



—July 25 - 29, 2018—

Herrick Bay

Brooklin, Maine

Sponsored by the Downeast Chapter of the Traditional Small Craft Association

Now that your boat has been accepted into the 2018 Small Reach Regatta in Brooklin, Maine, this document provides full details and asks more information.

- A form summarizing information on you and your boat is sent separately.
- Forms for crew are sent separately.

The **filing and payment deadline is June 1, 2018**. If you have questions, email works best:

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● **David Wyman**, P.O. Box 505, Castine, ME 04421; 207-326-9406;
<david@dwymanpe.com>. **Note: If you have technical questions regarding flotation, equipment, or the like, contact David.**

We'll see you in Brooklin!

Entry Fee:

The entry fee per boat is \$110.

Lodging:

Lodging arrangements are very simple: A \$100 fee covers all campers associated with your boat, for all four nights. This fee does not apply if you and all your crew stay elsewhere. If any of your crew will camp, the fee applies.

Meals:

Catered meals are optional. (Menus are shown on Page 9.) Mark choices on the skipper form or crew forms, which will be sent to you separately via email. For those who wish to prepare their own food, the campground has ice, electrical power, fire pits, and picnic tables. The Brooklin General Store is open, and good restaurants are nearby.

The “dinner plan” means you sign on for all four dinners at the SRR campground, with the option of a non-lobster meal on Saturday. Those who wish to participate only in the lobster dinner on Saturday night can do so—but that is the only “a la carte” choice. There is also a “sack lunch plan” for all three days and a “breakfast plan” for all four days. Menus (subject to slight changes) are posted at the end of this document. Payment for meals should be made along with the skipper and crew forms individualized for each boat.

Because of numerous expressions of dissatisfaction over the years, we have decided that we can no longer ask our caterer to provide vegetarian options. **If you have dietary restrictions, consult the attached menus on Page 9 to decide whether the meal plans are suitable for you. If not, we can recommend a restaurant or you can prepare your own meals in the campground or find other vegetarians to share pot-luck.**

Also, to avoid plastic bottles, we’ve asked our caterer for sodas and juices but not bottled water. Please bring a sports bottle; the campground has ample potable water sources.

Music:

Some participants bring acoustic musical instruments, which we encourage. There is often an informal session after dinner, usually with a Celtic emphasis.

Casual Crew:

In the past, we have received occasional requests from **people wishing to be considered for crew** positions. We’ll make announcements daily, and it would be very neighborly to accommodate any such crew.

Pertinent websites:

- SRR information, <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>>

Arrival:

This year's SRR poses no significant logistical challenges. We anticipate that you will first deliver your boat to Atlantic Boat, 355 Flye Point Road, in Brooklin. **More details for launching are on Page 7, and information about anchoring is on Page 8.**

Paul LaBrie will have a check-in tent set up from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and he can answer questions. David Wyman will be on hand for boat inspections, but if he misses you there, he'll catch up later. As usual, we ask patience, forbearance, and general good will. Many of our participants know the site well; if you have questions, ask around.

Boats that can be trailer-launched should be readied for launching well away from the launching ramp. You'll use your own vehicle for launching, and the ramp is a good one, with a reasonable slope. The high tide at 10:20 a.m. and low tide at 4:23 p.m. favors an early launching; time your arrival accordingly. After launching, you can tie up at the float long enough to clear your car and trailer from the ramp. Park the trailer, then maneuver your boat to the anchorage. Once securely anchored to your satisfaction, hail a chase boat on VHF channel 68. We expect more than 70 boats in the fleet this year, and most of them will be trailer-launched. This will take some time and coordination.

Boats that have to be hand-carried can also launch from the boat ramp at Atlantic Boat. There is a small beach suitable for haulout above the high tide line. Volunteer help during the day is very much appreciated.

We expect the vast majority of the fleet will ride at anchor. Expect to anchor, and be certain of your ground tackle (see Pages 4 and 8). Chase fleet boats will provide launch service in the anchorage.

After parking your trailer, drive to the Ocean Camping at Reach Knolls facility (670 Reach Road, about five miles from Atlantic Boat) to set up camp. Camp sites are first-come, first served; please set your tents close together so others can find suitable sites. We expect everyone to be settled and ready for the Wednesday dinner, which is at 6 p.m., and our waterfront crew and chase boat drivers will leave Atlantic Boat no later than 4 p.m. so they can be ready for dinner.

If you plan to arrive by some other launch facility, you're on your own, and we'll consider you to be "arriving by sea." You must, however, notify us of your intent to do so (on the skipper's form sent separately). Have a plan for getting to the campground, or hitch a ride.

