

CASCO BAY FROSTBITE SERIES NOTICE OF RACE 2008



Invitation:

SailMaine invites you to sail in the 8th annual Casco Bay Frostbite series.

Dates:

October 26th, 2008 or November 2nd* to December 21nd, 2008

Boats:

Ynglings and sails will be supplied by SailMaine for this event. Each team/skipper will rotate boats each week.

Site:

The SailMaine site adjacent to Portland Yacht Services will be the headquarters for meeting. Ynglings will be launched from the Portland Yacht Services hoist. Racing will take place on the Fore River and Casco Bay in the area of Fish Point.

Rules:

The 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will govern this series. A jury appointed by the organizing authority will hear protests and redress.

All boats will be sailed as provided by Sail Maine. No alterations of boats will be permitted except repairs as needed to achieve a uniform and one design fleet. Hobbles are not permitted. Any disputes regarding this will be resolved by SailMaine.

Eligibility:

Competition is open to the first nine (or sixteen)* teams to register by forwarding to SailMaine completed Registration forms for each team member, along with a *CHECK PAYABLE TO SAILMAINE* in the amount of \$325.

Teams:

A maximum of 8 people per team. Racing will be fleet racing. Boats will sail with a minimum of 3 and maximum of 4 persons. Boats sailing with only 2 will be permitted but will take a scoring penalty of one additional point per race sailed on the second day this occurs.

Skippers Meeting and Orientation:

We will meet on October 26th at Portland Yacht Services to review race instructions, review launching procedure then head out to race. Each team will be responsible for going over their boat, identifying and correcting any problems.

*This year's edition of the Casco Bay Frostbite Series could have some format changes, depending on the number of registrations we receive. If fourteen teams register, we are prepared to run two flights, one racing Saturdays and one racing Sundays with the series beginning 11/1 and 11/2. If fewer than fourteen teams register, we will open the series to nine teams using all eight boats with the series beginning 10/26. Teams will be considered registered when the Team Captain's registration has been received and the entry fee for the team has been paid. All team members must complete registration forms before they sail. Team slots will be awarded on a first come first served basis. In the event that more than nine, but fewer than fourteen teams subscribe, the entry fee will be refunded to the tenth plus teams.

Racing:

Racing will take place on consecutive Saturdays and Sundays* (see note on p. 1) in the waters off Fish Point. Courses will be windward/leeward. Course length and number of races will be based on sailing conditions. It is anticipated to have 3 races each day but there will be no maximum or minimum number of races per day. Race committee may cancel races if temperature is under 20 degrees F. or if winds exceed 16 knots. Races may be cancelled depending on the needs of Portland Yacht Services. Race instructions will be distributed at the skippers meeting. Daily times to meet may vary due to tides. One team will be responsible for race committee each week. Other responsibilities will include tow vehicle and coordinating social activities for the day.

Scoring:

Low point scoring system, no throw outs. A team will receive their average finish points for races when they run race committee. Boats sailing with only 2 persons will accrue extra points per "teams" above. Boats are not allowed to sail single handed.

Race Committee:

All teams/competitors will be assigned and will do race committee at least one day. Responsibilities include setting courses, running races, and acting as a "safety" boat if conditions warrant, or for any races held after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Towing Duty:

All teams will be responsible to provide a tow vehicle on at least 2 days. Failure to provide a tow vehicle on the assigned day may result in a scoring penalty and/or loss of preference for future Sail Maine events.

Social Duty:

All teams will be responsible for social duty on 1 day. Responsibilities include arranging for hot chocolate/coffee/decaf coffee/donuts during launch and arranging post race social hour (Dutch treat at Gritty's is OK!). Social boat will also be responsible for securing the launch area (gates/doors/etc) while sailing and at the end of the day.

Parking:

There is no parking in the lot immediately outside of SailMaine's Gate 5. Pick up and drop off and tow vehicle access is permitted. Any unattended vehicles will be ticketed and may be towed. Please visit <http://sailmaine.org/pages/Home/Facility/facility-location.html> for directions and additional parking information.

Registration:

Registration fee will be \$325, due by October 17th.

Entry:

Send registration forms and fee *PAYABLE TO SAILMAINE* to SailMaine, 58 Fore Street, Portland, ME 04101.

Awards:

Three trophies will be awarded to the crew of the top three (1st, 2nd, 3rd place) teams in each series.