Class will be handicapped by the GLOUCESTER SCHOONER FESTIVAL™ Handicap Rating Rule, utilizing information that those vessels must supply on their Entry Forms. All boats entered in Class 4, Marconi-rigged Traditional Class, are required to indicate on their entry form if their hull form and rig is typical of a racing or cruising boat. It will be impossible to calculate the scoring of vessels which do not provide the hull measurements and rig information required on the entry form. Copies of the GLOUCESTER SCHOONER FESTIVAL™ Handicap Rating Rule will be sent to skippers of the above vessels, if requested. Each vessel's handicap rating and time allowance for this race will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting on Saturday, 9/3/2011.

The rating and measurement information requested above must be provided with each Entry Form at, or prior to, the Skippers' Meeting, in order to be eligible for scoring and award of prizes in this event.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the Skippers' Meetings to all entrants who have submitted a properly completed Entry Form with entry fee. Any questions concerning the Sailing Instructions must be submitted at the Skippers' Meetings, at which time they will be answered.

7. FESTIVAL SITE

The Festival site will be in the general vicinity of the Solomon Jacobs Park and the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Harbor Loop, Gloucester, MA. Berthing, mooring, anchorage, and dinghy dock information can be obtained from the Gloucester Harbormaster, 19 Harbor Loop, Gloucester, MA, VHF Channel 16 and 14, or Telephone: 978-282-3012. Additional information can be found in "Sailor's Guide to Gloucester Harbor", available from the Gloucester Harbormaster or the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce, 33 Commercial Street, Gloucester, MA 01930, telephone: 978-283-1601.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the waters generally to the east and south of Eastern Point Light, Gloucester, MA, and extending into Gloucester Outer Harbor, as may be shown in the Sailing Instructions.

9. COURSES

Courses for the Traditional Small Craft races on Saturday, 9/3/2011, will either be a triangular or designated mark course, and will be shown in detail in the Sailing Instructions.

The course for the Mayor's Race on Sunday, 9/4/2011, will be as determined by the Schooner Festival Race Committee and announced at the Skippers' Meeting preceding the race.

10. SCORING

The schooners racing for the Esperanto Cup, for the Ned Cameron Trophy and for the Betty Ramsey Trophy in the Mayor's Race and the Rhodes 19 and 210 Classes will race on a boat-for-boat basis. Finishing order of each of the vessels in the gaff-rigged and Marconi-rigged Traditional Classes, the PHRF Fleet Class, the Friendship Sloop Class, and the Multihull Class racing on Saturday, 9/3/2011, will be determined utilizing handicap rating systems as described in Paragraph 5 above.

11. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

Penalty turns (360° and 720°), as described in rules 31.1, 31.2, 44.1, and 44.2 of the racing rules, will apply for the traditional smaller craft racing on Saturday, 9/3/2011. The scoring penalty, as described in rules 31.1, 31.2, 44.1, and 44.3, will apply for the schooner classes racing on Sunday, 9/4/2011.

12. PROTESTS

Protests shall be submitted in accordance with the racing rules.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in emergency conditions, a vessel shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive special radio communications not available to all vessels.

Race Committee boats will monitor VHF Channel 16, and utilize a VHF "working" Channel to be announced at each Skippers' Meeting to control the racing on Saturday, 9/3/2011, and Sunday, 9/4/2011 (and Monday, 9/5/2011, if necessitated by postponement of The Mayor's Race resulting from inclement weather); however, no official race information or instructions, other than emergency directions, will be provided to contestants by Race Committee boats during the Traditional Small craft racing on Saturday, 9/3/2011.

The Gloucester Harbormaster and Police boats and USCG vessels will monitor VHF Channel 16 at all times during the Schooner Festival. Channel 16 and the "working" channel should be monitored for the entire weekend. (Berthing, mooring, anchorage, and dinghy float information can be obtained from the Harbormaster as indicated above).

14. PRIZES

The Esperanto Cup will be awarded to the winning Large Schooner, the Ned Cameron Trophy will be awarded to the winning Medium Schooner, and the Betty Ramsey Trophy will be awarded to the winning Small Schooner in the Mayor's Race on Sunday, 9/4/2011. Prizes will be awarded to the second and third vessels in the above-mentioned races on Sunday, 9/4/2011. Prizes will also be awarded by the GLOUCESTER SCHOONER FESTIVAL™ to the first, second, and third vessel in each of the Traditional Small Craft Classes racing in the regatta on Saturday, 9/3/2011.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the GLOUCESTER SCHOONER FESTIVAL™, please contact the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce, 33 Commercial Street, Gloucester, MA 01930. Telephone: 978-283-1601, fax: 978-283-4740, email: info@CapeAnnChamber.com. Information about Gloucester Harbor can be obtained from the Gloucester Harbormaster's office at jcaulkett@ci.gloucester.ma.us.

Additional information on the GLOUCESTER SCHOONER FESTIVAL™ is available on the internet at:
www.CapeAnnVacations.com/Schooner

A printable application to race is available on-line at:
www.CapeAnnVacations.com/Schooner/app/application.pdf

