

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Seguin Island Trophy Races (SITR) 23 July 2016.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current **Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2013-2016)**, **US Sailing Prescriptions, class rules governing one design yachts**, the **By-Laws of GULF OF MAINE OCEAN RACING ASSOCIATION (GMORA)**, the **By Laws of the Southport Yacht Club (SYC)**, and the **Regulations of Hodgdon Yacht Services (HYS)**.
- 1.2 The races are open to all yachts that meet **Category 5 (Appendix J) of the ISAF OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS**. **DH/SH Division** yachts must also meet **Category 4 (Appendix J) of the ISAF OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS**. It will be the owner's responsibility to see that his/her yacht is sound, seaworthy, and safely equipped.
- 1.3 **RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4** states, "**The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.**" The **organizing authorities** (SYC and HYS) shall **not be liable** for any damage to property, injury or death to persons in any way resulting from or connected with the **Seguin Island Trophy Races**.
- 1.4 Boats observed discharging trash over the side may be **disqualified**. **RRS Appendix A5** applies.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the **Official Notice Board at HYS**.

3. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the **HYS Official Notice Board before 1015** on the day it will take effect.

4. SKIPPERS' MEETING

A Skipper's meeting will be held at the **HYS at 1000, Saturday, 23 July 2016**.

5. TIDE INFORMATION FOR BOOTHBAY HARBOR

Saturday, 23 July 2016 High — 1416 Low — 2015

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 **PHRF RACING DIVISIONS** may have one or more races each day. The First Warning Signal will be at **1130 Saturday, 23 July 2016.**

6.2 **PHRF CRUISING DIVISION** warning Signal will follow PHRF Racing Division starts.

6.3 **ONE DESIGN DIVISION (J24, J80, etc.)** . One or more races will be sailed each day for one design fleets with four (4) or more entries of the same class. The First Warning Signal will follow the Cruising Division start. Final decisions concerning a separate One Design Division starts will be announced at the skipper's meeting.

7. CLASS FLAGS, COURSE SIGNALS and STARTING ORDER

7.1 **PHRF RACING, DH/SH, CRUISING, ONE DESIGN, and TOURING DIVISIONS.**

Division 1 - PHRF-NE	"A" flag
Division 2 - PHRF-NE	"B" flag
Division 3 - PHRF-NE	"C" flag
J 80 Division	All Yellow flag
J 24 Division	J 24 Class flag
Cruising Division	All Green flag

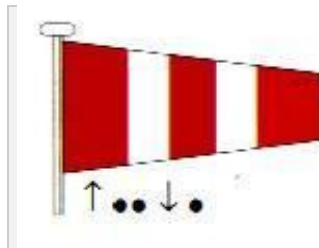
Any change in this starting Order will be announced at the **Skippers' Meeting** and posted on the **Official Notice Board.**

7.2 **Scratch sheets**, showing participants, divisions, and starting schedules, will be available at the skippers' meeting on 23 July 2016 and online at www.regattaman.com.

7.3 **Race Courses** will be displayed on a **white board or the course letter rack** on the Race Committee Signal Boat.

8. THE START


8.1 **For postponements before any starting signal**, the race committee will display the **Answering Pennant (AP)** shown below with two sounds. **RRS 27.3** Postponements will end with one sound and withdrawal of the AP. The next warning signal will occur one (1) minute following the withdrawal of the AP.



8.2 **PHRF RACING, CRUISING, and ONE DESIGN DIVISIONS**


START will be between a portable orange tetrahedron buoy to port of the signal boat at either **W, X or Y** (see **9.4** of these Sailing Instructions), and an **orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat**.

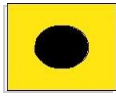
The location of the signal boat will be announced at the skippers' meeting and repeatedly on VHF before the


first warning signal. The RC Signal boat may display **Code flag "L"**  and announce on **CH 72** its intentions to proceed to an alternative location.

8.3 **Other changes** in the location of any starting line will be announced at the **skippers' meeting**.

