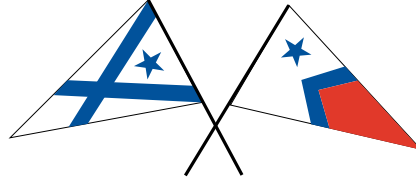


FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL

S.S. CROCKER MEMORIAL RACE

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023

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 6, 2023

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 mooring space, contact the Manchester Yacht Club or Crocker's Boat Yard. One way or the other, we'll find space for you.

REGISTER ONLINE

Go to regattaman.com.

Payment options include credit card or check payable to the Manchester Yacht Club.

COOKOUT & SKIPPERS' MEETING

Come join fellow racers at 1800 on Friday, July 7, 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.

Copies of the scratch sheet will be available.

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.

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.

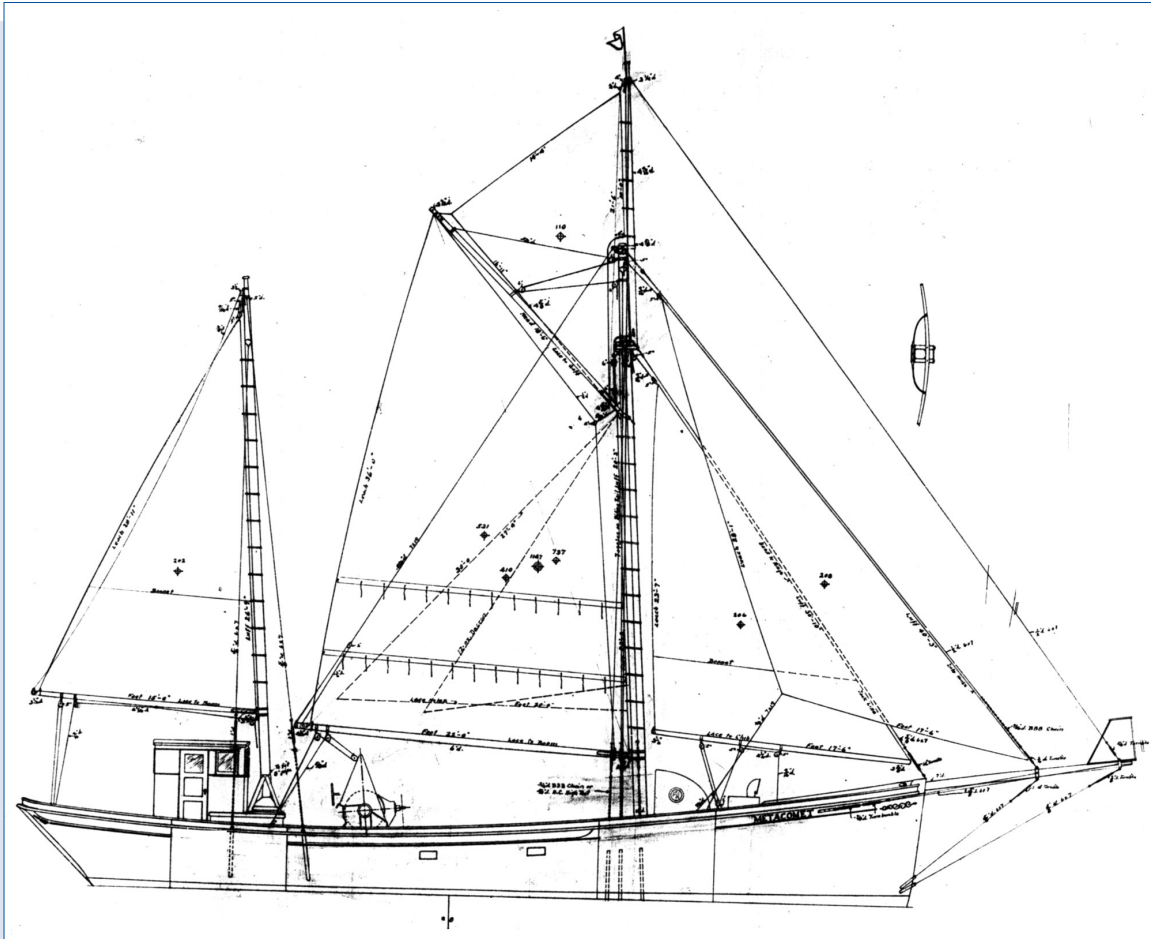
METACOMET

Each year the Crocker Race is dedicated to the memory of S. S. Crocker, and the boats he designed. This year's feature boat is *METACOMET*, designed in 1952.

DESIGN 269

Length Overall: 62 feet; Length on Waterline: 55 feet; Beam: 14 feet, 6 inches

Sail Area: 1,147 square feet; Displacement: 85,000 pounds



The following is taken from *Sam Crocker's Boats, A Design Catalog*, written by S. Sturgis Crocker.

"I started *METACOMET* in 1952 and finished her in 1954 for Russell Grinnell, Jr., of Gloucester, MA. She was the biggest boat built in my yard. Russ brought a nice set of lines to my father, showing just what he wanted. My father faired up the lines, figured weights, etc., and drew the construction profile and other detailed drawings. Then Russ and I scouted the junk yards around Everett and Chelsea, where we found some beautiful hard pine planks that had come out of buildings being torn down to make way for the Southeast Expressway in Boston. Route 128 was being pushed through Manchester at that time, and we walked the area to see the oak and pine that was to be cut to make way for it. I remember one oak that had been deflected so that it made a 90-degree bend. Fortunately, it was sound and about 24 inches in diameter. Russ put his hand on it and said, 'I want it for a stem knee.'

For a steering gear, it was back to the junk yard, where we took the rear end from a 1-1/2-ton Ford truck. We placed it on end with one axle connected to the rudder stock and a sprocket on the drive shaft to be connected to the steering wheel with a roller chain. She steered easily without the one thing both Russ and I couldn't abide, backlash and slack from cables. Her spars were hewn from pine trees cut in Manchester. A six-cylinder 200 model General Motors diesel with 3-3/4 to 1 reduction and a 48-inch propeller gave 10 knots at 1,600 rpm."

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 2023 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 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 Race Committee Monitors VHF 72.

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

RACE INFORMATION

(CONTINUED)

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 receive one 56th Anniversary Glass, featuring Design 269 (*METACOMET*).
Extra glasses may be ordered with your entry for pickup at The Party.

THE RACE COMMITTEE



*In Memoriam. The 2023 Crocker Race Committee is dedicating this year's Race to **Bill Canty**. He was a member of our Race Committee for over two decades. In addition, Bill and his family participated in the Race every year on his beloved sloop *AURIGA* – and, more often than not, won their class. He was a gentleman, a good friend, and great guy who will be missed by all.*

Members of the 2023 Race Committee are:

Tony Leggett, Chair; Ellen Canty, Carl Doane, Paula F. Filias, Guy Johnson, Michael Otis, Kitty Palmer,Carolynn Pitman, Ralph Smith, and Wendy Smith.

Race Results & photos will be posted on the Manchester Yacht Club website following the Race: www.manchesteryc.org

RAIN DATE – SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023