

Notice of Race
Rockland Yacht Club Presents
Maine Rocks Race
September 15-17, 2017

The Maine Rocks Race is a short-handed race sponsored by the Rockland Yacht Club. The race offers participating sailors the experience of sharpening their short-handed offshore sailing skills and refining systems and procedures for short-handed passagemaking.

1. Rules

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RSS)*, and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Autopilots and wind vane self-steering devices are allowed and prudent use is encouraged

2. Eligibility

2.1 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.

2.2 The Race Organizers reserve the right to disallow any entrant it deems inappropriate or improperly equipped. The decision of the Race Organizer is final.

2.3 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. Equipment

3.1 Each competing boat is required to carry at least the following equipment: Prescribed Coast Guard safety equipment, a working VHF Radio, visual signals for daytime and nighttime use.

3.2 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.

3.3 Each boat shall be equipped with jacklines.

3.4 There shall be a suitable harness for each crew and each crew shall be clipped in to the jackline or other suitable strong points when on deck, during the entire race.

3.5 Each boat shall deploy a radar reflector during the entire race.

3.6 The course fits the description of an ORC Category 3 event and boats must be so equipped.

3.7 Life rafts and EPIRBs are not mandatory but are strongly encouraged.

4. Divisions

4.1 There shall be two divisions, one for single-handers and one for double-handers.

5. Fees

5.1 The entry fee is \$45 for single-handed boats and \$65 for double-handed boats.

6. Schedule

6.1 There will be an informal cocktail hour followed by the **mandatory** skippers meeting at Rockland Yacht Club on Friday, September 15, 2017 at 1800 hrs.

6.2 The first signal will be on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 1000 hrs.

6.3 There is no time limit on the race.

6.4 Prize awards are tentatively scheduled for 1700 hrs. on Sunday, September 17, 2017.

7. The Course

7.1 The rhumb line length of the course is approximately 112 nm.

7.2 The start and finish are in Rockland Harbor.

7.3 Upon leaving Rockland Harbor, leave Matinicus Rock to port, thence leave Mount Desert Rock to port, thence leave Matinicus Rock to starboard and then finish in Rockland Harbor.

8. Scoring

8.1 Classes will be established at the discretion of the Race Organizer.

8.2 All boats will be scored using their PHRF racing handicap.

8.3 Corrected times will be calculated using the time-on-time formula.

9. Prizes

9.1 Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place finishes, on corrected time.

9.2 A prize will be awarded for the first boat to finish.

10. Registration

10.1 Contact Doug Pope at doug@popesails.com for registration details.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.