8.4 Races will be started by using **RRS Rule 26:**

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Minutes before Start</u>
Warning	Division flag	1 sound	5
Preparatory		1 sound	4
One-Minute	Preparatory flag removed	1 long sound	1
Start	Division flag removed	1 sound	0

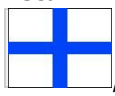
8.5 If **Code Flag "I"**  is displayed as a preparatory signal, the **Around the Ends Rule (RRS 30.1)** will be in effect. No part of a yacht, crew or equipment may be OCS of the starting line (or its extensions)

within one minute of her start. If **Code Flag "Z"**  is displayed, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the minute before her start (**RRS 30.2**).

8.6 A limiting mark may be placed at the starting line, either streamed from or in close proximity to the Race Committee Signal Boat. Boats striking this limiting mark or sailing between the mark and the Race Committee Signal Boat will be considered in violation of **RRS 31**.

8.7 Boats not within five minutes of their scheduled start shall stay clear of those boats that are starting.

8.8 **Individual Recall:** An individual recall will be signaled according to **RRS 29.1**. The Race Committee will

display **Code flag "X"** , one sound, and make an attempt to identify OCS boats by hail or broadcast over the designated VHF channel: **CH 72** for PHRF Racers and Cruisers and One Design Divisions. **Code flag "X"** will be displayed until all OCS yachts are on the pre-start side of the line.

8.9 **General Recall:** A general recall for all classes will be signaled according to **RRS 29.2**. There will be two



sounds and the **First Substitute** will be flown. The new Warning signal for the recalled class will be 1 minute from the drop of the **First Substitute**.

8.10 Failure of a boat or a class to see or hear recalls will **not be grounds for granting redress**.



8.11 When an additional race will be run in a given race day, **Code flag "R"** will be posted at the finish of the race preceding the added race.

8.12 All starting sequences will commence at the beginning of a **GPS minute** such as **11:30:00**.

9. COURSES and MARKS OF THE COURSE — PHRF, CRUISING and ONE DESIGN Divisions

9.1 Courses will be sailed according to **RRS 28**. Courses will be **either windward/leeward or "around the navigation buoys"** using marks listed in **9.4**.

9.2 For **windward/leeward courses**, the **distance and bearing** to drop marks **A and/or Z** will be displayed on a white board from the signal boat. For **windward/leeward courses**, all marks will be left to **port**. Unless **shortened** according to **RRS 32**, all races will be sailed **twice around** the course. The **leeward turning mark** will be an **orange tetrahedron** located off the bow of the R/C signal boat.

9.3 For **"around navigation buoys" courses**, courses will be displayed on a **Course Letter** rack on the Race Committee Signal Boat. All **marks shall be left to port unless the mark letter on the letterboard is preceded by a (+) sign** in which case the mark shall be left to **starboard**. When the plus sign is at the head of the letter board, all marks shall be left to starboard. If "around navigation buoys" courses are to be sailed **twice around**, a **number "2"** will be shown at the bottom of the letter board.

9.4 **Marks:** A **chart** of the race marks is attached to these **Sailing Instructions**.


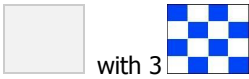
A. Windward Orange tetrahedron	K. G Bell "1C" The Cuckolds
B. R "16" FI R Powderhorn Is.	L. Bell FI 4s R "2SR" Sheepscot River
C. RN "10" Harding Ledge	N. Bell FI G 4s G "1" White Ledge
D. GC "3" Ebenecook Harbor	O. Gong RW "TM" The Motions
E. RN "2" Ebenecook Harbor	P. Bell 4s FI R R "2 BR" Bantam Rk
F. GC "9" Bull Ledge	Q. R "20 ML" QR Bell Mile Ledge
G. RN "6" Cedarbush Island	R. GC "1" Five Islands Harbor
H. Gong R "4CL" Cat Ledges	W. Start Ebenecook Harbor
I. GC "3" Griffith Head Ledge	X. River Start East of Five Islands
J. GC "5" Sloop Ledge	Y. River Start West of Dogfish Head
	Z. Drop Mark

9.5 **Restrictions:** All yachts shall not sail on the **East Side of the Cat Ledges**, between Southport and Lower Mark Island, or between **Georgetown Island and Crow Island** in Five Islands Harbor.


