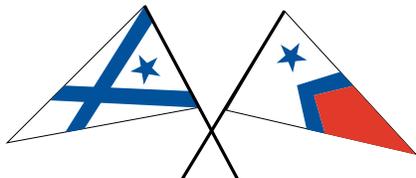


F I F T I E T H A N N I V E R S A R Y

S.S. CROCKER MEMORIAL RACE

SATURDAY JULY 9, 2016

The S.S. Crocker Memorial Race is held annually in memory of internationally-renowned yacht designer Samuel Sturgis Crocker. Sponsored jointly by the Manchester Yacht Club and the Manchester Harbor Boat Club, of which S.S.C. was a founding member, the race is open to all yachts carrying U.S.C.G.-required safety equipment.



RACE FORMAT

The Crocker Race is a **Full Pursuit Race**. All boats will use an existing or assigned PHRF rating. As in the past, slow boats with high ratings will start first. Faster boats with low ratings will start later.

There will be two classes: (1) Spinnaker/Racing and (2) Jib-and Main/Cruising.

Within these classes boats will be scored in the finishing order of their respective fleets.

If you are competing in the Mass Bay Pursuit Series you will receive credit for this race.

ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 7, 2016

This race is traditionally a fun race for the skipper with little or no racing experience, as well as for the seasoned racer. So come and enjoy the friendly atmosphere and excitement of competition in this annual race that has become a Manchester tradition.

For no-cost mooring space, contact Manchester Yacht Club Captain Jack Fadden, or speak with Skip or Chris at Crocker's Boat Yard. One way or the other, we'll find space for you.

HOW TO REGISTER

1. ONLINE: Go to www.sscrockerrace.com; click on **Registration**. Payment options include credit card or check payable to the S.S. Crocker Race Committee.

2. BY MAIL: Complete and mail the enclosed Entry Form, along with your check, to the Race Committee. (See address on Entry Form.)

COOKOUT & SKIPPERS' MEETING

Come join fellow racers at 1800 on Friday, July 8, at Crocker's Boat Yard for burgers & hot dogs compliments of Manchester Harbor Boat Club. (BYOB – ice & glasses provided.)

The Skippers' Meeting will be held in the boat yard at 1930 following the cookout.

At this meeting the Committee will present basic information about:

- ▶ **Rules of the Road** ▶ **The Course** – marks and signals
- ▶ **Start Sequence** (see page 3)
- ▶ **The Finish** – that's easy.

Copies of the Scratch Sheet will be available at the Skippers' Meeting.

NOTICE TO CAPTAINS OF BOATS WITHOUT SAIL NUMBERS

If your boat does not have a sail number, you or your designated representative must attend the Skippers' Meeting to pick up your Race Identification Banner.

You will be required to pay a \$20 deposit for the banner, which will be refunded to you when the banner is returned at the post-race party.

The banner must be highly visible to the Committee Boat: (1) During pre-start maneuvers; (2) At the Start; (3) Approaching the Finish; (4) While crossing the Finish line. ***Boats without sail numbers that do not visibly display their Race Identification Banner will be disqualified from the race and will forfeit the entry fee.***

SAM CROCKER

This year's Crocker Race is held in honor of S. S. (Sam) Crocker, in whose memory he race was named. The following biographical sketch was written by Catherine (Kitty) Crocker Palmer, Sam's granddaughter.

NAVAL ARCHITECT S. S. CROCKER

Samuel Sturgis Crocker was an internationally-known naval architect. He was born in Newton, Massachusetts in 1890, attended M.I.T. where he was a student in naval architecture, and then worked as a draftsman with the famous naval architect George Owen. In 1916, at a small rented yard in Marion, he started his first business, repairing, building and designing boats. That venture, however, was interrupted by the start of WWI. During that war he was first called to take charge of a construction gang building 110' submarine chasers for the U.S. Government, and then to build the F-5-L flying boats.

When the war ended, Sam moved his family to Manchester and went to work as a designer and draftsman with John G. Alden in Boston. In 1924 he once again established his own practice, S. S. Crocker Naval Architect, on Washington Street in Boston. He remained there for the next 32 years.

In 1956, he moved his enterprise to Crocker's Boat Yard. (My father and my mother, Eileen Crocker, had opened the yard in 1946, making this not only the race's 50th anniversary but CBY's 70th anniversary!) He continued his boat designing business at CBY until he passed away in 1964.

My grandfather designed and supervised the construction of more than 300 vessels, including commercial fishing boats, yachts and racing boats – each individually designed to the special requirements of the prospective owners. As the late Joel White said, "The collection of designs drawn by Crocker during his lifetime ... can only be described as remarkable." The late Bud Mcintosh, who built many Crocker designs, stated "Sam was good for us. We were his friends, who loved what he loved." On building the first of many Crocker designs, Bud wondered, "...could we live up to the standard implied in the term 'yacht finish,' and what did it mean anyway? Sam said: It's not necessarily the same for every builder; but I expect work equal to the best I've seen you do in the past; and it's tied in with the price you're getting for the job; and the owner's a damn fool if he thinks he ought to get more than he's paying for!"

My father, S. Sturgis Crocker, was very close to his Dad as they shared a mutual love of yacht design and construction. The boats my father built at his yard were designed by his father, and the advantage of having the designer close at hand to the builder was priceless in my father's eyes. Many years after my grandfather had passed, my father often commented, "I wish Dad could have lived to take advantage of today's calculators and computers. All of his calculations were done with planimeter, adding machine and slide rule, and he used to grumble about the time it took."

