

Notice of Race

Maine Rocks Race, September 16-18, 2016

The Maine Rocks Race is a short handed race sponsored by the Rockland Yacht Club. The race offers those that participate the experience of sharpening short handed offshore sailing skills and refining systems and procedures for shorthanded passage making.

1) The Course: The rhumb line length of the course is approximately 112 nm and fits the description of an ORC category 3 event. Boats must be so equipped. Life rafts and EPIRBs are not required but they are strongly encouraged. The start and finish are in Rockland Harbor. The basic course is, upon leaving Rockland, to leave Matinicus Rock to port, leave Mount Desert Rock to port, leave Matinicus Rock to Starboard, and finish in Rockland Harbor.

2) There will be two divisions, one for single handers and one for double handers. Single handed entrants may be required to submit a sailing resume to include at least one single handed passage, entirely under sail, of at least 50 miles in the boat they enter in the race.

3) The Schedule: There will be an informal cocktail hour, followed by the skippers meeting (mandatory) at the Rockland Yacht Club Friday, September 18 at 1800 hrs. The start will be at 1000 hrs. Saturday. There is no time limit on this race. Prize giving is tentatively scheduled for 1700 hrs Sunday.

4) The Rules: The race will be governed by USSailing's Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, this Notice of Race, and the sailing instructions that will be available at the skipper's meeting. Auto pilots and wind vane self steering devices are allowed and prudent use is encouraged.

5) Other equipment: Single handed boats will fly the number one flag from a point near the transom, and double handed boats will fly the number two flag from a point near the transom. Each boat must be equipped with jacklines. There must be a suitable harness for each crew and each crew must be clipped to the jackline, or other suitable strong points, when on deck, during the entire race. Each boat must deploy a radar reflector during the entire race.

6) Eligibility: This race is open to mono hull sailboats with a LOA greater than 27 feet, and certified Mini 6.5 meters, which hold a valid PHRF certificate. The race organizers reserve the right to disallow any entrant deemed inappropriate or improperly equipped. The decision of the race organizers is final.

7) Scoring: Classes will be established at the discretion of the race organizer. All boats will be scored using their PHRF racing handicap. Corrected times will be calculated using the time on time formula, and the appropriate wind speed modifier.

8) Prizes: Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place on corrected time in each division. A prize will be awarded for first boat to finish.

9) Entry Fee: \$45.00 for singles and \$65.00 for doubles.

10) Registration: Contact Doug Pope at doug@popesails.com for registration details.

The current elapsed time record for the course is 17 hours 53 minutes 46 seconds.

The current corrected time record for the course is 18 hours 22 minutes 59 seconds.