

NOTICE OF RACE
ROCKLAND YACHT CLUB PRESENTS
MAINE ROCKS RACE
SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2022

The Maine Rocks Race, sponsored by the Rockland Yacht Club, is a short-handed race of over 100 miles and a fully-crewed race of approximately 136 nautical miles. This race offers participating sailors the opportunity to test their offshore sailing skills, endurance and seamanship.

1. RULES

1.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (RRS)* and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2. Single-handed and double-handed entries –

1.2.1. Autopilots and wind vane self-steering devices are allowed and prudent use is encouraged.

1.2.2. Rule 52, Manual Power is waived to allow use of powered winches.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. This race is open to mono-hull sailboats with a LOA greater than 27 feet which hold a valid PHRF certificate.

2.2. The Race Organizers reserve the right to disallow any entrant it deems inappropriate or improperly equipped. The decision of the Race Organizer is final.

2.3. **Single-handed entrants** may be required to submit a sailing resume to include at least one single-handed passage, entirely under sail, of at least 50 miles in the boat they enter in the race.

3. EQUIPMENT

3.1. Each competing boat is required to carry at least the following equipment: Prescribed US Coast Guard safety equipment, a working VHF radio, visual signals for daytime and nighttime use.

3.2. Each boat shall be equipped with jacklines.

3.3. There shall be a suitable harness for each crew.

3.4. **Single-handed and double-handed vessels** – each crew shall be clipped in to the jackline of other suitable strong points when on deck, during the entire race.

3.5. Each boat shall deploy a radar reflector during the entire race.

3.6. Life rafts and EPIRBs are not mandatory but are strongly encouraged.

4. DIVISIONS

4.1. There shall be three divisions, Single-handed, double-handed and fully-crewed.

4.2. All boats shall be rated with spinnakers.

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee is \$75 for single-handed boats, \$100 for double-handed boats and \$125 for fully-crewed boats.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. There will be an informal cocktail hour followed by the required meeting at Rockland Yacht Club on Friday, September 16 at 1800 hrs,
- 6.2. The first warning signal will be on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 1000 hrs.
- 6.3. There is no time limit for the race.
- 6.4. Prize awards are tentatively scheduled for 1700 hrs. on Sunday, September 18, 2022.

7. THE COURSE

- 7.1. The start and finish are in Rockland Harbor.
- 7.2. **Single-handed and Double-handed divisions** – the rhumb line length of the course is approximately 112 nm.
 - 7.2.1. Upon leaving Rockland Harbor, leave buoy DMSB to port, leave Matinicus Rock to port, thence round Mount Desert Rock to port, thence leave Matinicus Rock to starboard, buoy DMSB to starboard and then finish in Rockland Harbor.
- 7.3. **Fully-Crewed division** – The rhumb line length of the course is approximately 136 nm.
 - 7.3.1. Upon leaving Rockland Harbor round Monhegan Island to port, leave Matinicus Rock to port, thence round Mount Desert Rock to port, thence leave Penobscot Bay lighted buoy WP to starboard, and then finish in Rockland Harbor.

8. ALTERNATE COURSE

- 8.1. Should weather conditions dictate, the Race Committee may, solely at its discretion, elect to have the competitors sail an alternate course.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. Classes will be established at the discretion of the Race Organizer.
- 9.2. All boats will be scored using their PHRF racing handicap.
- 9.3. Boats with no valid PHRF certificate will be rated by the Race Organizer at their boat's PHRF Base Rating.
- 9.4. Corrected times will be calculated using the time-on-time formula.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third place finishes, in each division, on corrected time.
- 10.2. The Francis Stokes Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the first-place finisher in the single-handed division.

11. REGISTRATION

- 11.1. Register on-line at: www.RegattaMan.com

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1. **Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.**
- 12.2. **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 race.**