The love and business of boats has continued through the generations, with my brother Sam taking over the boat yard in the 70s, me joining him in the 80s, and Sam's son Skip taking over in 2008.

(For a complete biography, visit sscrockerrace.com.)



RACE INFORMATION

THE HANDICAPS

Your handicap is established based on either your PHRF Certificate OR the information provided on your Entry Form. *All boats are encouraged to have a 2016 Mass Bay Sailing Association PHRF Certificate. If you do not have one, the Race Committee will assign a PHRF Rating.*

Handicaps result in a staggered order of starting times so that all boats have the opportunity to finish first. The overall winner will be the first boat over the Finish line.

The Scratch Sheet, noting your class, fleet and starting time, will be available at the Skippers' Meeting and online at both sscrokerrace.com and regattaman.com. The morning of the race it will also be posted at both the MHBC Dock and the Manchester Yacht Club. Copies will be available from Race Committee members at MYC.

THE COURSE

The race is sailed on a triangular course of 12.3 miles, using Gales Ledge Buoy (A), Eastern Point Whistle (B) and Newcombs Ledge Whistle (D) as marks of the course. Each mark is designated by a letter to simplify posting the course.

THE MARKS		LETTER
Gales Ledge Buoy "R"	N6	A
Eastern Point Whistle	F1 R 4 Sec.-R "2"	B
Newcombs Ledge Whistle	F1 G 4 Sec.-"1"	D

Posted at the stern of *Trident*, the Race Committee Boat, is a number which indicates the race course in accordance with the sequence of marks:

COURSE NO.	FOLLOW THESE MARKS SEQUENTIALLY
3	A-B-D-A
5	A-D-B-A

Based on weather conditions, either course No. 3 or No. 5 will be selected. *For Course 3, leave all marks to Starboard. For Course 5, leave all marks to Port.*

Any skipper who does not honor the marks will be disqualified.

The course may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Committee. Listen for the two-gun signal and look for the S flag and the yellow flag, indicating *Trident* is on station at the Finish.

STARTING SEQUENCE

All boats must have a dedicated VHF radio for contact to/from the Race Committee Boat during the race.

The Start and Finish line is near Gales Ledge (A), between *Trident*, the Race Committee Boat, and a moveable mark.

A 1-gun signal at 10:45 am will indicate the start of the race.

All boats will start at the time indicated on the Scratch Sheet. Each starting boat will be given a 3-minute warning via VHF radio prior to its start time

A 2-gun signal indicates the start of the race is delayed. If the first start is delayed, all other starts will be delayed by the same amount of time.

Two horn blasts by the Committee Boat indicates a Restart of the race and the first boat will start in 3 minutes.

- ▶ The Race Committee Boat may anchor either side of Nun 6 to avoid Gales Ledge.
- ▶ The Start line is always crossed in the direction of the first mark.
- ▶ A boat crossing the start line early must round the Committee Boat or the moveable mark and restart across the starting line. *Boats may not dip the starting line.*
- ▶ Honor cans 3, 5, 7 on the way to or returning from Newcombs. If you sail between two cans you must exit between the same two cans.
- ▶ The Finish line is crossed from the direction of the preceding mark.

If you withdraw after starting, please come to the Committee Boat to report your intention to withdraw, or report to the Committee Boat by radio.

The Race Committee Monitors VHF 72.

The Race Committee wants to account for all boats, so please report as noted if you withdraw!

RACE INFORMATION

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THE FINISH

The YELLOW FLAG indicates *Trident* is on station at the Finish.

RACERS WITHOUT SAIL NUMBERS:

Remember, your orange Race Identification Banner must be highly visible at the Finish so the Race Committee can log your correct finish time.

The race ends at 1700. For safety, the Race Committee logs every boat that starts, finishes and withdraws. As you finish, record your finish time and the sail number of the boat ahead and behind you.

THE PARTY

Following the race, skippers and crew are invited to attend a party at the Manchester Yacht Club – with cash bar. Chowder and munchies will be provided.

Trophies will be presented to the winners at approximately 1800 for:

- ▶ First Overall (The S.S. Crocker Memorial Trophy)
- ▶ First, Second and Third Place in each of six fleets
- ▶ First Wooden Boat.

All skippers will receive one 50th Anniversary Boat Bag, Hat & Glass, plus T-Shirts for their crew.
Extra glasses may be ordered with your entry for pickup at The Party.

SPECIAL THANKS TO . . .

Race sponsors Mount Gay Rum, Crocker's Boat Yard, Manchester Yacht Club, Manchester Harbor Boat Club, 7 Central & Essen; Michael Otis for his fabulous photographs of the race; MYC Club Captain Jack Fadden, Assistant Club Captain Andy Vanikiotis, and their hard-working crew!

THE RACE COMMITTEE

Members of the 2016 Race Committee are:

Carl Doane, Chair; Bill Canty, Ellen Canty, Skip Crocker, Edward Cushing, Jerry Jodice, Guy Johnson, Dave Kneeland (emeritus), Peggy Lynch, Don MacQuarrie, Michael Otis, Kitty Crocker Palmer,Carolynn Pitman, Paul Pitman, Ralph Smith, Wendy Smith, Barb Thomas, Charlie Thomas, Carrie Woodruff, and Tom Woodruff.

Race Results & photos will be posted on our Website following the Race: www.sscrockerrace.com

RAIN DATE – SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2016