

Notice of West Bay Race

Saturday, July 10, 2010

This year's race will be a one day race around islands and government marks beginning and ending at the Rockland Lighthouse and Can #1

- Visiting racing yachts from Northport Yacht Club may tie up their dinghies at the Rockland Town Dock or the Apprenticeshop (*formally the Atlantic Challenge Foundation*) Dingy dock.
- The Apprenticeshop dock is at capacity with its own yachts and does not have room for visiting yachts on the dock. Visiting yachts will have to anchor outside the mooring field or use available moorings. There are a number of moorings close to the Apprenticeshop dock.
- The RYC will try (no guarantee) to have a shuttle launch in the late afternoon/early evening, but not all night.
- Public Launch Service - Two Toots **207-594-2891** also Rockland Harbor Launch & Rockland Water Taxi **207-594-8500**
- Rental moorings are available from the Rockland Harbor Master and the Apprenticeshop as follows:
 - The Apprenticeshop contact for mooring rental is **K. C. Heyniger 207-594-1800**
 - The Rockland Town Dock is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday. They monitor VHF-FM channel 09 and 16 and use channel 09 as a working channel. Telephone: **207-594-0314**, 207-594-0312.
 - The Rockland Town Dock has moorings available for rent, with many others available from commercial marinas about the harbor. Please call Rockland Harbor Master for rental moorings **207-594-0314**.
- Please e-mail Ken Priest ken@kenway.com with your intention to participate in the West Bay Race by Wednesday, July 8th with a **YES** or **MAYBE** this will help plan the food and beverages.
- Registration: Contact Ken Priest at ken@kenway.com or **207-712-8531** for registration details

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- 8:00 AM Registration, coffee, donuts and bagels at **the Apprenticeshop**.
- 9:00 AM Skippers meeting at **the Apprenticeshop**.
- 10:30 AM Race starts between RYC committee boat and a marker in the water between the Rockland Lighthouse and Can 1.
- Racecourse will be 20 – 25 nm and can be any of the following **four** choices, the final course selection will be at the skippers meeting:
 - Start Rockland Breakwater, NE to Egg Rock (west of Pulpit Harbor), NW to Can “5”, SW to Rockland Breakwater/Can “1” finish line. keep all marks to port.

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- Start Rockland Breakwater, NE through Bracketts Channel, W to Nun “10” in Gilkey Harbor, SW to Rockland Breakwater/Can “1” finish line. keep all marks to port.
- Start Rockland Breakwater, SE to Can “7” at entrance to Owls Head Bay (starboard rounding), SW and SE to Can “23” south of Sheep Island (port rounding), NE to “PB” Gong (port rounding), NW to Rockland Breakwater/Can “1” finish line.
- Course suggestions from Racing Skippers.

Starting Sequence

*Approximately 1 minute to start of sequence there will be a series of short horn blasts.

- 5 Minutes: Red flag up
- 4 Minutes: Blue flag up – One short horn blast
- 1 Minutes: Blue flag down – One long horn blast
- Start: One long horn blast – Red flag down

- ***Race Finish –Between the Rockland Lighthouse/Breakwater, and Can 1. Race Boats will take their own times (GPS Time)***
- A 2010 PHRF rating is preferred but other PHRF documents will be accepted and if you do not have a PHRF rating one will be assigned.
- All boats must have sail numbers on the sails or rail and all required Coast Guard safety equipment.
- Registration fee is \$35.00 each boat.
- Communication:
 - * VHF channels 68 and 16
 - * Alternate due to traffic channel 72
 - * Ken Priest cell phone **(207) 712-8531**
- Weather conditions may change start time of the race.
- After the Saturday race a barbeque is planned at **the Apprenticeshop**. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and desserts are provided and cooked by the Rockland/Northport Yacht Clubs. Everyone is welcome.
- During the barbeque the race results will be posted.
- **The Blues festival is in Rockland Saturday**