

# Notice of Race

33<sup>rd</sup> Annual ~ Around Islesboro Race ~ Northport Yacht Club  
**Saturday, September 12, 2020**

*The Around Islesboro Race is a “low key” affair with the intent on having a great late summer sail around Islesboro Island. There are classes for all kinds of boats- racers, cruisers, multihulls and single handers. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.*

**Eligibility:** The Race is open to all sailing yachts. Those yachts that have submitted a valid PHRF-New England Certificate for their boat will also be scored as part of the 2020 GMORA (Gulf of Maine Ocean Racing Association) series. For all others we will, to the best of our ability, assign a handicap using the guidance provided by PHRF New England. All boats shall carry liability insurance, be equipped with required USCG safety gear and carry a functioning VHF Radio.

**Please Note:** The Northport Yacht Club is holding this year’s race with considerable COVID-19 related modifications. Please read this NOR carefully to understand the changes, There will be no exceptions to the modified rules.

**On-Line Registration:** available through Regatta Management Solutions (www.regattaman.com). Only online registration is available, there will be no on-site registration.

Registration will close Wednesday September 9. and is limited to the first 25 boats.

**Waivers,** Every skipper and each crew member is required to electronically sign a waiver in order to participate in the race. Your entry is not valid and your boat will not be scored if this has not been accomplished prior to the Race Day for every person participating. The waivers are available on the regatta management AIR pages. Do not bring any crew that did not sign a waiver. Your full crew will need to be identified when you check in with the race committee.

Launch service will **not** be available before or after the race.

There will be no land based activities, before or after the race. No bathrooms will be available; the NYC clubhouse is closed for the season.

Skippers coming from a distance should try to arrive with full crew on board. If this is not possible please instruct your crew to stay off the dock and float until you are approaching the float for their pickup. Everyone should have a face mask available and wear them on the boat float.

**Skippers Meeting:** All boats should check in with the race committee by radio on VHF channel 68 between 9 AM and 9:30 AM. The skipper’s instructions will be given at 9:30 on Channel 68. Save your questions for after the full instructions have been given. To avoid redundant questions, please read the sailing instructions carefully. You should print a copy and have them with you.

**Moorings:** Available on a first come, first served basis. Options include anchoring here or in nearby Belfast.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT AT LOW TIDE, THERE IS ONLY THREE FEET OF WATER IN FRONT OF THE BAYSIDE DOCK AND THE BOAT FLOAT.**

**There will not be a Post Race gathering:** Results will be emailed to the skippers and Class awards will be snail-mailed.

**Classes:**

- Racing Class A. Sailboats with PHRF designation less than 130 with free flying sails.
- Racing Class B. Sailboats with PHRF designation 130 or greater with free flying sails.
- Cruising Class. No free flying sails. ( Main, mizzen, jibs and genoas only )
- Single Handed
- Multi-Hull

**Rules**

This race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, excluding the US Sailing prescriptions. These instructions apply unless separate Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions are given.

**Fees:** \$350

Fees are assessed to offset the cost of race management and trophies. All funds raised in this year's event will be used to support the Northport Yacht Club sailing school. We operate a fleet of (8) O'Day Daysailers, (2) 420 class, (1) 23' Sonar keel boats and (3) instructor's powerboats. While we strive to make the program self-sufficient, the cost of boat upkeep, labor, insurance and workman's comp are considerable. In an effort to keep lessons affordable to area children we rely on several fund raising efforts in the course of a season.

**This past season nearly 100 students participated in our program.**

**Trophies will be awarded to first three class positions.**

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