



ROCKPORT BOAT CLUB

2024 PAPER CUP CHALLENGE

(Jib and Main Only - Pursuit Start – 2 Races Planned)

(Awards Dinner Hosted by the Rockport Boat Club)

JULY 13, 2023 (Saturday)

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NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

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

1.2 Prescriptions of the Rockport Club will apply.

1.3 Racing rules 44.1 and A4.2 will be changed as follows: The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty. DNF boats will be scored one point more than the number of boats starting in that race.

1.4 Racing rule 52 is deleted for this series.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to all monohull boats.

2.2 For boats wishing to score points for GMORA season awards, boats must hold a current PHRF-NE JAM (jib and main only) rating and be current GMORA members.

2.2 For boats not holding a current PHRF-NE Certificate, an expired certificate JAM rating will be considered but may be revised by the Race Committee if substantial modification have been made.

2.3 For boats that have never had a PHRF-NE certificate, the Race Committee will assign a rating (ie. Handicap) to your boat.

2.4 Ratings may be obtained by joining GMORA (Gulf of Maine Ocean Racing Assn.) at <https://www.gmora.org/>

2.5 Rating adjustments may be made at the discretion of the Race Committee.

2.6 Eligible boats may enter by signing up on the Regatta Management website calendar at <https://regattaman.com/calendar.php>.

2.7 For those without a Regattaman.com profile, you may enter basic boat information on the race registration page above.

2.8 Entries will be accepted up until noon the day prior to the race.

2.9 Please ***contact the Race Director (info below) for assistance registering if needed.***

3 FEES

3.1 The Entry Fee for the RBC PAPER CUP CHALLENGE is \$40.00 per boat.

3.2 This fee is to be paid via the race registration page on Regattaman (link above in 2.6) payable when registering online.

3.3 For those unable to pay via Regattaman Online due to website access issues, please contact the RBC PAPER CUP CHALLENGE Race Director (listed at end of this NOR) for assistance.

3.4 Registration: Paid entry fees constitute registration for this race.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Date and times of racing:

Saturday, July 13, 2024	PHRF-NE Cruising (Jib and Main Only)
10:00 AM to Noon	Race 1 – Rockport to Pulpit Harbor
1:30 PM to 3:30 PM	Race 2 – Pulpit Harbor to Camden

4.2 The Skipper's Meetings will be held via a ZOOM meeting at 6:00 PM the day prior to the race (Friday, July 12, 2024). The link to the skippers meeting is:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4356383239?pwd=bUdVTVMwL2duNW9XKzd3RHILL2x3QT09&omn=71565610343>

Meeting ID: 435 638 3239 Passcode: 3th2jP

4.3 The Skipper's Meeting is optional for experienced racers currently participating in 2024 GMORA racing events.

4.4 The Skipper's Meeting is highly, highly encouraged for those who race casually, first time racers, or those who primarily cruise and/or day sail their boats.

4.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 9:55 AM for Race 1 (Rockport to Pulpit Harbor).

4.6 At the end of Race 1 (Rockport to Pulpit Harbor), participants are encouraged to raft up in Pulpit Harbor, have lunch, and meet fellow competitors).

4.7 The first warning signal for Race 2 (Pulpit Harbor to Camden) will be at approximately 1:25 PM.

4.8 No Warning signal will be made after 3:00 PM.

4.9 AWARDS DINNER - The RBC will be hosting the RBC PAPER CUP CHALLENGE Awards Reception and Catered Steak/Lobster Dinner at the RBC Clubhouse beginning at 5:30 PM following the race.

- TICKETS ARE REQUIRED and are available on the Regattaman RBC PAPER CUP CHALLENGE registration page.
- Please order your tickets when you register for the race.
- Additional tickets may also be purchased up to one week prior to the race via Regattaman.
- Choices are Steak OR Lobster with all the usual sides and one complimentary adult beverage for \$45.00/person. In addition, a kid's menu of hot dogs and chips is available for \$15.00/ea.
- If you have difficulties ordering tickets online, please contact the Race Director (contact info at the end of this document).

5 MEASUREMENT

5.1 Each boat may be required to produce evidence of a valid rating certificate before racing. Competitors that cannot show a valid certificate will be assigned the boat's base handicap as listed on the PHRF-NE website as described in 2.2 and 2.3 above.

5.2 A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 while she is racing.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the time registration is open on Regattaman. They will also be shared as an update to the race in Regattaman. Lastly, they can be emailed to you by the Race Director upon request.

7 VENUE

The racing area will be Penobscot Bay approximately in the area formed by the triangle of Rockport>Pulpit Harbor>Camden. The general area can be seen in the "MARK CHART" shown in the Regattaman page for the RBC PAPER CUP CHALLENGE

8 THE COURSES

The detailed courses to be sailed will be determined on the day of racing. The "MARK CHART" shows the potential marks to be used for racing.

9 SCORING

9.1 Scoring will be done in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS using Time-On-Distance handicapping calculations for individual races.

9.2 DNF boats will be scored one point more than the number of boats starting in that race.

9.3 Competing in both Race 1 and Race 2 is required to be eligible for race scoring and awards.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

10.1 VHF Channel 72 will be used for race communications.

10.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats. See current Racing Rules of Sailing for a detailed explanation of this rule.

11 PRIZES

11.1 Coveted trophies consisting of a *paper cup* will be awarded to all participants with the year and their finish position expertly 'engraved' with a black Sharpie.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 By participating in the event, entrants affirmatively acknowledge that: My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury associated with it. We have read RRS 3, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.

12.2 I acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority nor the race committee, nor their members, will be responsible for (a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or (b) any injury to myself or my crew, including death, sustained as a result of the participation of myself, my crew and the boat in this event, even if caused by their negligence.

12.3 I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.

12.4 I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that myself, my crew and the entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law or that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

12.5 I understand this document has important legal consequences and have consulted such legal and other advisors as I deem appropriate before participating.

13 INSURANCE

By participating in the event, entrants affirmatively acknowledge their obligation to procure and maintain standard marine insurance policies (both hull and P&I) covering property and personal injury risks associated with sailboat racing and in amounts reasonably sufficient to cover such risks.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information contact Race Director Jeff Hamilton at 715-2134-7198 or jahamilton33@gmail.com