

# **Small Reach Regatta**

**—Brooklin, Maine, 2021—**

## **Event Announcement**

**A rendezvous sponsored by**

**Traditional Small Craft Association**

**Downeast Chapter**

**Atlantic Boat, Herrick Bay, Maine**

**Fifteenth Year**

**July 7 – 11, 2021**

**Thanks for your interest in the Fifteenth Small Reach Regatta! We are proceeding on the assumption that the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions may allow the SRR to proceed in one form or another. We will know more by the time our final deadline comes up in March, and our core group will then decide whether to proceed. It is possible that some adjustments may need to be made — for example, our caterer could deliver meals to be picked up and taken to individual campsites instead of under the large tent as usual. Obviously, we can't predict all nuances of the plan, but we hope we can go ahead, perhaps with this type of adjustment.**

This is a rendezvous for traditional small rowing and sailing craft on the scenic coast of Brooklin, Maine. We plan arrival at the Atlantic Boat facilities on Flye Point on Wednesday, July 7. 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, some six miles from Atlantic Boat. Those wishing to stay elsewhere are welcome to make their own arrangements.

We will sail on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. **As in the previous year, we may plan a one-way sail from Herrick Bay to the waters off the campground and return the next day. We'll anchor off the campground or in Benjamin River, so secure anchoring ability is especially important.** Final haulouts, trailering, and departure will take place on Sunday, July 11, 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 canceled if the weather conditions are poor. No racing is planned.

**The registration deadline is March 19, 2021.** Skippers must file the form included in this package no later than that date.

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 send an email to confirm your participation, and note any changes in contact information, etc. If you are bringing a different boat than in the past, let us know by filing the application form. NOTE: we had a data meltdown last year, so in some cases we may need updated information during the "second round" paperwork.

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.

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 96, Brooklin, ME 04616  
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@dwymape.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 accepted. 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. Boats with auxiliary outboards are acceptable, but the motor 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:**

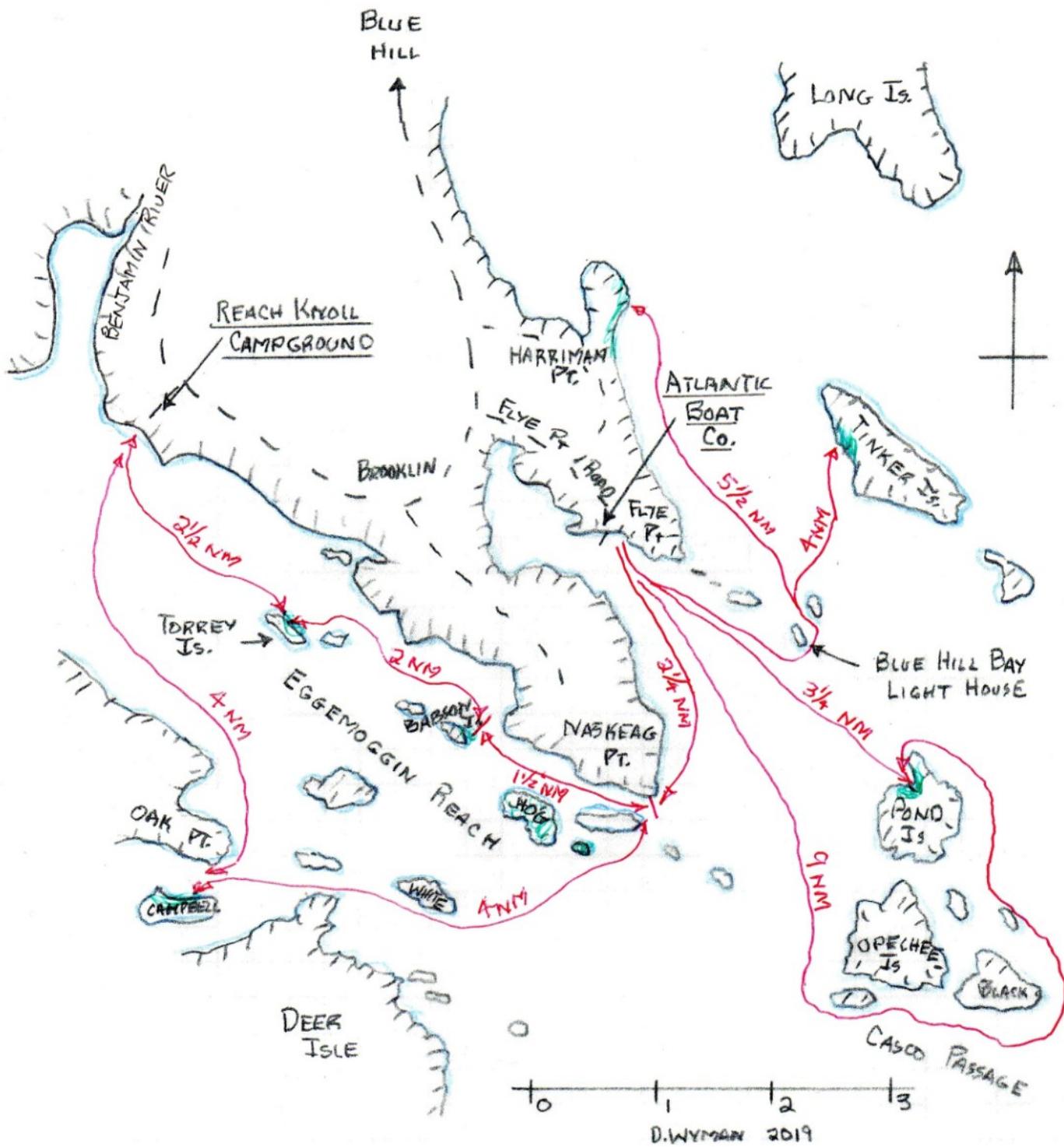
- PFDs for all crew
- Flotation, permanent or temporary
- At least one anchor and rode, preferably two
- Substantial bailing buckets
- Charts suitable for navigation (NOAA Chart No. 13316 or a MapTech chart book covering Blue Hill Bay is recommended.)
- Compass
- Line suitable for tow
- Knife
- An emergency 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 \$110 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. **Please don't send checks with this "first round" application —that comes in the "second round" in April.**

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](http://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 all fees along with other participants. The entry fee also pays for chase boat captains and crews to have camp sites, a full round of on-site meals, and some gasoline.

Catered meals will be available, but not required. (Covid-19 restrictions may radically change our meal plans this year, but we won't know particulars until the spring.) Details will follow in the "second round" paperwork in April. 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. Our caterer also provides sack lunches to order and breakfasts Thursday through Sunday for those who order them. Those who wish to do so may cook at the campground; the camp sites all have power hookups. We've decided not to pursue vegetarian meal options. Those with vegetarian diets or very specialized food requirements should arrange their own meals or consider nearby restaurants. Brooklin's General Store is the nearest store for basic supplies.

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 a few 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, provided they are open during Covid-19 restrictions.

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.

We also usually have T-shirts available for order, which is done in the second-round paperwork. However, for our Fifteenth Anniversary we're considering doing a baseball-style cap instead.

As noted above, once your boat is accepted into the fleet, we will send out "second round" 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 inform us of 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:

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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.)*

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*(E-mail will be our preferred communication method)*

Description of skipper's sailing experience:

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Are you a member of the National TSCA? \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Mail or email to: Tom Jackson, P.O. Box 96, Brooklin, ME 04616 or tom@woodenboat.com, to be received no later than March 19, 2021**

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