

NORTHPORT YACHT CLUB
NORTHPORT, MAINE

AROUND ISLESBORO RACE
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

RULES

- The race will be governed by the rules as indicated in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the US Sailing Prescriptions, except those altered by the Notice of Race or these Sailing instructions
- Class Breaks will be announced at the skippers meeting on Saturday morning
- No official signals will be displayed from the shore

START

- The start is off the Northport wharf between an orange drop mark and an anchored vessel displaying the RC Flag.
- Each boat is required to check in by passing the stern of the signal boat or by hailing the race committee on the VHF radio **Channel 69**. Please let us know the boat name and total number of people on board the boat. The Race Committee will make an announcement to let skippers know when they may start checking in.
- The scheduled starting sequence
- 6 minutes from start 9:54am, series of horn blasts, warning signal.
 - 5 MINUTE HORN IS 9:55AM WITH ONE BLAST
 - 4 MINUTE HORN IS 9:56AM WITH ONE BLAST (ALL ENGINES OFF)
 - 1 MINUTE HORN IS 9:59AM WITH ONE LONG BLAST
 - START IS 10:00AM WITH ONE BLAST AND/OR CANNON SHOT
- The starting sequence will be broadcast on VHF radio channel 69
- Any changes to the start time or relocation of the starting line will be announced by the Race Committee on **Channel 69**
- Over early – the “I” flag is in effect at all times, if over early round either the committee boat or the orange mark to re-start. No dipping!
- Recalls – The Race Committee will blow the horn once and hail the offending boat on **Channel 69**. Hailing an over early boat is a courtesy of the Race Committee and is not required. The failure to hail, to hail some, but not all boats, or untimely hail of a boat shall not be grounds for redress (changes RRS 62.1(a)).

COURSE NOTES

- The direction around Islesboro will be determined by the race committee and announced at the skippers meeting.
- The approximate course length is 28 NM
- Government or Private Marks are not part of the race course.
- Boats do not have to sail through Bracketts Channel and may opt for a longer course
- Commercial traffic lanes run up the middle of both the Eastern and Western Bays. Large commercial ships have the right of way. Stay alert and give way to commercial traffic (INCLUDING THE ISLESBORO FERRY) when crossing inbound and outbound vessel separation zones.
- Sailing vessels have NO RIGHTS in this situation.

THE FINISH

- The finish is off the Northport wharf, between the orange mark and the yardarm on the dock
- It is helpful to the Dock Crew if you hail them as you are approaching the finish area
- Take your own GPS finish time as a backup
- After finishing, KEEP CLEAR OF THE FINISH LINE and of boats that are still racing. Do not obscure the dock crew's line of sight.
- Deadline for finishing is 7:00pm. It may be extended at the discretion of the race committee. If you elect to continue sailing, you must take your own time.

WITHDRAWING FROM THE RACE

IF A BOAT ELECTS TO WITHDRAW FROM THE RACE, PLEASE HAIL THE RACE COMMITTEE ON VHF **CHANNEL 69**. The race committee will reply to acknowledge your withdrawal
You may also contact the Race Committee by phone at 978-595-2060

PROTESTS

Try not to get yourself in a situation that requires a protest – remember that this is supposed to be fun!! If a protest is needed, please notify the offending yacht as soon as possible along with a member of the race committee after you finish the race.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

- Prizes will be presented at NYC clubhouse. This typically occurs between 6:30 and 7:00pm but is at the discretion of the race committee.

POST RACE POTLUCK

- **Skippers, crew and guests are invited to participate in a gala post-race social at the clubhouse around 4:30pm. Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs will be available, along with numerous dishes donated by Yacht Club and/or village members. There is no charge.**

ANY PROCEEDS FROM THE RACE WILL GO TO THE NORTHPORT YACHT CLUB SAILING SCHOOL PROGRAM.

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ISLESBORO FERRY SCHEDULE

Monday through Saturday

DEPART ISLESBORO	DEPART LINCOLNVILLE
7:30 am	8:00 am
8:30 am	9:00 am
9:30 am	10:00 am
10:30 am	11:00am
12:30 pm	1:00 pm
1:30 pm	2:00 pm*
2:30 pm*	3:00 pm
3:30 pm	4:00 pm
4:30 pm	5:00 pm

TIDES SEPTEMBER 7

BELFAST

HIGH TIDE: 2:00AM, 2:15PM

LOW TIDE: 8:03AM, 8:27PM

ISLESBORO/GILKEY HARBOR

HIGH TIDE: 2:03AM, 2:15PM

LOW TIDE: 8:10AM, 8:34PM