Departure:

In an orderly fashion, boats will depart Atlantic Boat on Sunday morning, at a stately pace. If you want to retrieve your boat first and then go back to Reach Knolls to break camp, that's up to you. If you do that, it would be best to leave the boat and trailer at Atlantic Boat until after you've broken camp, to avoid having lots of trailers at the campground while packing gear. The low tide is at 6:52 a.m.; high is 12:56 p.m. Again, volunteer help will be essential; if you can pitch in, great.

Schedule:

Wednesday, July 25, arrival and check-in

Morning — Arrival and check-in, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Atlantic Boat

6 p.m. — Clam chowder dinner, dining tent (prepaid).

7 p.m. — Welcome and information update (mandatory for all), dining tent

Thursday, July 26

8 a.m. — Skippers' meeting, dining tent. Then, proceed to Atlantic Boat for departure.

12 p.m. — Lunch haulout, location TBA.

6 p.m. — Dining tent, grill dinner, (prepaid).

Casual music to follow, dining tent. Beach fire ring possible.

Friday, July 27

8 a.m. — Skippers' meeting, dining tent. Launching to follow.

12 p.m. — Lunch haulout, location TBA

6 p.m. — Dining tent, grill dinner (prepaid).

7 p.m. — Casual music to follow, dining tent or fire ring. Beach fire ring possible.

Saturday, July 28

8 a.m. — Skippers' meeting, dining tent. Launching to follow.

12 p.m. — Lunch haulout, location TBA

6 p.m. — Lobster shore dinner (prepaid).

7 p.m. — Casual music to follow, dining tent or fire ring. Beach fire ring possible.

Sunday, July 29

8 a.m.— Final words, departure (details, previous page). Vacate by noon.

Required Equipment Checklist:

Small-craft safety is always a priority for the SRR. In addition to requiring the equipment specified on this page, presentations on safety, anchoring, or other subjects may be arranged if desired. If you have specific concerns, raise them; an impromptu workshop could be organized.

- PFDs for all crew, fitted with whistles
- Flotation, built-in or lashed down, or both
- At least one anchor and rode, preferably two. (5-lb Danforth minimum for day use)
For anchoring out overnight, much heavier anchors are needed. Two may be needed in case of a gale. Consider setting your heaviest anchor with a substantial float (preferably a uniquely identifiable one) to make a temporary mooring in the anchorage that you can return to after the day's outing.
- Rodes: minimum 150' of 3/8" line with minimum 6' of 3/16" chain, attached to anchor and ready to deploy, with bitter end made off. Anchor and rode must be lashed low in the boat on or near centerline when not in use.
- You must have a navigation chart aboard; we recommend NOAA chart No. 13316 or a MapTech chart book covering Blue Hill Bay.
- Compass
- Bow line suitable for having your boat taken in tow
- An emergency first-aid kit
- Flares
- Horn
- Timepiece
- VHF radio (to be worn on skipper's person; submersible)
- Foul-weather gear for each person aboard
- Water and food for each day
- Spare warm clothing (hypothermia kit) for each crew stored in dry bag(s).
- Oars
- Bucket, with lanyard
- Knife

— — Additional recommended equipment — —

- hand-held GPS
- Rollers for launching/haulout
- Emergency paddles
- Two fenders
- Flashlight
- Bailer, large sponge
- Extra dry bags
- Radar reflector
- Boat hook
- Tool kit
- mooring lines (20', 3/8")
- Large bag for gear transport
- Throwable flotation device (buoyant cushion, for example).
- Masthead float (to prevent turning turtle).
- Fire extinguisher (if you have outboard power).

There is no marine supply store in the immediate vicinity, so you won't be able to easily fill in gaps in equipment. Please bring everything you'll conceivably need.

Reminders of Critical Importance:

- ◆ **Recognize that you are responsible for the safe operation of your vessel.** You must be a competent boathandler and a competent leader of crew.
 - No one is obligated to participate in any day's activity. If you and your crew are not at ease with the route or conditions, the decision about whether to participate, or whether to continue, is yours alone.
 - If you withdraw or deviate from the chosen general course, notify a chase boat by radio. If you feel you need an escort, do not hesitate to ask.
- ◆ **You must be a competent navigator** in partially protected tidal areas along rocky shorelines in reasonably fair weather.
 - Winds may vary from 0 to 20 knots or more.
 - A tidal range of up to 11' means we may experience strong currents.
 - Fog can be thick, so navigation skills are essential and GPS strongly advised.
- ◆ We anticipate that the fleet will become widely spread out. This is why a water-resistant **VHF radio is required.**
 - If you are not familiar with radio communication, ask for assistance Wednesday afternoon; a workshop can be assembled if need be.
 - Your radio must be turned on at all times while under way. We insist that you be able to receive messages not only from the chase fleet command but from any other boat in your vicinity that may be in need of assistance.
 - Keep your radio on your person (in a purpose-made belt clip or a zipped pocket, for example), or designate a competent crewman to do so.
 - You or the navigator you designate must be aware of your position at all times.
 - Bring ample spare batteries or your radio charger. (Power available at campground sites for chargers.)
- ◆ **The fleet will be accompanied by six support craft.** Their primary objectives will be to keep track of the fleet. They are not search and rescue professionals, but will render aid as best they are able and will deliver any hypothermic crew to shore. In any crisis, their primary duty will be to summon professional aid.
- ◆ **The waters in which we operate are typically 60°F (15.5°C) or less.** These temperatures can induce hypothermia very quickly in the event of significant swamping or capsize.
 - You must have a plan for self-rescue.
 - You must be able to bail large quantities of water quickly.
 - You must be able to block water from coming in your centerboard trunk.
 - You must have a warm, dry change of clothing for all aboard.
 - We recommend that lifejackets be used at all times. As skipper, it is your responsibility to recognize that the time to put them on is long before any threat of a capsize.
 - In a capsize, your first duty is to confirm that all crew have lifejackets on. Second, radio the chase fleet to report your problem and position by reference to landmarks. Next, execute your self-rescue plan.

