

Small Reach Regatta

—Brooklin, Maine, 2017—

Event Announcement

A rendezvous sponsored by

Traditional Small Craft Association

Downeast Chapter

Atlantic Boat, Herrick Bay, Maine

July 19 – 23, 2017

Thanks for your interest in the Twelfth Annual Small Reach Regatta!

This is a rendezvous for traditional small rowing and sailing craft on the scenic coast of Maine. In general, we will sail (or row) in the waters of Blue Hill Bay, off Herrick Bay, in Brooklin, Maine. We plan an arrival at the Atlantic Boat facilities on Flye Point on Wednesday, July 19. Boats will launch at the yard, which has ample space for storing trailers. Hand-carry boats will also be dropped off at Atlantic Boat. Details on these arrangements will follow as the date approaches.

Lodging will be at Ocean Camping at Reach Knolls, on Reach Road in Brooklin some six miles from Atlantic Boat. We have engaged the entire campground, which has ample space for all our participants. Those wishing to stay elsewhere are welcome to make their own arrangements.

We will sail on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Final haulouts, trailering, and departure will take place on Sunday, July 23, vacating the campground before noon and the boatyard as soon as possible.

We have established several alternative daysailing courses of between 7 and 15 nautical miles. A day's outing may be cancelled if the weather conditions are poor. No racing is planned.

The registration deadline is March 20, 2017.

Skippers **must** file the form included in this package no later than March 20, 2017.

If you have been an SRR skipper in the past and are bringing the same boat again, we'll consider you accepted, and a simple email to tom@woodenboat.com can serve as your application. There is no need to repeat information supplied earlier — but notify us anyway to confirm your interest and to note any changes in contact information and so on.

For new participants, we reserve the right to judge whether a boat is suitable for this event and these waters and whether the skipper has sufficient expertise to navigate in the expected range of conditions, so you must file the attached form and we'll notify you as soon as the boat is accepted into the fleet.

With ample campground space and boatyard storage space, we don't anticipate any limits on the fleet, within the usual limits of appropriateness for the event, meaning sail-and-oars boats. We will try to accommodate all boats, but we also reserve the right to impose a limit on the number of boats, following first-come first-served order as much as we can, in case one becomes necessary.

Whether you are a new participant or a returning skipper, after your boat is accepted into the finalized fleet we will send you a full information packet that will include further forms for you and your crew, and more specific information.

Pertinent web sites are:

- SRR information and forms, <www.smallreachregatta.org>
- Facebook SRR page: <www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=104933556820>
- Chart of Blue Hill Bay: <<http://www.charts.noaa.gov/OnLineViewer/13316.shtml>>

If you have general questions, please contact:

- **Tom Jackson**, P.O. Box 432, Port Townsend, WA 98368 (until June 2017).
207-610-0355 or <tom@woodenboat.com>

For questions about boats or their equipment, please contact:

- **David Wyman**, P.O. Box 505, Castine, ME 04421
207-326-9406; <david@dwymanpe.com>

E-mail is our preferred method of communication. We'll get back to you as soon as we can. We hope to see you this summer on the coast of Maine!

Qualification of Skippers:

- Recognize that you are responsible for the safe operation of your own vessel. **No one is obligated to participate in any day's activity. If you are not at ease with the chosen route or the prevailing weather and sea conditions, the decision about whether to participate on a given day—or whether to continue once under way—is yours alone.**
- You should generally be comfortable with inshore saltwater boat operations and you must be a competent leader of your crew. You must be capable of navigating in partially protected but rocky waters in reasonably fair weather. Winds may vary from 0 to 20 knots or more. Dense fog is always a possibility. You must have warm clothing to protect against hypothermia in cold waters. Expect strong currents. The fleet will become quite dispersed because of the highly variable nature of traditional small craft, but several motor launches will serve as support craft. The U.S. Coast Guard will be notified in advance of our activities. Organized communication systems will be in place and must be followed. You must be capable of reefing, striking sail entirely, anchoring, bailing, recovering from a capsized, and all other essential boathandling skills pertaining to small craft.

