**Great Bay Yacht Club**

**Notice of Race - NOR**

**Ned McIntosh’ Merry Mac Regatta**

**July 26, 2020**

**Great Bay Yacht Club / Hilton Sate Park / Dover Point, NH**

**1:00 pm Registration, Races to follow**

1.       RULES:  (*Loosely followed by popular recommendation*) - Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.       CLASS:  **Traditional Merry Mac, Oyster River Cat, Melonseed, and other small Sailing Boats/Dinghies**.  No measurements will be taken.  All boats may or may not sail in one fleet, pending registrants. All dinghy sailors are welcome!

3.       ELIGIBILITY:  Open to all ages, all Merry Macs & Oyster River Cats & Melonseed & other dinghy sailors.

4.       SCHEDULE:

Skipper’s Meeting:  2:00 pm (HIGH tide is 6:02 pm)

Approximate First Race Warning Signal:  3:30 pm

More races will follow.

Last race warning approx. 5:30 pm, no later than 5:45 pm.

5.       ENTRY:  GBYC is located on Wentworth Terrace, Dover Point, NH, a very short walk from Hilton Park.

Registration officials will be at Hilton Park by 1:00 pm and the 2:00 pm Skippers Meeting will be held there as well.

The entry fee of $20 can be paid in cash or by check. ($10 if all racers on a boat are 17 or younger.)

Please make sure you register BEFORE the Skippers meeting.

***Due to the current pandemic, the traditional apres racing cookout and awards presentation will not be held. Racers and guests are welcome to BYOB food and drink if they like, and are asked to practice appropriate pandemic mediation with social distancing and face coverings as appropriate.***

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 Tom Page [tpage@underwoodengineers.com](mailto:kpratt@underwoodengineers.com) or Race Committee Principal Race Officer Tom Brown [tacheson.brown@gmail.com](mailto: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.*