Launching:

Atlantic Boat Company is a working yard that has graciously allowed us to use its facilities. **Please be watchful of yard traffic—Atlantic Boat vehicles, personnel, and customers have ramp rights and the right-of-way in all cases.**

Check-in hours will be between **9 a.m. and 4 p.m.** We encourage early arrivals (this is an all-tides launch ramp). If you miss checking in with Paul LaBrie, find him at the campground later.

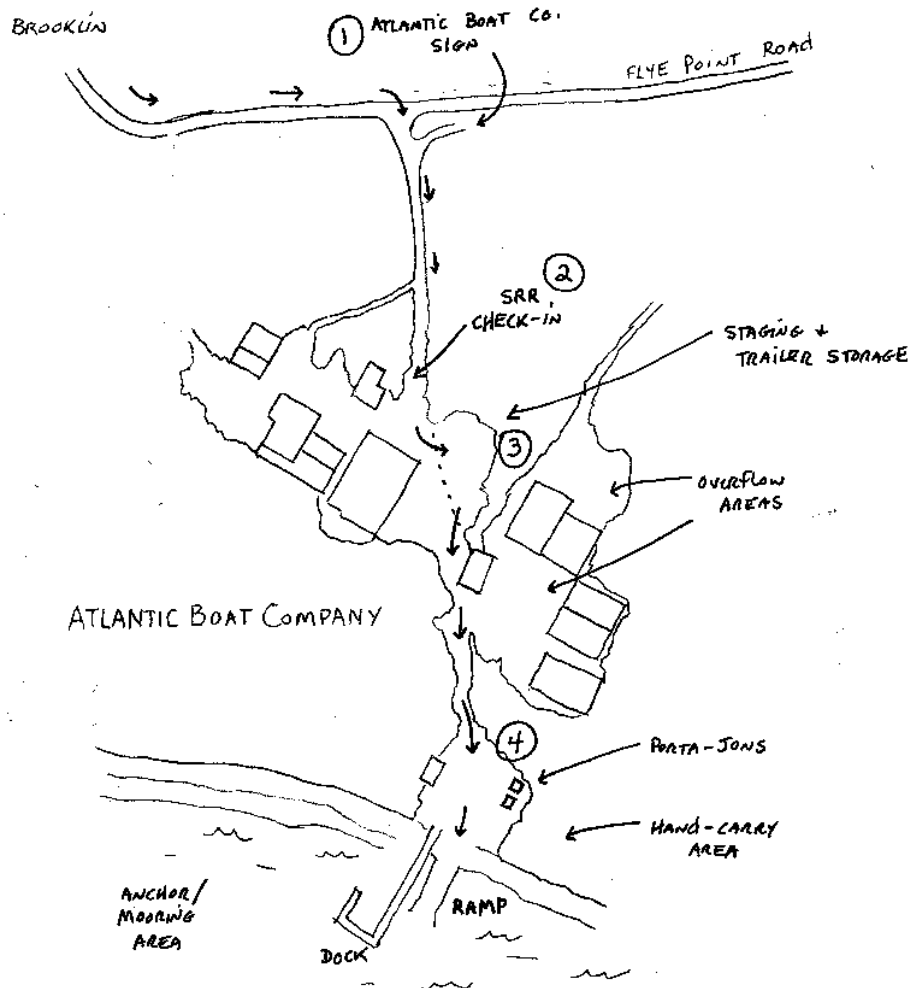
(1) The entrance to Atlantic Boat Company is on Flye Point Road, approximately 1.7 miles from Route 175. Turn right into the yard at the Atlantic Boat sign and proceed toward the check-in spot.

(2) Stop at the check-in. If there is a line, please feel free to start prepping your boat for launching.

