

**CASTINE CLASSIC YACHT RACE**  
**3 August 2017**

**Sailing Instructions**

**RULES**

This event shall be under the management of the Castine Yacht Club. Except as modified by these Sailing Instructions, this race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). By entering this race, each participant agrees to be bound by RRS and by all other rules that govern this event.

**ELIGIBILITY**

All entrants must be monohull Classic or Spirit of Tradition sailing yachts at least 28' LOA holding a valid Classic Racing Formula (CRF) certificate. Each yacht must tow a proper dinghy; no toys, please. Failure to do so will result in time penalty and disqualification from winning any prize. Each yacht must have property and third party liability insurance of at least \$300,000.

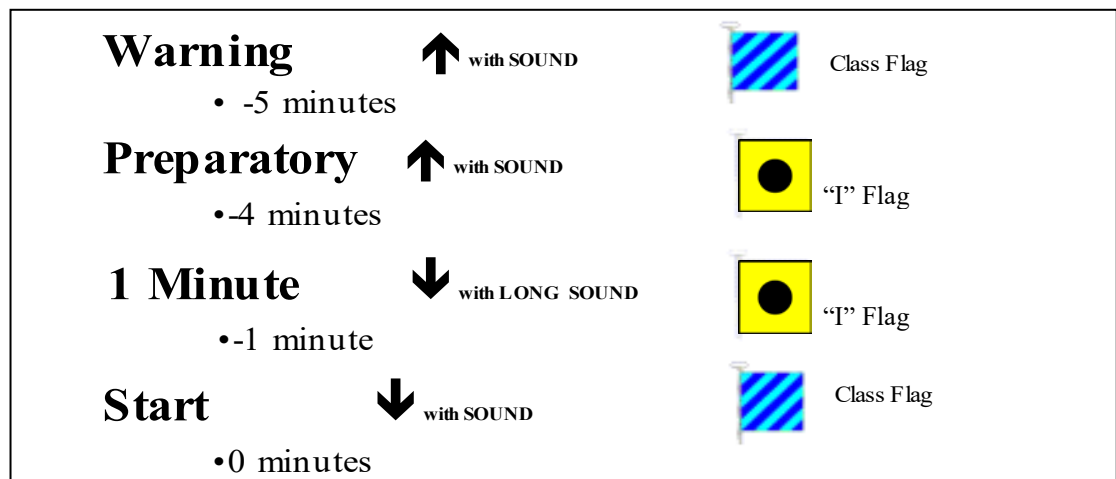
**CHANGES IN INSTRUCTIONS**

Skippers shall attend meeting at 0830 hours 3 August at the Castine Yacht Club, at which changes and additions to these Sailing Instructions may be made. Skippers and crew are responsible for any such changes and additions that are announced at that time. Oral changes may be announced on the water over VHF channel 78. All entrants should monitor channel 78 throughout the race.

**THE START**

- A. The start will be between the flag buoy and bell "CH" off Dice's Head, Castine. The Race Committee boat will be anchored to the south of the flag buoy and competitors shall not sail between RC boat and flag. Caution: RC boat may deploy stern anchor.
- B. The Race will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. "I" Flag will be the Preparatory and 1 Minute signal.

***Starting Sequence***



C. The anticipated warning/starting times are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>	<u>Warning</u>	<u>Starting</u>
Classic B	“B”	1150	1155
Classic A	“A”	1200	1205
Spirit of Tradition	“C”	1210	1215

D. Yachts whose warning signals have not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose warning signals have been made.

E. Anytime before the warning for its class, each yacht shall sail by the port side of the Race Committee boat to check-in.

F. The one-minute rule (Rule 30.1) applies and is hereby altered as follows: when any part of a yacht’s hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or its extensions during the minute before her starting signal, she shall sail to the pre-start side of the starting line around either end before starting. Do not sail between RC boat and flag buoy.

G. The Race Committee may station a chase boat at the pin end of the line. In such case, the pin shall be respected as the sighting point and the chase boat shall be considered an obstruction.

H. The Race Committee may choose to use a streaming buoy off the stern of the committee boat. In such a case, the buoy and line shall be considered an extension of the boat.

## RECALLS

- A. Individual recalls will be signaled by displaying “X” accompanied by a horn blast, a hail or a call on VHF Channel 78, but it is the responsibility of each yacht to make a fair start.
- B. General recalls will be signaled by “First Substitute” and two sound signals, a hail or a call on VHF Channel 78. The Warning for the recalled class will be one minute from the drop of “First Substitute.”

## POSTPONEMENT

Postponements will be signaled by “AP” and two sound signals. The warning will be one minute from the drop of “AP.” The drop will be accompanied by a sound signal.

## COURSE

The course shall be as follows:

Islesboro Ledge can “9” to port

Mouse Island can “5” to port

Robinson Rock bell R “12” to starboard

Rated distance = 19.6 nm

Marks not designated as marks of the course may be disregarded at the skipper's discretion.

### **THE FINISH**

- A. The finish will be between the Committee boat flag mast and bell R"2" off Curtis Island, Camden, leaving the bell to port.
- B. If the Committee boat is not on station for the finish, each yacht shall take her time when the finish mark is close abeam on the required side.

### **WITHDRAWAL AND TIME LIMIT**

Any yacht withdrawing from the race must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible, either in person, on VHF channel 78 or by telephone (917-331-5482).

The time limit for each class will be six hours from its start. If any boat finishes by that time, it is a race for her class.

### **PROTESTS**

**In the spirit of this race, protests should only be made in the case of an egregious violation that seriously prejudices a competitor. This is a "fun" race involving many old classic boats and competitors are expected to sail conservatively and avoid dangerous situations. Indicate your intentions and, if in doubt, give way.**

- A. Any yacht intending to protest must comply with all provisions of RRS Part 5 and must (except as otherwise provided in RRS Rule 61.1):-
  - 1. display a red protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity following an infraction;
  - 2. immediately attempt to inform the yacht protested against that a protest will be lodged;
  - 3. inform the Race Committee at the finish line of the yacht to be protested.
- B. Protests must be submitted in written form on forms available from the Race Committee and lodged with a Race Committee representative within one hour of the docking of the Committee boat.
- C. The jury will hear protests at the Camden Yacht Club in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

## **TWO-TURNS PENALTY**

The Two-Turns Penalty (formerly 720 degree turns penalty) as defined in RRS Rule 44.2 shall apply to infringements of Part 2 – When Boats Meet.

## **PRIZES**

The Ames Cup will be awarded to the overall winner on corrected time in the combined CLASSIC A, B and C fleets. Trophies will be awarded for the top three boats in each of the four classes.

The Sparkman & Stephens perpetual trophy will be awarded to the S&S yacht with lowest corrected time.

The Phalarope perpetual trophy will be awarded to the Concordia yacht with the lowest corrected time.

The Mitch Gibbons-Neff trophy will be awarded to the top New York 32 in the Penobscot Bay Series.

Awards will be presented at Wayfarer Marine in Camden following the race.

## **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY REQUIRED INSURANCE**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Castine Yacht Club and its officers, race committee, protest committee, volunteers, agents, employees, or any other organization or official providing services at the request of any of the foregoing in connection with the Castine Classic Yacht Race will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any person sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners, skippers, and crew) agrees to release all persons and groups listed above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

By participating in this event, each yacht acknowledges that it has its own property and third party liability insurance for at least \$300,000.

**The Castine Classic Yacht Race Committee**  
Kevin Coady, Chairman