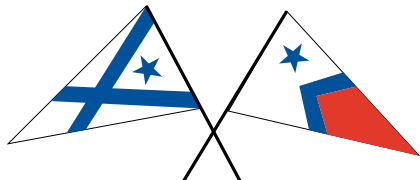


FIFTY - FIRST ANNUAL

# S.S. CROCKER MEMORIAL RACE

SATURDAY JULY 8, 2017

*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, 2017

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 no-cost mooring space, contact Manchester Yacht Club Captain Jack Fadden, or speak with Skip or Chris at Crocker's Boat Yard. One way or the other, we'll find space for you.

## HOW TO REGISTER

**1. ONLINE:** Go to [regattaman.com](http://regattaman.com).

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

**2. BY MAIL:** Complete and mail the enclosed Entry Form, along with your check, to MYC. (See address on Entry Form.)

## 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.*

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.

Copies of the Scratch Sheet will be available at the Skippers' Meeting.

## 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.***

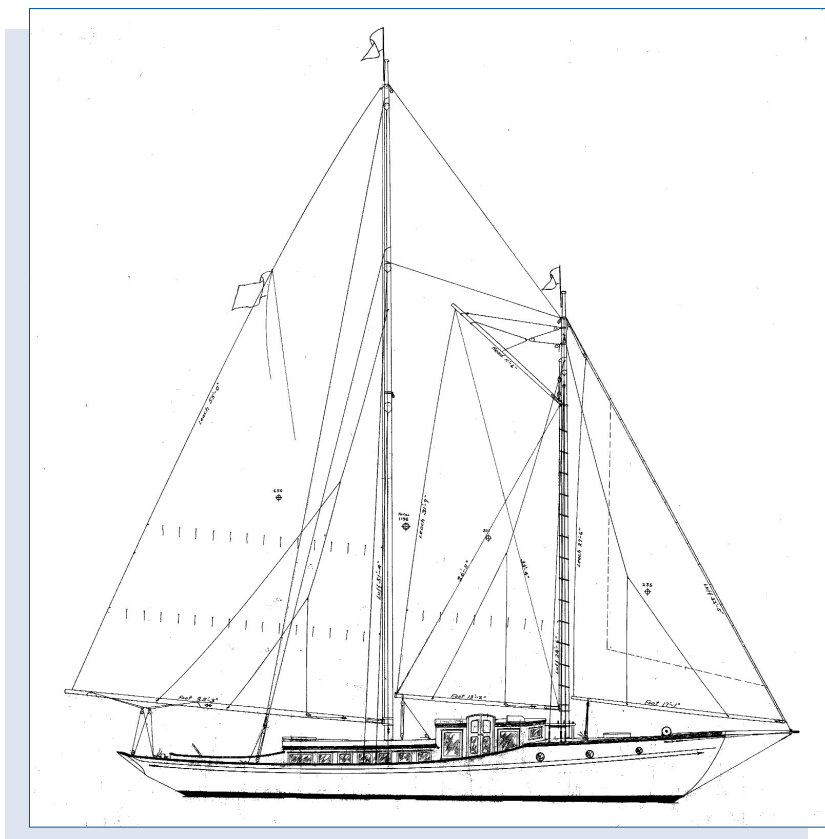
# BLACK ARROW

Each year the Crocker is dedicated to the memory of S. S. Crocker, and the boats he designed.  
This year's feature boat is *BLACK ARROW*, designed in 1926.

## DESIGN 82

Length Overall: 49 feet; Length on Waterline: 19 feet, 6 inches; Beam: 14 feet; Draft: 5 feet

Sail Area: 1,196 square feet; Displacement: 41,500 pounds



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

"*BLACK ARROW* was built by Israel Snow. Not the prettiest of profiles, with all that deckhouse, but such a comfort in bad weather! The six-cylinder Kermath gas engine pushed her along at better than 9 knots. Following is part of a letter dated August 29, 1944, from Dad to G. W. Ford Yacht Agency, which sold her to Lt. Alton D. Miller in 1944:

... re *Black Arrow*. All I can say about her is that she is what her original owner, Mr. Somonds wanted, and he was very well satisfied with her. She is a nice model boat from her lower sheer down; and if anyone likes her profile from the lower sheer up, then I would say that she was O.K., but personally I don't care much for it. She is planked with Native Maine cedar and fastened with galvanized hatch nails."

Sam's granddaughter, Catherine (Kitty) Crocker Palmer, added the following comments about this design:

*As you can see from the above, both my grandfather and father felt the profile of Design 82 was not all that attractive. However, Sam designed his yachts according to what the customer wanted, and this design shows his ability to do just that and still produce a seaworthy, practical and fairly attractive yacht.*

*This year, my nephew, Chef Brenden Crocker, and his wife Milissa, opened a new restaurant in Manchester and chose the name **Black Arrow** out of my father's book. The artwork in the restaurant includes sail plans and construction drawings of Design 82.*

# 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 2017 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](http://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 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 indicates 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 Monitors VHF 72.**

*The Race Committee wants to account for all boats, so please report as noted if you withdraw!*

# RACE INFORMATION

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## 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 51st Anniversary Glass, featuring Design 82 (*BLACK ARROW*).  
*Extra glasses may be ordered with your entry for pickup at The Party.*

## SPECIAL THANKS TO . . .

Michael Otis for his fabulous photographs of the race; Crocker's Boat Yard for providing the after-race chowder; and MYC Club Captain Jack Fadden, Assistant Club Captain Andy Vanikiotis, and their hard-working crew!

## THE RACE COMMITTEE

*Members of the 2017 Race Committee are:*

Paula F. Filias, Chair; Bill Canty, Ellen Canty, Skip Crocker, Emmett Holt, Guy Johnson, Michael Otis, Kitty Palmer, Carolynn Pitman, Ralph Smith, Wendy Smith, and Carrie Woodruff.

**Race Results & photos will be posted on the Manchester Yacht Club website following the Race: [www.manchesteryc.org](http://www.manchesteryc.org)**

**RAIN DATE – SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017**