(3) After check-in, turn into the staging area, or one of the overflow areas, and prepare your boat for launching. The safety inspection will be done when you are ready. If you miss the inspection, find David Wyman later at the campground.

(4) After your safety inspection, check for ramp traffic. When all clear, go to the ramp and launch your boat. You can tie up at the dock for a short time while you move your trailer to one of the overflow or storage areas. If the launch ramp area is very busy, you may be asked to move your vehicle to one of the outlying overflow areas. If you are in doubt, ask around—Paul and David can help, and many of our participants know the drill.

Chase boats will be on hand to transport folks back to the dock after anchoring, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.. Hand-carry boats will have a spot on shore near the ramp.



Tides:

Wednesday, July 25

High, 10:20 a.m. (+9.52')
Low, 4:23 p.m. (1.24')
High, 10:29 p.m. (+10.68')

Thursday, July 26

Low, 4:58 a.m. (+0.26')
High, 11:03 a.m. (+9.61')
Low, 5:06 p.m. (+1.21')
High, 11:10 p.m. (+10.74')

Friday, July 27

Low, 5:38 a.m. (+0.22')
High, 11:43 a.m. (+9.69')
Low, 5:46 p.m. (+1.19')
High, 11:48 p.m. (+10.76')

Saturday, July 28

Low, 6:16 a.m. (+0.22')
High, 12:20 p.m. (+9.77')
Low, 6:24 p.m. (+1.18')

Sunday, July 29

High, 12:25 a.m. (+10.74')
Low, 6:52 a.m. (+0.25')
High, 12:56 p.m. (+9.83')
Low, 7:00 p.m. (+1.19')

Anchoring:

Every boat should have adequate anchoring equipment, as specified in the last on page xx. For boats 15' to 20' long in 60-knot winds, for example in a thunderstorm, holding capacity of about 750 lbs is needed. The rode should include a length of chain (10' of 1/4") and then 150' of 3/8" nylon line. Shackles should be one size larger than the chain used and should be seized to prevent the pin from backing out.

These are minimum recommended sizes; larger is always better:

- 14 lb Danforth
- 20 lb Plow
- 16 lb Claw
- 13 lb Rocna

If you will be anchoring overnight in Herrick Bay, let out about 60' of anchor line, since depths at low tide are 2' – 6' and at high tide are 10' higher, for about 16' of depth from the mooring cleat to the bottom. Use a scope of 3 or 4 to keep the swing circle at a reasonable size, making a rode length of 48' to 64'—I suggest that most boats should use a scope of 60'. Danforths can break out of the bottom with a change in tide or wind and may not reset, as a result I do not like Danforth anchors for overnight anchoring.

Boats that will be carried ashore at night need should be tied to a fixed object or to an anchor well set. For these boats, the anchor should be adequate to hold them in a thunderstorm when underway. For hand-carry boats less than 15' in length, the anchor can be one size smaller than that used for the 15' to 20' boats and the chain can be 10' of 3/16" and the rode 150' of 5/16" nylon.

SRR 2018 T-Shirt:



Updated for 2018, the color is “Heather Indigo,” a blue (which differs from the color shown above) with white lettering. Pre-orders only; we won’t have any extra shirts. Ordering information, including size range and price (\$15), is included on the “Skippers Fee Worksheet” and “Individual Crew Fee Worksheet” sent in a separate email directly to skipper and can be paid along with other fees to SRR. Proceeds help keep the general entry fee as low as possible and support future SRR events.

Menus:

Wednesday, chowder dinner

- New England clam chowder
- Garlic and cheese pork sausage on baquette with peppers and onions (chicken sausage available)
- Caesar salad
- Strawberry shortcake

Thursday, Texas smoked BBQ night

- Smoked brisket, pulled pork, baby back ribs
- Baked beans and cole slaw
- Homemade corn bread
- Tiramisu with fresh raspberries

Friday, open-pit BBQ chicken

- Asian marinated half chicken slow-roasted
- Shitake mushroom rice
- Potato salad, pasta salad, roasted beet salad
- Ice-cream Sunday bar

Saturday, traditional lobster dinner

- 1.5-pound Maine lobster
- Steamed mussels and clams
- Garden salad with basil balsamic vinaigrette

- Corn on the cob
- Blueberry crisp
- Non-lobster option:** lasagna with meat sauce

Bagged lunches (choice ahead of time)

- 12” tortilla wrap (ham, smoked turkey, or veggie.)
- Bag of chips
- Fresh fruit

Breakfast buffet

—Thursday and Saturday:

- Breakfast sandwich with choice of meat
- Seasoned home fries

—Friday and Sunday:

- Blueberry pancakes with maple syrup
- Bianco breakfast sausages
- Fresh Fruit Salad

—Each morning:

- Orange juice or milk carton
- Carrabassett Valley fresh-brewed coffee

Area map, with possible courses:



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