

2010 DOWNEAST 180

NOTICE OF RACE

Friday, July 9, 2010

Organizing Authority: New England Multihull Association

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* ("RRS") except as modified below and the NEMA RACE RULES (2010).
- 1.2 U.S. Prescriptions to the RRS will apply.
- 1.3 RRS Part 2 will be replaced by Part B the Steering and Sailing Rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), between the hours of local sunset and sunrise.
- 1.4 All yachts must comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Multihull Yachts, Category 3 except as modified below. U.S. prescriptions will apply.
- 1.5 OSR 3.08.7 (b) i and ii, 3.13.1, 3.18.2, 3.29.1, and 4.15.1(a) are waived.
- 1.6 OSR 4.26.4(g) is recommended but not required.
- 1.7 Yachts are not required to carry liferafts or survival suits. However immersion suits or offshore type dry suits are strongly recommended.
- 1.8 All yachts are required to submit a signed and safety equipment checklist at the Skippers meeting prior to the start.
- 1.9 All yachts will be required to turn in a certificate of compliance signed by the entire crew after finishing.
- 1.10 Propulsion must be by sails alone.

2.0 Eligibility & Entry

- 2.1 Yachts must be multihull sailing yachts with a minimum length of 26' LOA not including bowsprit. The New England Multihull Association reserves the right to exclude any yacht from the race due to inadequacies in design or preparation which could impair the seaworthiness of the vessel and/or safe passage of the crew.
- 2.2 All competitors must have a 2010 NEMA Rating Certificate.
- 2.3 Entry forms must be filled out and all entry fees paid no later than Friday, July 2, 2010. Checks should be made payable to the new England Multihull Association. Entry forms may be sent to Downeast 180, c/o Don Watson, 777 Potomska Road, South Dartmouth, MA 02748
- 2.4 All yachts must check in at the Skippers meeting with signed Safety equipment checklist.
- 2.5 Entry fee is \$50.00.
- 2.6 Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers meeting.

3.0 Schedule

Thursday, July 8	1800	Skippers Meeting will be held in Gloucester at a place to be determined. <u><i>All skippers and at least one crew member must attend.</i></u>
Friday, July 9	1000	Race Start
TBD		Post Race get-together.

4.0 Course

4.1 The starting line will be between G “3” BELL and RG “RR” SW of Gloucester breakwater; then round Matinicus Rock outside Penobscot Bay leaving it to port; then round Racon buoy RW “P” WHIS SE of Cape Elizabeth leaving it to starboard; then finish between G “3” Fl G 4 sec and Witch Rock R “2” BELL east of Portland Head. The course length will be approximately 180 miles. Further details will be supplied at Skippers meeting.

5.0 Scoring

5.1 TOT scoring will be employed using NEMA ratings.

6.0 Sailing Instructions

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at the skippers meeting.

7.0 Time Limit

7.1 There is no time limit.

8.0 Radio Communication

8.1 Each yacht shall monitor channel 16 throughout the race.

8.2 All yachts shall attempt to contact neighboring yachts at 0700 and at 1900 hours during the race.

9.0 Trophies

9.1 Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers on corrected time.

9.2 A trophy will be awarded to the first boat to cross the finish line.

9.3 The MOXIE trophy will be awarded to the skipper or crew that shows the most moxie during the race.

10.0 Disclaimer of Liability

10.1 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, RRS, 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.

11.0 Correspondence

11.1 All correspondence should be to:

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