CASTINE CLASSIC YACHT RACE 1 August 2024

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 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 2024 Classic Racing Formula (CRF) certificate. Each yacht must have property and third party liability insurance of at least \$300,000.

CHANGES IN INSTRUCTIONS

Skippers shall attend a meeting at 0830 hours on 1 August at the Castine Yacht Club, at which changes and additions to these Sailing Instructions may be made. Changes may also be announced on the water over VHF channel 78. Skippers and crew are responsible for all such changes or additions. All participants should monitor channel 78 throughout the race.

THE START

- A. The start will be between the "RC" flag on the Race Committee boat and bell "CH" off Dyce's Head, Castine.
- 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. "P" will be the Preparatory and 1 Minute signal. *Starting Sequence*

	RRS 26 Starting Sequence Without Starting Penalties		
Warning • -5 minutes	with SOUND		Class F lag
Preparatory •-4 minutes	with SOUND		
1 Minute •-1 minute	with LONG SOUND		
Start +0 minutes	with SOUND		Class Flag
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The anticipated warning/starting times are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>	Warning	<u>Starting</u>
Classic C	"С"	1155	1200
Classic B	"В"	1205	1210
Classic A	"A"	1215	1220
Spirit of Tradition	"D"	1225	1230

- 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. Before the warning signal for its class, each yacht shall sail by the port side of the Race Committee boat to check in.
- F. The one-minute rule (RRS Rule 30.1) applies: when any part of a yacht's hull 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.
- 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 Race Committee boat. In such case, the streaming buoy and line shall be considered an extension of the Race Committee boat.

RECALLS

- A. Individual recalls will be signaled by "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 of "AP" 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: 19.31 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 "RC" flag on the Race Committee boat and bell R "2" off Curtis Island, Camden, leaving the bell to port.
- B. If the Race 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.
- C. When approaching the finish line each yacht shall radio the Race Committee boat on VHF channel 78 to identify itself.

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 or 917-603-4000).

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; and
 - 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 Race 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 the 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.

Race results will be posted as soon as possible following the Race. The results will be posted at the Camden Yacht Club, the Castine Yacht Club, on the Castine Classic website, <u>www.castineclassic.com</u>, and on the Regatta Management Solutions website, <u>www.regattaman.com/calendar.php</u>.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY REQUIRED INSURANCE

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone. *See* RRS Rule 3. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** 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