



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, 2024 (Saturday)

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located at the Rockport Boat Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

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:

Jeff Hamilton is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: RBC 2024 Paper Cup Challenge Skippers Meeting

Time: Friday, July 12, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<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. See the NOR for this race for details. TICKETS ARE REQUIRED.

5 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will not be issued for this race.

6 RACING AREAS

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.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 No later than the Warning signal, the race committee boat will announce the course to be sailed on VHF Channel 72.
- 7.2 The "MARK CHART" shows the potential marks to be used for racing.
- 7.3 The intended race duration for both Race 1 and Race 2 will be 1.5 to 2.0 hours each.
- 7.4 Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32. 8

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Government marks to be used are described in the 'MARK CHART' and the "MARK LIST'
- 8.2 Finish marks may be inflatable and yellow or orange in color.

9 THE START

- 9.1 A 'PURSUIT START' format will be used.
- 9.2 Each boat will be assigned a 'START TIME' by the Race Committee communicated over VHF Channel 72 prior to the race start.
- 9.3 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made before the starting signal.
- 9.4 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the starting line flag will be displayed with five sounds of the horn at one minute before the warning signal is made.
- 9.5 The starting line will be between a flag on the committee boat and a nearby buoy.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will display the "C" flag and announce the change over VHF Channel 72 or by hailing each individual boat.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a flag on the committee boat and the final mark of the course.
- 11.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit for races will be 2.5 hours for the first boat, in her class, to finish.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 1 hour after the first boat, in her class, sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the RBC Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there, within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at RBC, beginning at the time posted.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15 SCORING

15.1 The scoring system is as defined in RRS Appendix A.

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

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

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 All boats intending to race shall check-in with the race committee as they approach the starting area on VHF Channel 72. Please leave ample time for your check-in and time for the race committee to respond.

16.2 Check-in shall include the name of the boat racing and the number of persons aboard.

16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 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.

17.2 Official communications shall be made over VHF Channel 72.

18 PRIZES

18.1 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.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk as defined in RRS 3, Decision to Race. Competitors acknowledge that the organizing authority and its appointees may not be held liable for any material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta. See full disclaimer on Notice of Race.

20 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.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

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