

Schooner Festival PHRF Race

Part of the

GLOUCESTER SCHOONER FESTIVAL

Sponsored by Maritime Gloucester and the Eastern Point Yacht Club

Gloucester, MA

Saturday, September 5, 2015

- 1.1 **Event:** The Schooner Festival PHRF Race will be held on September 5, 2015. The organizing authority is the Eastern Point Yacht Club, Gloucester, MA. The co-sponsor of the race is Maritime Gloucester.
- 2.1 **Eligibility and Entry:** The race is open to all boats with a valid PHRFNE rating.
- 2.2 **Registration:** Simply go to the Regattaman website <https://www.regattaman.com>.
- 2.3 **Fees:** Entry fee is \$50, minus \$5 for US Sailing Membership and \$5 for MBSA membership, for registrations no later than noon, Thursday, August 28, 2014 and \$75 (with no discounts) for late registrations.
- 2.4 **Handicap System:** PHRF Time on Distance will be used.
- 3 **Rules:** This Event will be governed by the Mass Bay Sailing Association General Sailing Instructions 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 the day of the race on this site. If there is a cancellation, the race will be rescheduled for Sunday, September 6, 2015, at the same time. Please contact the Race Committee on VHF Channel 73 with questions, starting at 11:00 am the day of the race, or call 617-407-2632 before then.
- 7.1 **Schedule of Races:** There will be one race for all boats. Finishing times will be adjusted based on PHRF ratings. There will be no Skippers Meeting.
- 7.2 **Warning Signal:** The race will start at 12:00 noon (GPS time). The five-minute warning gun will be at 11:55a.
- 10.1 **The Course:** The start/finish line will be at Kettle Ledge about 2 miles SW of the Groaner (R "2" FI R 4s WHIS) which is outside Gloucester Harbor. The coordinates of the start/finish line are 42 32 600 N and 70 41 600 W. The start/finish line will be between the committee boat and a yellow mark. The course will be MBSA Standard Course G. The first mark will be about 3 miles to windward. The second mark will be set on the port side of the course, about three miles from both the first mark and the turning mark at the start/finish line. In the event of light air, the race committee will designate a shorter course.
- 14.2 **Recalls:** Boats that cross the starting time prior to the starting gun will be hailed by the Race Committee on VHF Channel 73.
- 17.1 **Time Limit:** The race will be terminated if the first boat does not cross the finish line within five hours of the time of the start.
- 17.2 Boats finishing more than one hour after the time limit will be scored DNF (did not finish).
- 24 **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place at the Rhumb Line Restaurant (40 Railroad Avenue in Gloucester) after the race. **Social Activities:** All captains, crews, and their guests are invited to the Rhumb Line Restaurant after the race (5:00 to 7:00 pm). There will be a cash bar with complimentary refreshments provided by the Rhumb Line Restaurant. **Moorings and rooms:** Race participants may reserve moorings and rooms at Eastern Point Yacht Club (978-283-3520). Also, other moorings can be reserved at the Gloucester Harbor Master.