



154th Annual Cruise Predicted Log Events for Motor Yachts

CONTEST RULES & INFORMATION

It is our intention that these contests be an enjoyable cruise event. We've made the courses short and the contest windows long, allowing you to choose your own starting times depending on conditions, your yacht's performance, and your personal cruising schedule. We wish you good luck and hope you have fun, both in the calculation of your predictions and during the contests.

Rules

This event will be governed by these rules and instructions, and by the decisions and judgments of the Predicted Log Committee which will be final.

Schedule

If conditions permit, there will be five Predicted Log contests:

Sunday, August 8 – Camden to Vinalhaven
Monday, August 9 – Vinalhaven to Swan's Island
Tuesday, August 10 – Swan's Island to Mount Desert Island
Thursday, August 12 – Mount Desert Island to Merchant Row
Friday, August 11 – Merchant Row to Islesboro

The Committee may cancel or postpone a contest for any reason. Contests will likely be cancelled or abandoned for fog or poor weather.

Announcements and Communications

The NYYC Race Committee will make the initial announcement for each day's contest (or its cancellation) on channel 72 at 0800 during fleet announcements.

Eligibility and Divisions

These contests are open to members and invited guests of New York Yacht Club on their own or chartered yachts. Family members or guest crew may participate either as contestants or observers, provided that the contestant "skipper" is a competent helmsman and the designated "observer" is competent to record exact performance times and keep a complete and accurate log according the rules.

Yachts will compete without handicap, although they may be classified into different divisions for prizes.

Entering a Contest

Yachts may enter any contest by submitting the completed *Prediction Entry* form for that contest. Prediction Entry forms are enclosed in the cruise book, or they may be downloaded from the website online. (Entry forms will also be available at the Captain's Meeting.) The entry form and all prediction calculations shall be completed by the contestant "skipper" who will be the yacht's helmsman during the contest. Skippers are honor-bound not to consult their predictions nor reveal their predictions to others until after the contest.

Each skipper shall appoint his/her own "observer" who will be the yacht's official timekeeper and recorder during a contest. The *Observer's Log* form shall be used to log the yacht's contest performance times and also to record any irregularity or unusual event that may occur during a contest. When the yacht has finished the contest, the observer shall sign and seal the completed log.

Each form has its own set of instructions. Skippers and observers shall not reveal to each other the information on their respective forms, except as prescribed by the instructions.

Completed forms shall be delivered by end of contest day (or as soon as practicable) to the NYYC Race Committee or to the designated auxiliary committee boat.

Permitted Helm Aids

Provided that no time or speed information is revealed, use of the following is permitted: compass, fathometer, tachometer, VHF radio, and printed charts. An autopilot may be used to assist steering provided that it is not tracking or navigating from GPS or radar or a preprogrammed route.

Use of chartplotters or radar is not permitted.

Exceptions are allowed for emergencies and for safety. Any exceptions shall be logged by the observer.

Skippers may use any resources prior to a contest, but from the start to the finish of a contest, skippers shall turn off or cover all sources of prohibited data (including time displays on cell phones, e.g.).

(Note: Skippers may vary their rpm speeds as desired, and should plan for variations while underway due to traffic or sea conditions.)

Start, Finish, and Time Limit

Yachts shall take their own start and finish times in the manner described below and as prescribed on the Observer's Log. The start and finish marks for all contests are described below under "Courses and Marks."

Unless the committee announces a postponement or cancellation, the starting period for each contest, for all divisions, will begin at 1000. Yachts may start at will, at any time of day after a starting period begins, provided that they finish within the contest time limit. The time limit for each contest will expire at 1600 for all yachts, regardless of their start times. The time limit will not be extended for postponements of the start.

Courses and Marks

Contest courses are the same for all yachts. Each course consists of a starting mark, one or more intermediary marks, and a finish mark. All marks are Government buoys or visible charted obstructions. Marks must be left to the designated side and passed in the designated sequence, thus from "Start" to "Mark A" is the first leg, from "Mark A" to "Mark B" is the next leg, etc.

