NOTICE of RACE

Flying Scot© Sailing Association

2023 New England District Championship

July 29th, 2023

Sandy Bay Yacht Club (SBYC)

Rockport, MA

1. Rules: This regatta will be governed by the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and rules of the Flying Scot class.
2. Eligibility: This regatta is open to all current FSSA members. The skipper shall be a 2023 member of the FSSA in good standing, and the same skipper and crew must be carried throughout all races unless given prior approval by the Chair of the Race Committee. FSSA membership may be obtained online a[t the](http://www.fssa.com/join) [FSSA membership page](http://www.fssa.com/join-renew-donate).
3. Registration: May be completed online on Clubspot [HERE](https://sandybay.org/register/regatta/2vzZ0VLDmX/class). It is preferable to receive registrations through Clubspot in advance; however, registration may also be completed at the SBYC beginning Friday, July 28th at 1600, or on Saturday, July 29th beginning at 0700. Sailing Instructions will be available online through Clubspot by July 1st and at registration.
4. Fees: The entry fee is $75 for all registrations submitted through Clubspot by July 21st. Registrations submitted after July 21st through Clubspot or at on-site registration will be $100. Registration fee includes:

* Refreshments Friday evening July 28th
* Coffee and pastries at Saturday morning July 29th.
* Cook out and refreshments following racing.
* Trophies as described below.

1. Schedule: See regatta schedule below. There will be up to five races with one race constituting a regatta. No “throw-outs” will be awarded regardless of the number of races. Low point scoring will apply. The weather date for the regatta is Sunday, July 30th, 2023.
2. Measurement: Boats and sails must conform to the Official Plan. Each boat must carry equipment required by FSSA Specification Article S-V-.2 (Racing Restrictions), dated January 2023, <https://www.fssa.com/content/fssa-class-rules> and US Coast Guard requirements.
3. Courses to be sailed: The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing area will be Sandy Bay or, if necessary, in the areas to the north or south of the bay.
4. Scoring: The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A2 will be used. Up to five races will be scheduled. At least one race must be completed to constitute a series.
5. Divisions: If 10 or more boats register in total AND at least 3 boats register in both the Championship and Challenger divisions by July 21st then separate division races will be planned, run, and recorded with a simultaneous start. Only Championship boats will be eligible to win the New England District Championship and SMSA trophies. *If registrations do not meet these criteria by July 21st then all boats will race in one division.*
6. Trophies: If Championship and Challenger Divisions are used then the top three Championship boats and top two Challenger boats will receive trophies. If one division is used then the top five boats will receive trophies. The New England District Championship and SMSA trophies will be awarded to the top Championship Division (or overall if one division) skipper from the New England District.
7. Safety: It is each competitor's exclusive and individual responsibility to decide whether to race or continue racing, to wear a PFD when conditions warrant, and to otherwise provide for his or her own personal safety. Competitors are reminded that all federal and state safety regulations shall be observed.
8. Mooring and haul-out: Boats requiring a mooring or berth during the regatta should make this known at registration. Haul outs will only be permitted by exception from the race committee in order to undertake repairs. All competitors will be required to follow any instructions given by the dockmaster of the Sandy Bay Yacht Club regarding moorings and haul-outs.
9. Crane operation: The club is equipped with a crane which may only be operated by certified personnel. Crane operation and launching/hauling is surprisingly fast and safe and knowledgeable, certified fleet members and club personnel will be available to assist.
10. Lodging: Rockport is a popular summer destination and boasts many inns, motels, and restaurants. More information may be found at the [Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce](http://capeannvacations.com/accommodations/).
11. Parking: Parking downtown can be a challenge; overnight parking is not permitted on T-Wharf, but daily visitor parking is available on the southeast side of the wharf (the other side is resident only and non-residents will be ticketed). There is also on street parking in some locations near the club as well as ample parking at the Rockport Transfer Station with trolley access to town.
12. Questions: Please contact Margot Hintlian at [Margot1024@gmail.com](mailto:Margot1024@gmail.com) or Ned Jeffries at [Edward.jeffries63@gmail.com](mailto:Edward.jeffries63@gmail.com) for further information.

Regatta Schedule

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| Time | Friday, July 28th | Saturday, July 29th |
| 1600-2000 | Arrival & Registration |  |
| 1700-1900 | Refreshments served |  |
| 0700-0830 |  | Coffee & Pastries |
| 0700-0900 |  | Arrival, Registration & Launching |
| 0900 |  | Skipper's meeting |
| 1000 |  | Harbor start – all races |
| After Racing |  | Cookout/Beer & Wine/Awards |