WindSong Regatta

Saturday, September 4th 2021

*Biddeford Pool Yacht Club, Biddeford Pool, ME*

###### NOTICE OF RACE

1. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND VENUE**
	1. The Organizing Authority is the Biddeford Pool Yacht Club (BPYC). The WindSong Organizing Committee (“the Committee”) will administer the event for the Biddeford Pool Yacht Club;
	2. Racing will take place in Saco Bay and surrounding waters.
2. **ELIGIBILITY**
	1. All yachts must be suitable for cruising the coast of Maine (ie: they must have cruising accommodations). This means that at least two people should be able to sleep, eat and perform daily ablutions aboard the boat in the rain while sailing or anchored. Yachts having the room for these accommodations but not the equipment shall notify the Committee, whose decision as to eligibility shall be final.
3. **CLASSES**
	1. There will be two classes, which will start and race together. Yachts declaring for the WindSong (Racing) Trophy, and those declaring for the Tijuba (Cruising) Trophy;
	2. The Race Committee will review the suitability of each yacht and crew for their declared Class and make the final assignment of Class for the entry.
4. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**
	1. Skippers’ Meeting will be held at 10:30 on September 4, 2021;
	2. One race will be held with a starting sequence beginning at 11:50 and the first boat starting at 12:00. Starting times will be delayed if necessary;
	3. Libations and exaggerations will be shared at BPYC immediately following the race;
	4. Awards will be presented on Sunday, September 5th, at the annual BPYC Chowder Luncheon.
5. **REGISTRATION**
	1. **Advance registration is requested.** Registration deadline is 12:00 on Friday, September 3, 2021. Late registrations *may* be accepted at the sole discretion of the Committee;
	2. Registration forms are available at BPYC and from the BPYC Web Site (www. biddefordpoolyachtclub.org);
	3. Competitors shall register by completing the entry form and delivering, mailing, or faxing it, along with the appropriate payment, to: BPYC, PO Box 251, Biddeford Pool, ME 04006. Fax 207-282-0687.
6. **ENTRY FEE (non-refundable)**
	1. Entry $20.00
7. **RULES**
	1. The WindSong Race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including US Sailing’s Prescriptions, except as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (if any);
	2. All boats shall abide by their Class Rules, except as modified by their current PHRF certificate, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (if any).
8. **ALTERATION OF RACING RULES**

Personal Floatation Devices are NOT required to be worn at the start or finish of the race, except when signaled from the Race Committee boat in accordance with the RRS (Rule 40) or in accordance with Fundamental Rule 1.2.

1. **SCORING**

The race format will be a “Pursuit” race, where boats start in sequence from highest handicap to lowest, with handicaps applied at the start of the race. Therefore, the first boat to finish in each class will be the winner of that class, et cetera.

1. **HANDICAPS**
	1. Handicaps will be based on current PHRF handicaps but additional adjustments may be applied at the discretion of the Committee;
	2. 12 seconds per mile will be added to a Tijuba class boat that agrees not to use a spinnaker during the race, but whose standard PHRF handicap includes the use of a spinnaker. It is assumed that a boat will be using a spinnaker unless it proactively declares that it will not;
	3. 12 seconds will be deducted from the base handicap of the boat that won either class in last year’s race. 6 seconds will be deducted from the base handicap of the boat that won either class in the race two years ago. This penalty will be applied if a boat stays in her class or moves from the WindSong class to the Tijuba class. Any penalties will be waived for a boat that moves from the Tijuba class to the WindSong class. These penalties will step down from year-to-year regardless of whether a boat races in a given year;
	4. Performance adjustments described in 10c (above) will be cumulative. That is to say that if a boat wins two years in a row, in the third year they will have an 18 second per mile reduction in their handicap (12 from the just previous year plus 12 from the prior year less the annual 6 second reduction). In the fourth year, assuming they don’t win, they will have a 6 second reduction;
	5. The “handicap length” of the course may not match the actual rhumb line length of the course. It will generally be adjusted upwards at the discretion of the Committee. The handicap length will determine actual starting times and will be announced at the Skippers’ Meeting.
2. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
	1. Sailing Instructions (if they exist) *may* be posted on the BPYC web site in draft form and will available at registration in final form.
3. **RACE COURSES**
	1. Racing will be held on Saco Bay and the surrounding waters. All marks of the course will be Government Marks except for a possible drop mark Northeast of Wood Island. The race will be approximately 8-14 miles in length, depending on wind and other conditions. Potential courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions (if any) or Race Notes. The actual course to be sailed will be announced at the Skippers’ Meeting. Government marks may be ignored (at your own peril) with the exception of:

Can "7" off Lobster Rocks

Nun "6" off Negro Island

Can "RB" off Stage Island

Can "3A" off Washman Rocks

* 1. All boats must monitor VHF channel 72 for announcements of course changes during the race. It is the skipper’s responsibility to receive such course changes.
1. **ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES AND DECISIONS OF THE JURY**
	1. RRS 44.2, 720 Degree Penalty, will apply;
	2. Decisions of the jury will not be subject to appeal
2. **PRIZES**
	1. The first boat to finish of those declaring for the WindSong Trophy will be awarded the WindSong Trophy. The boat’s and skipper’s names will be engraved on the WindSong Trophy and they will receive a “keeper” trophy;
	2. The first boat to finish of those declaring for the Tijuba Trophy will be awarded the Tijuba Trophy. The boat’s and skipper’s names will be engraved on the Tijuba Trophy and they will receive a “keeper” trophy;
	3. Additional keeper trophies will be awarded in each class depending on the number of entrants starting the race:
		1. If there are 3 or fewer starters in a class, there will be no additional trophies;
		2. If there are 4 or 5 starters, there will be a second place trophy;
		3. If there are more than 5 starters, there will also be a third place trophy.
3. **SAFETY**
	1. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee (Race Committee will monitor vhf channel 72 but it is the competitor’s responsibility to assure notification) before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, the BPYC Office immediately after arrival ashore.
4. **LIABILITY**
	1. The organizers bear no responsibility for accidents, damages or injuries to yachts or their personnel arising from any cause during the race or related activities. Attention is drawn to the RRS Fundamental Rules, the ISAF Offshore Committee Special Regulations, Fundamental Regulation 1.02, Owner’s Responsibility and “Waiver and Release of Liability” as stated on the entry form.
5. **FURTHER INFORMATION**
	1. Contact the WindSong Organizing Committee Chair at the Biddeford Pool Yacht Club: The Chair is: David Millet (dfmillet@gmail.com)