9.6 **Distances** between navigation marks will be measured on a **straight line**. If a course passes through an obstruction, an adjustment to the distance shall be made.

9.7 For ALL DIVISIONS, any decision to shorten, abandon, or change races because of weather and tidal conditions will be made by the Race Committee and announced according to **RRS 32**.

9.8 The race committee may **shorten or abandon** a race or races according to **RRS 32 by displaying**

 with 2 sounds at the **new finishing mark**, or display **Code flag "N"**
 with 3 sounds if racing is to be **abandoned**.

9.9 The race committee may **change/add a leg of a course** according to **RRS 33** by signaling all boats with

 with repetitive sounds **before** they begin the changed/added leg.

10. THE FINISH

10.1 **ALL DIVISIONS**. — FINISH will be between a staff displaying a orange flag on the R/C Signal Boat and a nearby race marker.

10.2 **Downwind finishes** will be between the **starboard side** of the signal boat and a **yellow cylinder**. **Upwind finishes** will be between the **port side** of the signal boat and a **orange tetrahedron**. In both instances, finish line marks will be positioned so as to allow yachts to cross the finish line with the **mark on port** and their **"stern to the last mark"**.

11. PENALTIES and FOULS on course.

11.1 **RRS 31** touching a mark and taking a one turn penalty (**RRS 44.2**) shall apply.

11.2 **RRS 44.1**, taking a penalty, and **RRS 44.1 and 44.2**, the two turn penalty, shall apply when yachts have **broken rules in Part 2, RRS, "When Boats Meet..."**

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1 Boats failing to finish within **30 minutes** after the first boat finishes will be scored **Did Not Finish (DNF)**. The time limit for the last or only race of the day is **one hour** after the first boat finishes.

12.2 For CRUISING DIVISION boats failing to finish within **one hour** after the first boat finishes, will be scored **DNF**.

13. PROTESTS

13.1 Boats intending to protest shall **notify the Race Committee** at the **finish line** of the race where the infraction of RRS was believed to have occurred. The protocol for any protest will follow **RRS Part 5, 60 and 61**.

13.2 Protests shall be **filed** on a **US Sailing Protest Form** and delivered to the **Principle Race Officer** within one half hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat has docked. Protest forms will be available at the Registration Desk at HYS and online at www.regattaman.com.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 The **Low Point** scoring system will apply as described in **RRS 90.3 and Appendix A4**. There will be no dropout races.
- 14.2 Boats that **did not compete (DNC), did not start (DNS)** or were **on course side (OCS), do not finish (DNF), retire after finishing (RAF)**, or are **disqualified (DSQ)** shall receive a score equal to one more than the number of boats in the division.
- 14.3 **One race** is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15. TROPHIES

- 15.1 Prizegiving will take place at the **Southport Yacht Club** following the day's racing.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF **Channel 72 for PHRF Racers and Cruising and One Design Divisions**.
- 16.2 The Race Committee will make every effort to respond to calls from competitors **except during any starting sequence**.

17. SAFETY

- 17.1 All competing yachts **shall monitor the appropriate VHF channel during the entire race day**.
- 17.2 All competing yachts **shall pass by and hail the signal boat** when "on station" at the beginning of the race day. The race committee will acknowledge the hail and mark the yacht as having "**checked in**".
- 17.3 A yacht that **retires shall immediately hail the race committee** "on station" or immediately call the race committee on the **designated VHF channel 72**.
- 17.4 A yacht that **experiences an emergency** situation while racing shall **immediately notify the race committee signal boat** of the nature of the emergency and status of any victims.
- 17.5 A yacht that does not comply with Section 17 shall be scored as **DNS or DNF by the race committee without a hearing. RRS Appendix A5 applies**.