



**SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB
BOOTHBAY HARBOR YACHT CLUB
2024 'Round Southport Race
Sunday, July 14, 2024**



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Competitors are encouraged to comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B – [Special Regulations for Inshore Races](#) . Non-compliance shall not be grounds for protest. This changes NOR 1.3.
- 1.3. All boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices will be placed online on the Regattaman Race Website.
- 2.2. Any postponements or cancellations of the Race will be posted to the Race Website by 0900 the day of the Race.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day of the Race, except that any change to the schedule of the Race will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions made on the water shall be broadcast on VHF 72. [RRS 90.2(c)]

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals will not be made ashore for this Race.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. There will be no skippers' meeting.
- 5.2. There will be one race.
- 5.3. The time of the warning is scheduled for 1100. The first start is scheduled for 1105.
- 5.4. Starting times for subsequent starts will be calculated using the standard PHRF Time on Distance formula.
- 5.5. The starting sequence ("scratch sheet") will be posted online to the Regattaman website. A provisional scratch sheet with all current entrants will be posted by 1800 the day before the race. The final scratch sheet will post to the Regattaman site by 0900 on race day.
- 5.6. The starting times for boats with either a valid PHRF-NE rating or an established one design rating WILL NOT CHANGE from the provisional scratch sheet.
- 5.7. Questions arising from the provisional scratch sheet should be directed to arand@usscm.org by 2100 the day before the race.
- 5.8. Festivities and awards will be held at BHYC immediately following the race.

6. COURSE

- 6.1. The Race will be around Southport Island from West to East with a nominal length of 9.77nm.
- 6.2. Yachts will leave **Cat Ledges R "4CL" Gong** and **Cuckolds G "1C" Bell** to PORT.
- 6.3. The course may be shortened at the Cuckolds G "1C" Bell. If shortened, the finish will be the extension of the line from Cuckolds Light to G "1C", leaving the Bell to PORT. [RRS 32.2(b)]
- 6.4. If shortened, the R/C will display an "S" flag (blue square on white) with two sounds. The R/C will be stationed on the line to record finishing times. Yachts should additionally record their own finish time.
- 6.5. The race may be abandoned for reasons of safety; if so the R/C will show Code flag "N" with 3 sounds.

7. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Yachts shall not sail on the east side of the Cat Ledges or between Southport and Lower Mark Islands.

8. STARTING LINE

- 8.1. The starting line will be in Ebenecook Harbor on a line due west of the “Ink Bottle” (Fl G 4s “7”) on Cameron Point and the middle of Boston Island and shall be between an orange flag on the signal boat and a nearby drop mark.
- 8.2. A limiting mark may be streamed from the signal boat. Boats striking this limiting mark or sailing between the mark and the signal boat will be considered in violation of RRS 31.
- 8.3. Boats not within five minutes of their scheduled start shall avoid the starting area.
- 8.4. For postponements before any starting signal, the duration of the postponement will be added to each start time in the starting sequence. **Postponements will be in increments of 10 minutes to simplify determining start times.**

9. STARTING SEQUENCE

- 9.1. The time of the warning is scheduled for 1100. The first start is scheduled for 1105.
- 9.2. The start will be in accordance with RRS 26 for the first boat(s), with a solid green flag for the class flag. Specifically:

Warning:	Green flag up with one sound	5 minutes to first start
Preparatory:	P flag up with one sound	4 minutes to first start
One Minute:	P flag down with long sound	1 minute to first start
Start:	Green flag down with one sound	First start
- 9.3. All subsequent starts will be indicated with a horn, according to the times on the scratch sheet.
- 9.4. The R/C may announce the starting time for the next yacht(s) in the sequence on VHF Channel 72. Failure of a yacht to hear the announcement will not be grounds for protest or redress.

10. FINISH LINE

- 10.1. The finish line shall be due west of the Tumbler buoy (R”8” FL R 4s) and approximately mid-way between the buoy and Juniper Point.
- 10.2. The finish line shall be between an orange flag on the signal boat and a drop mark to its **west**.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. The Two-Turns penalty as defined in RRS 44.1 will apply to infringements of Part II, Right of Way Rules.
- 11.2. The One-Turn penalty as defined by RRS 44.1 will apply for infringements of Rule 31 (touching a mark).

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1. If no boat finishes the race by 1600 the race shall be abandoned. Any boat not yet finished 90 minutes after the first boat has finished shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 30 minutes after the signal boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable after the race in a location specified on the notice board at BHYC.
- 13.2. Any boat intending to protest shall notify the finish boat by hail or VHF 72 as she finishes.

14. SCORING AND PRIZES

- 14.1. The “Trash Can” Trophy will be awarded to the winning Yacht Club to be held until the next Round Southport Race.
- 14.2. The winning Yacht Club shall be determined by taking the finishing score of the first three yachts from each Club (regardless of class), with the lowest combined score being the winner of the prize.
- 14.3. Individual prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 72. The Race Committee may also be using VHF channel 72 for working communications. Boats may monitor VHF channel 72, but are advised that any Race Committee communications are unofficial, and made either for race management purposes or as a courtesy to the competitors.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1. All yachts are requested to check-in with the Race Committee before the start of the race by sailing past the RC signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their sailing number, and receiving confirmation from the Race Committee, or by calling on VHF channel 72.
- 16.2. A yacht that retires must notify the R/C as soon as possible.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See **RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race**. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.