



FACT SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS EASTPORT INTERNATIONAL LOBSTER BOAT RACE EASTPORT MAINE USA

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When and where: Sunday, September 12, 2010, Eastport Breakwater. Races begin at HIGH NOON.

Parade of Boats: All entrants are requested to take part in a parade of boats which will be lead by the Eastport Coast Guard. The Parade will begin at 11:15 and will start North of Wilson's wharf by Quoddy Bay Seafood. Participants are encouraged to decorate their boats in a Pirate theme. Prizes will be awarded for best dressed boat and other categories which will be posted at Eastportpiratefestival.com

Customs: The race committee has met with US Custom to facilitate the participation of Canadian boats. Canadian boats will be met at the breakwater by race committee volunteers and will be taken to the US Customs office to check-in.

Registration and check-in: All boats are encouraged to pre-register to help the race organizers. You can register on line at eastportpiratefestival.com or call John Miller at 1-800-691-8182 or Chick Moore at 207-853-6203 and an entry form will be mailed to you.

Boats can register the day of the race on the North Side of the Breakwater in front of the Coast Guard Station. Registration closes at 10:00 am.

Boats will be informed of the number and projected time of their race at 10:15.

There is a registration fee of \$20 for each race entered. There is no registration for the Fastest International Lobster Boat race as participation in that race is limited to the top three in the qualification races for the fastest working lobster boat in the US and the fastest working lobster boat in Canada.

All registration fees will go toward cash awards to the participants.

Make sure your boat number is placed in the pot for the drawing of the \$1,000 entry prize as well as for the prizes provided by maritime merchants.

Categories: In general categories for entrants will include working lobster boats, recreational lobster boats, other working boats, skippers under 18, pleasure boats, and speed boats. Final race categories will be posted on eastportpiratefestival.com. All boats are welcome and the organizers will strive to have categories to suit all working boats, fast or slow, as well as pleasure and speed boats. Pre-registration will help us formulate the final categories. Check Eastportpiratefestival.com for up to date information.

Galen Alley Challenge Race: Galen Alley, the owner of the fastest lobster boat in the world, the *Foolish Pleasure*, recently broke his old record of 68.5 with a run clocked at 68.9. Galen remains unbeaten and he has issued a challenge to all lobster boats in the US and Canada, recreational or working, to race him in Eastport. There will be a \$500 dollar purse for the winner of this race.

Prizes: All entrants are eligible to win a cash entry prize of \$1,000. The drawing will be at the awards ceremony immediately after the race. A boat will be entered in the drawing for each \$20 registration fee it pays. In other words, a boat entering two races and paying two \$20 registration fees will be entered twice in the \$1,000 drawing.

The winner of the Fastest International Lobster boat will receive \$1,000.

There will be a cash prize awarded to the winner of each race. The amount of the prize will be determined on race day.

Each boat that enters will also be eligible for a drawing for merchandise and services donated by race sponsors, including fuel, lobster traps, a haul out and bottom wash at Moose Island Marine. A full list of merchandise donated can be found on the Pirate Festival Website, *Eastportpiratefestival.com*.

The race course: The race course runs from the area of the red nun buoy in South Eastport (toward Lubec) toward the north end of the breakwater. The finish line will be marked with two buoys with flags located off the breakwater. The sides of the course will be marked with buoys.

Communication: The race will be conducted on Marine Channel 10.. Race participants needing help also can reach a race official on that channel.

Safety and race rules:

See the Maine Lobster Boat Racing Association Rules posted on the *Eastportpiratefestival.com* website. These rules are adopted for this race in general and specifically as they apply to working or recreational lobster boats.

General safety rules:

There must be two people in each boat with each wearing a life jacket.

All boats exceeding 50 mph will have an operative kill switch.

All boat occupants will wear approved life jackets.

Boats will have Coast Guard required safety equipment.

Unsportsman like conduct as judged by the Race Committee could result in disqualification

A race safety officer will have the authority to cancel any race due to fog or other unsafe conditions.

The race:

Each boat will be given a race number for each race entered.

Be in the race **START AREA** two races before your race.

Starting the race:

For the start entrants should be at idle and line up with the **START BOAT**.

Increase your speed with that of the **START BOAT**.

When the entrants bows are in line with the start boat the **START BOAT** will drop a flag, beginning the race.

False Starts:

The "**STARTER**" will circle the flag over his head and the "**START BOAT**" captain will call "**FALSE START**" on the radio. Boats will return to the "**START AREA**" and try again. Two "**FALSE STARTS**" by the same boat means disqualification

Audible signal for spectators:

The start of the race will be signaled by an audible signal for the benefit of spectators. The dropping of the flag, however, is controlling for the race participants.

Running the course:

All boats must be perpendicular to the finish line.

All boats must maintain a safe distance from other competitors. Failure to maintain a safe distance will result in disqualification.

Anyone leaving the race course will be disqualified unless forced out of bounds by another competitor. If you are forced out, immediately throttle down and make your way back on the course as soon as it is prudently possible.

Finish line:

The finish line will be at the north end of the Eastport Breakwater and will be marked with two flagged buoys. The first boat in the opinion of the race officials which crosses the finish line shall be declared the winner. A flag shall be dropped by race officials signaling the winner. An audible sound will also be made for the benefit of spectators, however, the dropping of the flag is controlling. The ruling of the race official will be final.

Radar gun: A radar gun will be positioned to record the speed of the winner.

Coast Guard permits: A permit has been issued by the Coast Guard for these races. These races are not sanctioned by the Maine Lobster Boat Racing Association.

Awards Ceremony: An awards ceremony will be held in front of the Coast Guard station immediately after the races at which time cash prizes will be awarded and drawings will take place for the \$1,000 entrance prize as well as the awarding of prizes donated by maritime merchants.

Launching, anchoring and rafting:

Boats arriving by trailer can be launched at the Eastport Breakwater with the trailers being parked in an unpaved lot across from Moose Island Marine which is located at 5 Sullivan Street. Sullivan Street runs toward the entrance of the breakwater. This parking area is within easy walking distance of the breakwater.

In addition boat can also be launched at the Eastport Chowder House located north of the Breakwater. Those launching boats at this location need to be mindful of the Deer Island Car Ferry which uses the site to load and unload every hour on the half hour during its hours of operation. The grade of the slope is less than at the breakwater. After launch, trailers should be parked at the Sullivan street location.

Finally, boats can also be launched at Deep Cove by the boat school on the other side of Eastport where trailers can be left. As you come into Eastport on Route 190 the roadway sharply turns to the left toward downtown, becoming Washington Street. At this point take a right on Deep Cove Road which joins with 190 from the right. Pass the boat school and turn left into the boat school parking lot. The launch area is to the right toward the cove. Trailers can be left in the boat school parking area.

Boats can anchor outside of the buoys marking the race course. There is limited mooring on the north side of the breakwater, inside the breakwater and on the north and south side of the fish pier in downtown Eastport where boats can dock or raft. In addition there are mooring available at the Eastport Chowder House wharf. Participants are requested to keep the fuel dock open for use, however.

Fuel and supplies:

Diesel and gas can be purchased at the wharf at Eastport Chowder House which is located north of the breakwater. There is a gas station on 190 as you come into Eastport. Maritime supplies can be purchased at Moose Island Marine on Sullivan Street Monday through Saturday. Groceries can be purchased at the IGA located on High Street about a half mile from the breakwater. There are many places to eat in Eastport and each entrant will receive a list of the names and addresses of the restaurants.

Contact us for questions or suggestions: Call Chick Moore at 207 853 6203 for questions. Email is *****eastportpiratefestival.com. Your suggestions and comments are encouraged.