Qualification of Boats:

- **Type** — The event is for sail-and-oars boats of traditional design. In general, full-keel, fixed fin-keel, fully decked boats, and boats with cabins are excluded. Oars must be the secondary propulsion for sailboats. Oars-only boats are OK. Be aware that the courses may be as long as 10 nautical miles. If the wind fails, we will row, within safe and reasonable ranges. Auxiliary engines are OK, but they should not be used during the event unless safe seamanship demands it.
- **Size** —Recognizing the variability of small craft, we impose no precise rules, but generally speaking boats should be about 15' to 20' in length, capable of safe inshore saltwater navigation, and capable of beaching and relaunching without assistance.
- **Construction** — Wooden construction, whether traditional plank-on-frame, cold-molded, or plywood, is highly encouraged, as are owner-built boats, but fiberglass boats are also acceptable if they are of traditional sail-and-oar type.
- **Restriction** — We can only accept boats that can be hand- or trailer-launched or can arrive by sea under their own propulsion.
- **Required equipment** —VHF radio is absolutely required. Because fog is always a distinct possibility on the coast of Maine, navigation equipment is essential, and hand-held GPS is highly recommended. A full equipment list follows on the next page.

Required Equipment Checklist:

- PFDs for all crew
- Flotation, permanent or temporary
- At least one anchor and rode, preferably two
- Substantial bailing buckets
- Charts suitable for navigation (NOAA Chart No. 13316 or a MapTech chart book covering Blue Hill Bay is recommended.)
- Compass
- Line suitable for tow
- Knife
- An emergency kit including flares, horn, and first-aid supplies
- Timepiece
- Waterproof VHF radio, to be worn on the skipper's person
- Foul-weather gear for each person aboard
- Water and food for each day
- Extra warm clothing stored in dry bags
- Flashlight

