



EASTPORT INTERNATIONAL LOBSTER BOAT RACE

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

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Race Date & Time for 2011:

Race to be held on Sunday, September 11, 2011. All racers are to be in the water by 10:00AM. Parade of Boats will be at 10:30AM. Races will begin at 11:00 AM. Times are determined base on High Tide for that date.

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 10:30 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 www.eastportpiratefestival.com and an entry form will be mailed to you. For more information call Mike Morse at 853-4773 or email Mike at cmorse@maine.rr.com 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. There is a registration fee of \$20 for each race entered. **The Lobster Boat Waiver Form must be signed** before any boat may participate in any race events.

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 www.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.

Races:

THE FASTEST LOBSTER BOAT CHALLENGE RACE

This race will be held each year. The boat design must be based on a traditional lobster boat design and be inboard powered. The winner of this race will receive a \$500.00 Prize and will automatically become the next year’s challenger.

THE EASTPORT VS LUBEC CHALLENGE RACE

This race is for working fishing boats identified with a **HOME PORT** of either Eastport or Lubec. All boats to be inboard powered. The winner will receive a \$500.00 Prize

THE ALL CANADA CHALLENGE RACE (CAMPOBELLO VS DEER ISLAND)

This is an “open” race for boats identified with **Canadian Home Port** .The winner will receive a \$500.00 Prize

US VS Canada

All Racers are eligible for \$1000 prize drawing regardless of how they finish in the race.

DIVISION RACES

DIVISION 1	JUNIOR SKIPPERS DIVISION (AGE 18 & UNDER) UP TO 25HP (MUST BE WITH ADULT)
DIVISION 2	WORKING BOAT OUTBOARD/STERN DRIVE DIVISION POWER & SIZE OPEN
DIVISION 3	RECREATIONAL OUTBOARD & STERN DRIVE DIVISION 125 & Under
DIVISION 4	RECREATIONAL OUTBOARD & STERN DRIVE DIVISION OVER 126 HP
DIVISION 5	WORKING LOBSTER BOAT INBOARD DIVISION GAS POWERED UNDER 375 CID
DIVISION 6	WORKING LOBSTER BOAT INBOARD DIVISION GAS POWERED OVER 376 CID
DIVISION 7	WORKING LOBSTER BOAT INBOARD DIVISION DIESEL POWERED UNDER 250 HP
DIVISION 8	WORKING LOBSTER BOAT INBOARD DIVISION DIESEL POWERED UNDER 251 TO 500 HP
DIVISION 9	WORKING LOBSTER BOAT INBOARD DIVISION DIESEL POWERED OVER 501 HP
DIVISION 10	WORKING LOBSTER BOAT DRAGGER DIVISION OPEN CLASS
DIVISION 11	CHALLENGE RACE; EASTPORT VS LUBEC
DIVISION 12	CHALLENGE RACE: FASTEST WORKING BOAT CANDIAN LOBSTER BOAT OPEN CLASS
DIVISION 13	CHALLENGE RACE:FASTEST LOBSTER BOAT DESIGN OPEN
DIVISION 14	US VS CANADA OPEN RACE (ALL RACERS ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZE DRAWING REGARDLESS OF FINISH PLACE)

Prizes:

All entrants must have completed the Official Race Form AND signed Lobster Boat Waiver Form to participate or be eligible for prizes. Because we are constantly getting donations, prizes are constantly changing. Up-to-date prize information will be available on

www.easportpiratefestival.com and will be posted at the Race Registration Booth throughout the Festival.

The race will be conducted on VHF Marine Channel 65A. Race participants needing help also can reach a race official on that channel.

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 United States Coast Guard required safety equipment while in US waters.

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:

All Races will be started by the Official Race Committee Starter Boat. Each racer is responsible for understanding the start signal flags. Any false starts or prohibited maneuvers will be noted by the Official Starter and violators may be disqualified as the Starter sees fit. 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. Make your protest known to the Committee Boat via VHF Channel 65A

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.

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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.

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 and other prizes will be awarded.

Launching:

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. Launching and parking instructions will be given at the Registration Booth the day of the race.

For More Information:

If you have any questions regarding the race, feel free to contact a member of the Race Committee: Mike Morse, Tel: 207-853-4773 or cmorse@maine.rr.com