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Notice of Race and Conditions

Rules, Eligibility and General Information

The Seguin Island Trophy Races (SITR) is a qualifying event in GMORA BB, Doublehanded/Singlehanded (DH/SH), and Overall Series for 2016. The races will follow a traditional PHRF or One Design Class racing format.

A. Rules : The regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2013-2016)*, *US Sailing Prescriptions*, class rules governing one design yachts, the *By-Laws of GULF OF MAINE OCEAN RACING ASSOCIATION (GMORA)*, the *By-Laws of the Southport Yacht Club (SYC)*, and the *Regulations of Hodgdon Yacht Services (HYS)*. The SITR will be conducted under these rules except as specifically indicated in the *Sailing Instructions*. The *Sailing Instructions* may also change other racing rules. The requirement for life rafts has been waived. It will be the owner's responsibility to see that his/her yacht is sound, seaworthy, and safely equipped.

B. Eligibility: The races are open to all yachts that meet Category 5 (Appendix J) of the *ISAF OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS* and have a valid 2016 PHRF-NE certificate or that conform to one design class rules. Boats without a valid PHRF-NE certificate will be encouraged to obtain a provisional 7 day handicap certificate from GMORA.

C. Caveats: 1) *RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4* states, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." 2) SYC and HYS **shall not be liable** for any damage to property or injury to persons in any way resulting from or connected with the 2016 SITR. 3) For the festivities that will be held at the conclusion of racing, the Officers of the SYC and the management of HYS request that all skippers be responsible for assuring that underage consumption of alcoholic beverages does not occur on SYC or HYS premises. 4) The SYC and HYS remind skippers and crew that many individuals live aboard boats tied up at the HYS docks and moored in Ebenecook Harbor. We ask that you remind your crew to be respectful of their presence and privacy.

D. Sailing Instructions: *Sailing Instructions (SIs)* will be available online at www.regattaman.com and on the official race bulletin board at HYS no later than 0900 on 23 July 2016.

E. Divisions and Handicapping: The SITR fleet will be divided as follows: PHRF Racing Divisions, PHRF Cruising Division, and One Design Divisions.

PHRF Divisions 1 through 4 will be open to qualifying monohull yachts with valid or provisional 2016 PHRF-NE racing handicap certificates. **PHRF Division 5** will be open to yachts with provisional PHRF racing handicap certificates or base handicaps as defined and listed at www.phrfne.org. Rated yachts will be sailed according to the following breaks.

- a. Division 1 PHRF 0 to 44
- b. Division 2 PHRF 45 to 93
- c. Division 3 PHRF 94 to 141
- d. Division 4 PHRF 142 to 180
- e. Division 5 PHRF 181 and up.

f. **Cruising Division** will be open to any yacht with valid or provisional 2016 PHRF handicap certificate. No spinnakers are allowed in the Cruising Division.

g. The **One Design Division** will be open to one design yachts if four (4) or more boats of a given class register to race. One Design yachts <30 feet LWL (J-22, J-24, Etchells) must conform to hull, rig, sail, and crew configurations as prescribed by national or regional class associations.

One Design classes that fail to muster the required 4 yachts for one design racing will be assigned to an appropriate PHRF Division Class. Other decisions concerning the One Design Division will be announced on the Official Bulletin Board and at the Skipper's Meeting .

h. **Multihull Division** will be open to yachts with valid 2016 NEMA certificates.

i. **Alternative division breaks** will be made at the discretion of the race committee and will be announced on the event bulletin board and at the skippers' meeting.

F. Registration : The race organizers encourage entrants to submit entry forms, entry fees and valid rating certificates by Friday, 22 July 2016. Online registration is available at www.regattaman.com .

G. Schedule of Events :

Saturday, 23 July 2016 Hodgdon Yacht Services (formerly Boothbay Region Boatyard)

Check-in with complimentary coffee and donuts 0800 - 0930

Skippers' meeting 1000 - 1030

First Warning signal 1130

Post-Race Festivities and Prize Giving (Southport Yacht Club) after the racing

Water taxi between SYC & HYS 1645 - 2000

H. Courses : Races will be held on Sheepscot River/Sheepscot Bay. Courses will be posted on the Race Committee Boat letter board prior to each start. The location of the starting line and marks will be announced at the skippers' meeting on Saturday, 23 July 2016. PHRF, Multihull, Cruising and One Design divisions will attempt to sail multiple races each day.

I. Scoring: The Low-Point Scoring System (RRS *Appendix A2*) will apply except that there will be no throw out. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. Ties will be broken in strict accordance to RRS *appendix A8*.

J. Awards: In divisions with 6 or more entries, regatta awards will be given to First, Second, and Third place yachts. First and Second place prizes will be awarded to classes/divisions with 3 to 5 entries. The GMORA "Hank Spencer Memorial Award" will be presented to the best overall scoring yacht with 30% of her crew under the age of 18. This award is sponsored by GMORA and is open to all qualifying yachts. Guidelines for this award may be found at www.gmora.org. Application forms will be available at registration on 23 July 2016. The perpetual **Pete Welles Memorial Trophy** will be presented to the yacht with the lowest cumulative score in the SITR regatta. The perpetual **Sash Spencer Memorial Trophy** will be presented to the yacht with the lowest cumulative score in Division 1 in SITR regatta.

K. Parking : Daily and overnight parking will be available beginning Friday, 22 July 2016 at HYS in designated areas.

L. Moorings: To secure a mooring at HYS contact the HYS dock master at (207) 633-2971 for details and reservations. Ebenecook Harbor is an excellent, well-protected anchoring ground. HYS monitors Channel 9.

M. Launch Service: The HYS launch service will be restricted to yachts anchored or moored in Ebenecook Harbor in the vicinity of HYS. HYS's launches monitor Channel 9. Rides to/from the Saturday post-race party and prize giving are available and may be arranged with the SITR organizers.

For further information, go to www.SouthportYachtClub.org or contact Jennifer Baker, Seguin Island Trophy Race Chair, at jenpbaker81@gmail.com or mobile phone 860-707-3899.