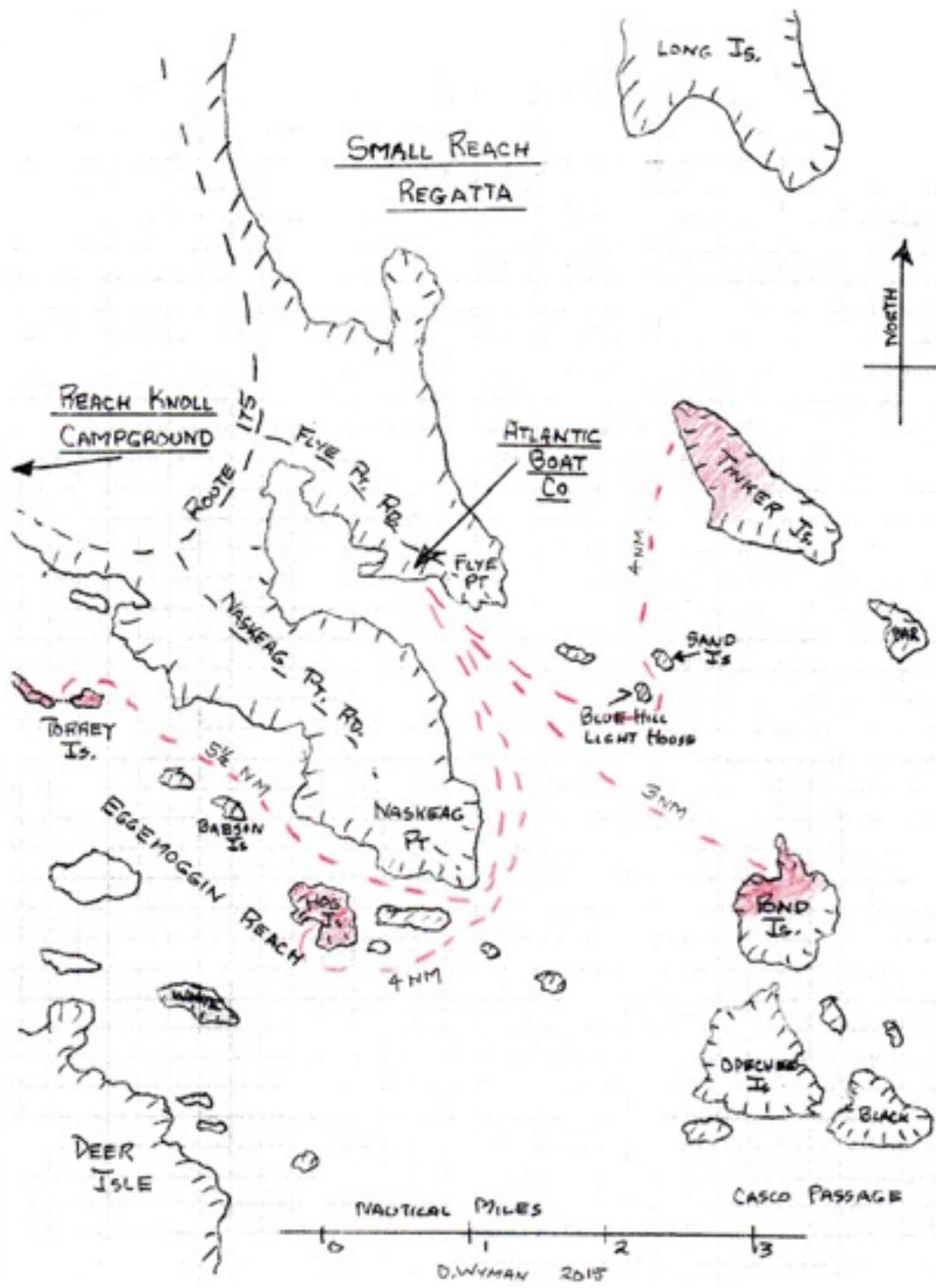
— Additional recommended equipment —

- hand-held GPS
- fire extinguisher (if you have outboard power)

Note: There is no marine supply in the immediate vicinity, so you won't be able to easily fill in gaps in equipment. Please count on bringing with you everything you'll conceivably need.

More specific information regarding the logistics of arrival, launching, trailer storage, haulout, etc., will follow during the "second round" of paperwork, which will be sent out to fleet participants by email in early April.

Projected Cruising Grounds:



Fees:

To cover the costs, including insurance, **our entry fee this year is estimated at \$95 per boat**. This fee may change — probably not very much — by the time of our final payment deadline, as we become aware of true costs. If you want to make a deposit earlier against the total (if you know your boat is accepted into the fleet), feel free to do so at any time. **Event insurance is arranged under the auspices of the national Traditional Small Craft Association. We highly encourage SRR participants to join the national TSCA, which can be done at www.tsca.net.**

In addition to liability and event cancellation insurance, the above fee covers administrative costs, and some other costs. All participants and leaders are volunteers, and planning group members who sail in the regatta pay the entry fee along with other participants. The entry fee also pays for chase boat captains and crews to have camp sites and a full round of on-site meals.

Catered meals will be available, but not required. Details will follow in the “second round” paperwork. The catered meals are all “opt-in”; no one is required to participate. Traditionally, we have a chowder dinner Wednesday, with grill dinners Thursday and Friday and a lobster shore dinner Saturday. Those who wish to do so may cook at the campground; the camp sites all have power hookups. Those with vegetarian diets or very specialized food requirements, should arrange their own meals or consider nearby restaurants. Brooklin’s General Store will be open this summer for basic supplies. (We’ve decided not to pursue vegetarian options this year.)

Campsites at Ocean Camping at Reach Knolls are paid per boat. A single, \$100 fee covers you and all your crew for all four nights of camping. We will have the campground pretty much to ourselves, although one or two regular customers may reside there. For anyone not interested in camping, the Brooklin Inn, Flye Point Inn, and other inns in the area are close enough to be serviceable.

Lodging and meal payments are due in advance, along with the event entry fee, and should be sent at the same time you file the final “second round” paperwork.

As noted above, once your boat is accepted into the fleet, we will send out information packets with full details, prices, and registration forms, which you must return, with payment. Note: As skipper, you will be responsible for providing information for all of your crew.

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Boat and Skipper Information

Boat name _____

If you were in a previous SRR and are sailing the same boat, there's no need to repeat this information. Just tell us the type of boat, its name, and **anything that has changed**. An email will suffice; sent to <tom@woodenboat.com>.

Type, rig, and description, including construction details, design, and designer:

Overall length _____ Waterline length _____ Beam _____

Draft (board up) _____ Number of rowing stations _____ Sail Area _____

Hull weight _____ Number of crew _____

Auxiliary power? _____ Type _____

Skipper's name and address:

(List boat's owner too, if different. Crew information will be required after acceptance.)

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

(E-mail will be our preferred communication method)

Description of skipper's sailing experience:

Do you have: a waterproof VHF radio? _____ Hand-held GPS? _____

Mail or email to: Tom Jackson, P.O. Box 432, Port Townsend, WA 98368 or tom@woodenboat.com, to be received no later than March 20, 2017

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