



Rockland Yacht Club Presents The 2017 Solstice Race



Official Conditions and Notice of Race June 24, 2017

The Rockland Yacht Club cordially invites you to participate in the 2017 Solstice Race, an event open to all yachts and all members of the Rockland Yacht Club that wish to enjoy racing in Rockland Harbor.

Rules

The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2013-2016 as adopted by US Sailing, will govern this series, this Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions) and the Sailing Instructions.

Eligibility

We welcome all comers! Your boat must carry all USCG required equipment. We will provide you with a handicap at registration. If you have a PHRF certificate, (and we do encourage you to get one as it supports sailboat racing in Maine) please submit it with your registration.

Classes and Divisions

There will be three PHRF divisions. Division 1 and Division 2 class splits will be determined on race day. Division 3 will be a non-spinnaker class.

Registration

Registration is required. Participants are required to fill out and return The RYC Solstice racing registration form, pay the \$40 racing dues, and provide a valid PHRF certificate if they have one. The registration form is located here. **Early registration by June 1** entitles the skipper to a one year complimentary subscription to *Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors* magazine.

Schedules

One race is scheduled on Saturday, June 24. The yacht club will be open at 900. There will be a skippers meeting at 1000 at the Clubhouse. The first warning signal will be at approximately 1130. A 2017 Solstice Celebration with Racers/Cruisers Cookout & Pot Luck Dinner at the Clubhouse for participants, RYC members and their guests will follow racing. Please feel free to bring a dish to share, and stuff for the grill, also spare burgers, hot dogs, and chicken will be available for a nominal fee (BYOB). Soda will be available for \$1.00 each. Set up for the cookout will begin at 1500, actual cookout will commence at 1600.

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at RYC, at the skippers meeting. These instructions are also available on the RYC Website – www.rocklandyachtclub.org under the Racing heading.

Courses and Sailing Area

The starting line will generally be located just outside and to the South East of the Rockland Ferry channel. Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions and also at the Skippers Meeting at 1000. Look for the RC boat flying the RYC burgee.

Scoring

All three Divisions will be scored. The Low-Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A2) will apply. Ties will be broken in strict accordance to RRS appendix A8.

Alternative Penalties

These sailing instructions can and do describe alternatives to rules 44.1 and 44.2. These races will have a “One Turn Penalty” (360 degrees) for boats that have broken rules in Part 2 and rule 31.

Prizes

There will be prizes awarded for first, second and third place finishers for all three Divisions.