

# THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL GLOUCESTER SCHOONER FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 2 – SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

## NOTICE OF RACE

The GLOUCESTER SCHOONER FESTIVAL is the annual commemoration of the significance of the classic fishing schooner to the history of Gloucester, the oldest fishing port on the East Coast. For three days, the City's harbor hosts a unique mix of old and new, as modern day fishermen share their home port with the traditional vessels of an earlier era.

The GLOUCESTER SCHOONER FESTIVAL is organized by the Gloucester Schooner Festival Committee with the support of Maritime Gloucester, the City of Gloucester, the U.S. Coast Guard, and numerous corporate sponsors.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association, and by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Each vessel racing in the Mayor's Race will be assigned a number, and number placards will be distributed at the Skippers' Meeting preceding the race. These placards must be displayed prominently to assist identification by the race committee boat.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The racing will be open to all sailing vessels of three schooner classes (*Large*: more than 80-feet, length-on-deck/Esperanto Cup, *Medium*: 45-to-80 feet, length-on-deck/Ned Cameron Trophy, and *Small*: 19-to-45 feet, length on deck/Betty Ramsey Trophy). The final determination of class eligibility will be made by the Gloucester Schooner Festival Committee.
- 2.2 Eligible vessels may be entered by completing the attached *Festival Registration form* and submitting it to Maritime Gloucester. Submittal of entries at the earliest possible date is requested. *Entries cannot be accepted after the Skippers' Meeting.*

### 3. RACING SCHEDULE (*Full Festival schedule can be viewed on-line at [www.gloucesterschoonerfestival.net](http://www.gloucesterschoonerfestival.net).*)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Day</u>    | <u>Time</u> | <u>Function</u>   |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|---|
| 9/04/2016   | <b>Sunday</b> | 8:30 a.m.   | Skippers' meeting for the large, medium, and small Schooner classes (Esperanto Cup, Cameron Trophy, Betty Ramsey Trophy) under the First Ipswich Tent in front of Maritime Gloucester.  |
|             |               | 10:30 a.m.  | Parade of Sail: Large, Medium and Small Schooners enroute to the starting area.   |
|             |               | 1:00 p.m.   | Mayor's Race for the Esperanto Cup (Large Fishermen-type Schooners-greater than 80 feet, length on deck), the Ned Cameron Trophy (Medium Schooners, 45-to-80 feet, length on deck), and the Betty Ramsey Trophy (Small schooners, 19-to-45 feet, length on deck). |
|             |               | 6:00 p.m.   | Reception and Awards Ceremony for contestants in all classes. US Coast Guard Station Gloucester. (Bring photo ID)   |

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9/05/2016      **Monday**      "Rain day" - only if required for recovery from postponements of the Mayor's Race caused by inclement weather.

### 4. FEES

- 4.1 There is no entry fee for schooners to participate in the GLOUCESTER SCHOONER FESTIVAL.



5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the Skippers' Meeting to all entrants who have submitted a properly completed Festival Registration form. Any questions concerning the Sailing Instructions must be submitted at the Skippers' Meeting.

6. FESTIVAL SITE

The Festival site will be in the general vicinity of Maritime Gloucester, Solomon Jacobs Park and the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Harbor Loop, Gloucester, MA. Berthing, mooring, anchorage, and dinghy dock information can be obtained from the Gloucester Harbormaster, 19 Harbor Loop, Gloucester, MA, VHF Channel 16 and 14, 978-282-3012, or [jcaulkett@ci.gloucester.ma.us](mailto:jcaulkett@ci.gloucester.ma.us).

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the waters generally to the east and south of Eastern Point Light, Gloucester, MA, and extending into Gloucester Outer Harbor, as may be shown in the Sailing Instructions.

8. COURSES

The course for the Mayor's Race on Sunday, 9/4/2016, will be as determined by the Schooner Festival Race Committee and announced at the Skippers' Meeting preceding the race.

9. SCORING

The schooners racing in the Mayor's Race for the Esperanto Cup, for the Ned Cameron Trophy and for the Betty Ramsey Trophy will race on a boat-for-boat basis.

10. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The scoring penalty, as described in rules 31.1, 31.2, 44.1, and 44.3 of the racing rules will apply during the racing.

11. PROTESTS

Protests shall be submitted in accordance with the racing rules.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in emergency conditions, a vessel shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive special radio communications not available to all vessels.

Race Committee boats will monitor VHF Channel 16, and utilize a VHF "working" Channel to be announced at the Skippers' Meeting to control the racing.

The Gloucester Harbormaster and Police boats and USCG vessels will monitor VHF Channel 16 at all times during the Schooner Festival. Channel 16 and the "working" channel should be monitored for the entire weekend. (Berthing, mooring, anchorage, and dinghy float information can be obtained from the Harbormaster as indicated above).

13. PRIZES

The Esperanto Cup will be awarded to the winning Large Schooner, the Ned Cameron Trophy will be awarded to the winning Medium Schooner, and the Betty Ramsey Trophy will be awarded to the winning Small Schooner. Prizes will also be awarded to the vessels placing second and third in each class.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the GLOUCESTER SCHOONER FESTIVAL, please contact Maritime Gloucester, 23 Harbor Loop, Gloucester, MA 01930. Telephone: 978-281-0470. Information about Gloucester Harbor can be obtained from the Gloucester Harbormaster's office at [jcaulkett@ci.gloucester.ma.us](mailto:jcaulkett@ci.gloucester.ma.us) (through June 10 – we will update after 10th)

Additional information on the GLOUCESTER SCHOONER FESTIVAL is available on the internet at: [www.gloucesterschoonerfestival.net](http://www.gloucesterschoonerfestival.net).