When approaching each mark of the course, the skipper or skipper's designee shall notify the observer to "*Stand By*," and when the yacht is judged directly abeam, the call shall be "*Mark*." Thus, the arrival time at each mark will also be the departure time that begins the next leg. The yacht's observer shall record the time of each "*Mark*" in the manner prescribed on the Observer's Log.

Buoys and obstructions that are not marks of the course need not be observed except as required for safe navigation. Total course distances given in nautical miles (NM) are approximate. The *lat/lon* positions given for mark identification on the Prediction Entry forms are approximate.

Sunday, August 8 – "THE WARM-UP" – Camden to Vinalhaven (10NM)

Start: Between R N "4" and Curtis I off Camden Harbor
Mark A: R "12" Bell south of Robinson Rock to starboard
Mark B: R W "FT" Mo(A) Bell to port
Finish: R N "24" off Crabtree Pt to port

Monday, August 9 – "SWAN'S SONG" – Vinalhaven to Swan's I (10 NM)

Start: R N "10" north of Merchant I to port
Mark A: G C "1" Colby Pup to starboard
Mark B: R N "6" The Woodbury either side
Finish: R "8" Fl R 4s Bell to port

Tuesday, August 10, 2010 – "THE DOWNEASTER" – Swan's I to MDI (10 NM)

Start: G C "1" Staple Ledge to starboard
Mark A: R N "2" Grindstone Ledge to port
Mark B: South Bunker Ledge to starboard
Finish: R N "6" Cow Ledge to starboard

Thursday, August 12, 2010 – "EGG HUNT" – MDI to Merchant Row (10 NM)

Start: R "8" Fl R 4s Gong north of Cranberry I to port
Mark A: G "1" Fl G 4s Gong off Long Ledge to port
Mark B: RW "CP" Bell east end of Casco Passage either side
Finish: Between R "8" Bell Egg Rock and G C "7" Sunken Egg Rock

Friday, August 13, 2010 – "NORTH BY NW" – Merchant Row to Islesboro (12 NM)

Start: R N "2" W Mark I Ledge to starboard
Mark A: RG N Compass I Ledge to port
Mark B: Egg Rock Ledges to port
Finish: G C "3" east of Goose I either side

Safety and Courtesy

Safety of persons and vessels takes precedence at all times, in all situations.

Contestants shall observe the rules of the road, yield to right-of-way traffic, and not interfere with other contestants. Please avoid lobster pots and be courteous to fishing vessels.

This is a contest that tests individual skills, not a competition with other yachts. Contestants making faster passages shall steer clear of contestants traveling at slower speeds and pass them at safe distances. When approaching a mark or obstruction, the yacht with the closest lateral distance to the mark has the right of way. When overtaking at marks, faster yachts shall pass or round well to the outside, slowing as may be required for safety and to minimize wake.

Scoring

Each contest will be scored separately. Multiple contests may also be scored as a series. Scores will be calculated as a percent error based on the numeric differences between predicted and actual elapsed times without regard to early or late arrivals. Both a yacht's performance on individual course legs and its overall performance will count in its final contest score. Results will be posted at the end of the cruise. Prizes will be awarded for the best scores.

Yachts that complete their contests within the time limits, within the rules, and with no irregularities that will have affected performance, will be eligible for all prizes.

Yachts that do not complete their contests within the time limits, or complete them with significant performance irregularities, will not be eligible for prizes for that contest, but may still be eligible for series prizes.

Contestants who operate their yachts in a manner contrary to the rules and to the spirit of the contest will not be eligible for prizes and may be disqualified from the event.

Protests and Redress

Because these contests are not competitions with other yachts, there is no provision for protests. Starting in a contest shall be taken as an acceptance of the rules and conditions; there is no provision for redress. Any unusual events or circumstances recorded in the Observer's Log will be considered by the Committee prior to scoring. The Committee's decisions are final.