



**SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB
BOOTHBAY HARBOR YACHT CLUB
2026 'Round Southport Race
Saturday, August 15, 2026
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025 - 2028*.
- 1.2 All boats in all classes shall carry a functioning VHF radio.
- 1.3 All boats shall comply with Federal and State safety requirements.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices will be placed online on the race [website](#) (click the “more information” link in the upper right).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be announced on VHF channel 72 before the first warning signal.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals will not be made ashore for this race.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 There will be no skippers' meeting.
- 5.2 There will be one race.
- 5.3 The time of the first warning is scheduled for 1100. The first start will be at 1105.
- 5.4 The starting sequence will be posted online by 0900 and will be available the committee boat.
- 5.5 The R/C will make best efforts to announce the starting time for the next yacht(s) in the sequence on VHF Channel 72. Failure of a yacht to hear the announcement will not be grounds for protest.
- 5.6 Festivities and awards will be held at Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club immediately following the race.

6 COURSE AND TIDES

- 6.1 The race will be around Southport Island from west to east with a length of 10.5 nm. Yachts will rendezvous in Ebenecook Harbor in the area north of the green can “3”

6.2 The course will not be shortened or changed. The race may be abandoned for reasons of safety, inclement weather, and rough seas. Code flag "N" with 3 sounds will indicate that racing has been abandoned. Abandonment will be announced on VHF channel 72.

7 MARKS OF THE COURSE

7.1 All competitors must leave the following marks / obstacles to port while on the race course unless otherwise specified:

- Green Island - Starboard
- Dogfish Head
- Hendricks Head Light
- Cedarbush Nun Red "6"
- Mark Island Bell "4CL"
- Cuckolds "1C"
- Burnt Island Light / Burnt Island
- Mouse Island

8 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

8.1 Yachts shall not sail on the east side of the Cat Ledges or between Southport and Lower Mark Island.

9 STARTING LINE

9.1 The starting line will be in Ebenecook Harbor in the area north of green can "3" and shall be between the orange flag on the signal boat and a nearby drop mark.

9.2 Boats not within five minutes of their scheduled start shall avoid the starting area.

9.3 For postponements before any starting signal, the duration of the postponement will be added to each start time in the starting sequence. Postponements will be in increments of 10 minutes to simplify determining start times.

10 FINISH LINE

10.1 The finish line shall be in the area of McKown Point and shall be between a blue flag on the signal boat and a nearby drop mark.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 The Two-Turns penalty as defined in RRS 44.2 will apply to infringements of Part 2, When Boats Meet.

11.2 The One-Turn penalty as defined by RRS 44.2 shall apply to infringements of Rule 31 (touching a mark).

12 TIME LIMIT

12.1 If no boats finish the race by 1600 the race shall be abandoned. Any boat not yet finished 90 minutes after the first boat has finished shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13 PROTESTS

13.1 Protests shall be delivered to the race committee within 30 minutes after the signal boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable after the race in a location specified on the notice board.

14 SCORING AND PRIZES

14.1 The “Trash Can” Trophy will be awarded to the winning Yacht Club to be held until the next Round Southport Race.

14.2 The winning Yacht Club shall be determined by taking the finishing score of the first three finishing yachts from each Club (regardless of class), with the lowest combined score being the winner of the prize.

14.3 Starting times will be calculated using the standard PHRF Time on Distance formula. Results are based on finishing order.

14.4 Boats with a valid rating certificate issued by PHRF-New England and which are registered as members of the Gulf of Maine Ocean Racing Association (GMORA) will be scored as part of the GMORA Boothbay Region and Overall series.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1 The race committee will monitor VHF channels 16 & 72 and shall make any announcements on VHF channel 72.

16 SAFETY

16.1 All yachts are requested to check-in with the Race Committee before the start of the race by sailing past the RC signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their sailing number, and receiving confirmation from the Race Committee, or by calling on VHF channel 72.

16.2 A yacht that retires must notify the RC as soon as possible.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See **RRS Rule 3, 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 regatta.

18 INSURANCE

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

19. Registration – All yachts must register on the Clubspot website and include their PHRF rating. Yachts without a PHRF rating will be rated by the race committee. GMORA participants should register on Regattaman also.