

Great Bay Yacht Club
Notice of Race
Merry Mac & Oyster River Cat Regatta
July 23, 2016

Great Bay Yacht Club / Hilton Sate Park
Dover Point, NH
10:00 Registration, Races to follow

1. RULES: (*Loosely followed by popular recommendation*) - Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
2. CLASS: **Traditional Merry Mac and Oyster River Cat**. No measurements will be taken. All boats may or may not sail in one fleet, pending registrants.
3. ELIGIBILITY: Open to all ages, all Merry Macs & Oyster River Cats.
4. SCHEDULE:
Skipper's Meeting: 11:30 (HIGH tide is at 3:55 pm)
First Warning: 13:00 am
Races to follow
Last warning: No later than 18:00, BBQ /awards at 19:00 at GBYC, Wentworth Terrace
5. ENTRY: GBYC is located on Wentworth Terrace, Dover Point, NH at 43:124589, -70.8131513, a very short walk from Hilton Park.
Registration officials will be at Hilton Park by 10:00 and the 11:30 Skippers Meeting will be held there as well. Barbecue and awards will be held at the Club.
The entry fee of \$35 can be paid in cash or by check.
Please make sure you register BEFORE the Skippers meeting.
Entry includes the well-earned Great Bay Yacht Club tradition of great Race Committee, support boats, apres racing cookout with beverages appropriate for the spirit of the day, and Awards for top boats in all classes.
6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Provided at Skipper's Meeting.
7. SCORING: Low Point Scoring as per RRS Appendix A, Appendix A4
8. RACING AREA: Launch at the State of NH ramp at Hilton Park and sail upstream in the designated area. There may be some room at the GBYC dock, please check with GBYC in advance.
9. COURSES: To be announced at the Skippers' Meeting.
10. INFORMATION: Contact Great Bay Yacht Club Commodore Keith Pratt kpratt@underwoodengineers.com or Race Committee Principal Race Officer Tom Brown tacheson.brown@gmail.com
12. LOCATION: Hilton Park is located off Exit 5 off the Spaulding Turnpike /NH Route 4/16 North on the Dover side of the Piscataqua River where it meets Great Bay. Follow road to the south to the Parking area and grass lawns.

Club History: In the spring of 1954, a group of sailors gathered with a simple purpose: "to organize and provide rules for racing this summer on Great Bay, or other places designated." Races were held each Sunday afternoon at the State Pier and included class racing for 12 foot catboats — Merry Macs designed by club member Ned McIntosh — and other boats by handicap. By 1958, Great Bay Yacht Club was officially registered with the State of New Hampshire as a non-profit organization whose purpose was "to foster the spirit of sailing in the community around the Great Bay area. "In 1959 the Club was able to purchase the two lots that became its home. The Club blossomed during the women's and "boat" divisions.



