



Event Sponsor:
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37th Annual MS Regatta Notice of Race

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing..

2. CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

There will be Racing & One-design (with spinnaker) and Cruising & Classics (without spinnaker) classes. Class breaks will be at the discretion of the event organizer. All boats will sail one race on Saturday. Classes and starting sequence will be included in the sailing instructions available at skipper's check-in on Friday, August 17, 2018.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all sailing yachts over 20'. Yachts in the Racing (spinnaker) Classes must have a valid rating certificate issued by PHRF New England. To obtain a rating certificate contact GMORA Fleet Handicapper: Don Logan h. 207-699-2840, c. 207-415-4637, dlogan@maine.rr.com, or register online at www.gmora.org.

Yachts in the Racing (spinnaker) Classes shall comply with the current Offshore Racing Council "Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment and Accommodations Standards" for Category 4.

One-design yachts shall comply with the requirements of their class, Etchells may use electronic navigation aids. All yachts shall comply with Federal and State safety requirements.

4. ENTRY/PRE-REGISTRATION

Entries must be submitted to [Regattaman](#) and be received no later than 0800 hours, Thursday August 16, 2018. The entry fee is defined on the enclosed registration form and the event website at www.msharborfest.org.

5. RIGHT OF WAY

These races are held under a permit granted by the U.S. Coast Guard, the Harbor Commission and the Portland Pilots. If a boat's failure to follow the rules of safe navigation results in a complaint from the United States Coast Guard, the Harbor Master, the Harbor Commission or the Portland Pilots, the violating boat will be disqualified from the race. Commercial Vessels shall have the Right Of Way.

6. ADVERTISING

Yachts may be requested to display advertisements of one or more sponsors.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

All participants are required to have an operable VHF radio turned on, tuned to channel 78 and monitored at all times during the race. Participants are also encouraged to monitor channels 13 and 16.

8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Participants in the MS Regatta partake entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

9. SAIL LIMITATIONS AND SAIL NUMBERS

Racing Class mainsails, spinnakers and headsails with an overlap of 130% shall visibly display the same sail number. Racing Class yachts with illegible or improper numbers on their sails should notify the race representative at the skipper's check-in of different sail numbers.

All skippers are reminded that your sail number is the primary method of identification for the race committee. Please ensure the entry form accurately reflects your sail number and other vessel information, i.e.: hull color and boat name (especially important if you do not have a sail number). Yachts with illegible, improper or no sail numbers on their sails should confirm the identification aspects of their sailboat at the skipper's check-in.

10. CREW LIMITS

For Racing Class yachts, the PHRF New England Crew Limits shall apply. See the PHRF New England web site at www.phrfne.org for detail. For One-design Classes the class rules shall prevail. For all other classes, no crew limits shall apply.

11. SCHEDULE

Race:

There will be one race scheduled for the Racing, Cruising, One-design, and Classic Classes. The first warning signal will be at 1230 hours. The starting sequence will be available at the skipper's check-in. This is a qualifying event for the Gulf of Maine Ocean Racing Association.

Note the location of the Starting/Finishing Line. All Fleets will be Starting and Finishing at a location to the Southeast of The Brothers.

12. REGISTRATION AND SKIPPER'S CHECK-IN

No entries will be accepted after 0800 Thursday, August 16, 2018. Early registration is strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to coordinate yachts and sponsors. Skipper check-in will be from 1700-1800 on Friday, August 17, 2018. **A skipper's meeting for all classes will be held at 1800 hours on Friday, August 17, 2018 at Portland Yacht Service.**

13. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the skipper's check-in Friday, August 17, 1700-1800. Participants are invited to meet with race organizers, fleet captains and sponsors after the skipper's meeting.

14. COURSES AND SAILING AREA

Racing will be conducted in Portland Harbor and among the islands of Casco Bay. Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

15. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The two-turn penalty as defined in RRS 44.2 will apply to infringements of Part II, Right of Way Rules. The penalty for a premature starter failing to comply with RRS 29.1 shall be an addition of twenty (20) minutes to her elapsed time.

16. PRIZES

Regatta prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class at **Maine Yacht Center**. Anticipated awards ceremony is 1800. It is the intent of the Race Committee to have the awards ceremony as soon as possible after the race on Saturday, August 18th.

17. SPECTATORS

On-land viewing of the MS Regatta for family, neighbors and friends is available from Fort Allen and the Eastern Promenade on Munjoy Hill, Spring Point Light breakwater and Bug Light in South Portland, along with the Portland Trail or the Narrow Gauge Railroad at the base of Munjoy Hill. For viewing from the water, opportunities can be had from many of the local ferries or tour boats. If spectators would like to be closer to the action in their own boats they need to be aware of the courses and the room required for the sailboats to maneuver. Please remind family, neighbors and friends who may be on the water to stay away from the start/finish line as much as possible.

A. MOORING INFORMATION

Visiting yachts needing a mooring should contact the the Portland Yacht Club (207-781-9820) for arrangements. A limited number of moorings will be available on a first-come, first served basis. PYC launch service operates 0800 to 2100 daily and is raised on VHF Channel 68.

B. PARKING INFORMATION

Skippers Meeting, Friday August 17, 2018

MS Regatta, Saturday August 18, 2018

Parking at the site of the event host.

C. PHOTOGRAPHS

The MS Regatta and the Greater New England Chapter of the MS Society are always looking to increase its library of photographs. If you have photographs you are willing to share, please send copies to Tierney Maston, National MS Society, Greater New England Chapter, 74 Gray Road, Falmouth, ME 04105 or by email to Tierney.Maston@nmss.org. Remember to include the name of the photographer and details about the picture so proper credit may be given if the material is used.

We also encourage you to post your photos, thoughts and support of the MS Regatta and MS Harborfest weekend on our Facebook page: MSHarborfest.

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18. GENERAL INFORMATION