

General Information and Eligibility Rules

The Camden Classics Cup will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS 2013-2016), *US Sailing Prescriptions*, and class rules governing one design yachts, except as amended by the Sailing Instructions.

The sailboat races are open to all yachts that have a valid; 2016 Classic Rating Formula (CRF), 2016 PHRF-NE certificate, or that conforms to one-design class rules. To obtain a CRF certificate go to http://classicratingformula.com/renew-certificate. To obtain a PHRF-NE certificate go to www.qmora.org.

The sailing fleet will be divided as follows: CRF & PHRF Racing Divisions, CRF & PHRF Cruising Division, and One Design Divisions. The Race Committee will determine class breaks within fleet once all boats are registered. It is the RC's intent the class breaks within the fleet will provide close and exciting racing. If you wonder which Division your boat will sail in please contact us and we will figure out the best fit for your boat.

There will be CRF, PHRF and One-Design racing on Friday July 29 and Saturday July 30, 2016.

All sailing yachts must meet Category 5 (Appendix J) of the ISAF OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS. A link to US Sailing describing Category 5 requirements is here. http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/daroot/Offshore/SAS/USOSR2010 AppJ 0812051.pdf

It will be the owner's responsibility to see that his/her yacht is sound, seaworthy, and safely equipped. RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4 states, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Classes and Handicapping

- I. The <u>CRF Division</u> will be open to qualifying yachts with valid 2016 CRF Rating Certificates Classes in the CRF fleet will be;
 - a. Vintage Designed prior to 31/12/1949
 - b. Classic Designed prior to 31/12/1975
 - c. Gaff & Schooner Vessels rigged with gaffs, or as schooners.
 - Modifications from original design will be evaluated and rating adjustments
 assessed. Adjustments will be assessed for modifications including but not
 limited to sail, spar and rigging materials, ballast changes, rudder changes.
 Numerous or extensive modifications may at some level require assignment to a
 different class, at the discretion of the race committee.

- II. The **PHRF Division** will be open to qualifying monohull yachts with valid 2016 PHRF-NE racing handicap certificates. Classes in the PHRF fleet will be;
 - i. Spirit of Tradition
 - ii. Spinnaker
 - iii. Non-Spinnaker
 - iv. One Design

The **Spirit of Tradition Class** will be open to any yacht with a valid PHRF-NE 2016 rating and fitting the following criteria:

- The yacht design is dated 1975 and later -- this date is currently recognized, prior to which any yacht is considered as "Classic" or "Vintage".
- The yacht is built of any material, or combination of materials, in any method, by any builder.
- The design must employ some fundamental aesthetic detail and hull shaping that are inspired from classic and vintage yacht, or workboat, architecture.
- There must be an appreciation of the vessel as an evolution of a tangible "Classic" style.
- Modern sails, rigging, running rigging and spars are encouraged, but not required.
- Modern sailing/deck hardware is encouraged, but not required.
- All boats to enter an SOT racing event will be approved by the racing committee, while observing these guidelines.
 - For all yachts in the Spirit Division, RRS 52 is deleted (use of hydraulic winches is permitted).
- III. The <u>One Design Division</u> will be open to one-design yachts if four (4) or more boats of a given class register to race. One Design yachts must **conform to hull, rig, sail, and crew configurations as prescribed by national or regional class associations**.

One-design classes that fail to muster the required 4 yachts for one design racing will be assigned to an appropriate PHRF Division Class. Other decisions concerning the One Design Division will be announced on the Official Bulletin Board and at the Skipper's Meeting.

Class breaks within the fleet will be made at the discretion of the race committee and will be announced on the event bulletin board and at the skippers meeting.

Courses

Sailboat racing will be on a variety of windward leeward and/or "around the buoys" courses set in Western Penobscot Bay. Courses will be posted on the Race Committee Boat prior to each start. The location of the starting line will be announced on regatta bulletin boards at L-M at Wayfarer and at the skipper's meetings and on the VHF prior to the Harbor Start on Friday and Saturday

The CRF & PHRF fleets will sail a combination of round the buoy races and windward/leeward courses. Different classes will sail different courses. Some classes may sail two races on a race day while other classes may sail one race on a race day.

The Cruising Division will sail one each race day.

The One Design Divisions will sail two or more races each race day.

On race days, the Race Committee will use Channel 65 to contact the fleet.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, 27 July 2017 Camden Harbor

Registration Check-In 1600-1800 LM @ Wayfarer

Friday, 28 July 2017 Camden Harbor

Skippers Meeting 0900 LM @ Wayfarer

First Warning Signal 1200

Post-Race Festivities: 1700 LM @ Wayfarer

Saturday, 29 July 2017 Camden Harbor.

Parade of Sail 1030 First Warning Signal 1200

Post Race Party 1900 Camden Yacht Club Presentation of Awards 2030 Camden Yacht Club

Liability

The Directors and Sponsors of the Camden Classics Cup shall <u>not</u> be liable for any damage to property or injury to persons in any way resulting from or connected with this Rendezvous.

N.B For all festivities, the Officers and Directors and the management of CCC, LM and CYC request that all skippers be responsible and assure that under age consumption of alcoholic beverages does not occur during the Camden Classics Cup.

Prizes and Awards

In Classes with 6 or more entries, regatta prizes will be given to First, Second, and Third place yachts. First and Second place prizes will be awarded to classes with 3 to 5 entries.

Yachts must race both days to qualify for prizes and awards!

Moorings and Launch Service

Contact Lyman-Morse @ Wayfarer Marine VHF 71 or 207-236-7108 or email: reservations@lymanmorse.com

Entry Fees

Completed entry forms for the Camden Classics Cup, entry fees, waiver forms, crew lists, and the Race Committee must receive valid rating certificates by **Monday, 24 July 2017**. **Electronic early registration** is encouraged. The entry fees are as follows:

- \$300 per boat \$50 of the entry Fee is a Tax Deductible gift to Life Flight of Maine
 - (includes events for the weekend for 2 does not include dockage or mooring fees)
- \$25 per additional crew or guest for Friday evening Party at LM @ Wayfarer
- \$60 per additional crew or guest for the Saturday evening Awards & Dance Party

Regatta web site and online entry system: www.camdenclassicscup.com

Alternatively, send your entry form, racing fee, waiver form, and valid rating certificate to:

Marnie Read c/o Lyman-Morse at Wayfarer Marine 59 Sea Street Camden, ME 04843