

# SCHOONER FESTIVAL RACE

Sponsored by Eastern Point Yacht Club

Gloucester, MA

Saturday, Aug 31, 2019

- 1.1 **Event:** Schooner Festival Race will be held on August 31, 2019. The organizing authority is the Eastern Point Yacht Club, Gloucester, MA.
  - 2.1 **Eligibility:** The race is open to all boats with a valid ORRez handicap.
  - 2.2 **Registration:** Simply go to the Regattaman website <https://www.regattaman.com>.
  - 2.3 **Fees:** Entry fee is \$60, minus \$5 for US Sailing Membership and \$5 for MBSA membership, for registrations no later than noon, Friday, Aug 30, 2019 and \$85 (with no discounts) for late registrations.
  - 2.4 **Handicap System:** The ORRez handicap system will be used, and Regattaman will compute the starting times. In registering for the race, boats should declare whether they want to use their racing (SPIN) ratings or cruising (JAM) ratings. Boats can change their choice of rating up until 8a the morning of the race. In ORRez terminology, this will be a "Random Leg" race. The wind range (in ORRez terminology) will be "medium" range.
  - 3 **Rules:** This Event will be governed by the Mass Bay Sailing Association General Sailing Instructions including the MBSA ORR-ez bylaws, except as changed by these Event Sailing Instructions. Use of electric winches is permitted in this race; this changes RRS 52.
  - 4 **Notices to Competitors:** Notices will be posted on the Regattaman website <https://www.regattaman.com>, and emails will be sent to registrants from the Regattaman website. Starting times for each boat, notices of cancellation/postponement, and any changes to sailing instructions will be available by 9:00 am on the day of the race on this site. Starting times may also be picked up at the committee Boat. The Race Committee will be monitoring CH 72 starting at 10:00am the day of the race or contact Michael Connolly @ 603-203-4464 or [michaelconnolly1@comcast.net](mailto:michaelconnolly1@comcast.net). All boats must check in by passing by the Committee Boat prior to the Warning Signal
- 7.1 **Schedule of Races:** There will be one race for all boats. There will be no Skippers Meeting.
  - 7.2 **Warning Signal:** The Warning signal will be at 1155 (GPS time).
- 10.1 **The Course:** The race is a modified Triangle course 13 Miles in length. Using Gales Ledge Buoy (A), Newcombs Ledge Whistle(B), and Eastern Point Whistle (C). Each mark is designated by a letter to simplify the course. The start finish line will be in the vicinity of Kettle Ledge then proceed to the following marks according to the posted course number.

	The Marks	Letter
Start/Finish Line		A
Gales Ledge Buoy "R"	N 6	B
Newcombs Ledge Whistle	F1 G 4 SEC. "1"	C
Eastern Point Whistle	F1 R 4 SEC "1"	D

Posted on the committee Boat will be a number which indicates the race course in accordance with the sequence of marks:

Course NO.	FOLLOW THESE MARKS SEQUENTIALLY
3	A-B-C-D-A
5	A-C-B-D-A
7	A-D-B-C-A

For Course **3** Leave all marks to **PORT** For Course **5** Leave all Marks to **STARBOARD** For Course **7** leave all Marks to **PORT**. The Course may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Committee. Listen for a two gun signal and look for the "S" Flag and the Yellow Flag indicating the Committee Boat is on Station. The warning signal will be at 1155 and each Boat will start at its indicated Start time. The Race Committee will make every effort to call attention to the next Boat starting, One Minute prior and give a Ten second count down to its start. Honor Cans 3,5,7 when going between Gales and Newcombs. If you sail between two cans you must exit between the same two cans.

- 14.2 **Recalls:** Boats that cross the starting time prior to their designated start time will be hailed by the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72.

17.1 **Time Limit:** The race will be abandoned if the first boat does not cross the finish line within five hours of the time of the first boat to start.

17.2 Boats finishing more than one hour after the time limit will be scored DNF (did not finish).

24.0 **Prizes:** Prizes will be given for First, Second, and Third in each class and First, Second and Third overall and will be awarded at the EPYC Gloucester MA after the race.

**Social Activities:** All captains, crews, and their guests are invited to the EPYC after the race (5:00 to 7:00 pm). There will be a cash bar with complimentary refreshments provided.

**Moorings and rooms:** Race participants may make reservations for moorings, rooms, and/or dinner at Eastern Point Yacht Club (978-283-3520). Also, other moorings can be reserved with the Gloucester Harbor Master.