



## 2022 Camden Classics Cup

### Sheer(line) bliss at the 2022 Camden Classics Cup, presented by Lyman-Morse in Camden, Maine

**Camden, Maine, USA —July 30, 2022 —** Few sights are finer than a perfect sheer line accentuated by gleaming brightwork and immaculate topsides. Unless, of course, this optic is magnified by many such elegant lines. But this is exactly what is on display at the 2022 Camden Classics Cup (July 28-30), which is unfurling on the waters of Maine's Western Penobscot Bay. Trying to determine the prettiest belle at this ball is almost as tactically challenging as the nautical fisticuffs that the crews of these elegant dames began exchanging once the starting signals sounded.

Upon arrival in their starting areas on Friday morning, sailors were presented with 10-12 knots and seas that were occasionally flickering white on their summits once they arrived at their starting areas. Cotton-ball clouds hung over Camden, and Mount Megunticook (1,375 feet), just to the north of town, stood sentinel as the race committees riffled through the different starting sequences.

"The weather gods cooperated nicely," said Holly Paterson, event director of the 2022 Camden Classic Cup, nothing that there was better breeze for the regatta's opening day than at the 2021 edition. "Sunshine, breeze, and classic boats are a well-loved DownEast tradition, especially when this combination comes together for this regatta."

The 14-strong Daysailer Class spent their day on their own private racing area, while the other 78 competing yachts leveraged a different line and marks. This, said Ted Smith, the regatta's PRO, at Friday morning's skipper's meeting, was to ensure everyone's safety and fun.

Given the smiles on display, this objective was achieved.

"The whole scene is amazing," said Craig Buttner, the owner and skipper of the 28-foot ketch Rozinante, which was designed by L. Francis Herreshoff, and which is competing in the Daysailer Class. This is Buttner's second time racing at the Camden Classics Cup. "There are so many beautiful boats, [the regatta is] very well organized, great atmosphere, and just an incredible backdrop. It's fun to see the big boats, the little boats, it's a great mix of everybody."

When asked about the level of competition in his class, Buttner said that

#### ABOUT THE CAMDEN CLASSICS CUP

Presented by Lyman-Morse in conjunction with the Camden Yacht Club and with support from the CYOA, the Camden Classics Cup is a celebration of both classic yacht racing and boatbuilding. This seventh annual two-day regatta in Camden, Maine opens the classic yacht racing season in the region. The 2022 event is hosting 98 registered boats across 10 classes and includes a one-day youth regatta. Additional donations from regatta proceeds benefit Lifeflight of Maine.

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numbers are an important catalyst. "Last year I think we had ten boats, this year we have 15, so it's more competitive," he said.

Richard Morrison, the owner and skipper of the 17-foot cat-ketch Wizard, a Herreshoff Coquina that was designed by Nathanael G. Herreshoff, is engaging the Camden Classics Cup for the first time as a sailor, however he photographed it in 2021. "I got a great welcome from the organizers, so I decided to sign up," he said of his experience last year.

Morrison is singlehanded his boat in the Daysailer Class, and while Wizard isn't the only Herreshoff Coquina vying for dockside or racecourse attention, he's sailing his own regatta. "There are some real fast boats in the daysailing [class], and I just want to go out and have fun," he said.

The bigger boats also enjoyed great conditions on their single long-course race, and there was plenty of sail-handling finery on display.

"It's the wooden masts, it's the racing machines, it's the scene," said Ginny Colburn, co-owner of the 59-foot Marilee, a Nathanael G. Herreshoff-designed NY40 that's racing in the CFR Vintage 1 Class, about the regatta's gravity. This is her third year competing here, and, like Morrison, she was grounded about her ambitions—and her team's goals—for the event. "As an owner, it's safety first," she said. "For the team, it's [about] winning."

Colburn isn't the only owner in the CFR Vintage 1 Class who holds the Camden Classics Cup in high regard.

"It's a great event, it's a great venue, it's super boats, it's so beautiful here, and the people are great," said Joe Robillard, the owner and skipper of the 68-foot yawl Black Watch, which was designed by Sparkman & Stephens and built in 1938. "Everyone does such a good job putting the event together, it's really fun."

As for the racing, Robillard said the competition is serious. "In our [class], there are a lot of really good boats with really good crews," he said, adding that while he and his crew would love to hear their names called at tonight's awards ceremony, the Camden Classics Cup yields handsome dividends irrespective of results. "With these boats, in this place, whatever the weather is, however the racing comes off, it's just a fun event," he said,

This includes time spent racing and time spent socializing.

"There were a lot of happy sailors at the last night's boardwalk cocktail party," said Paterson of day one's conditions. "Hopefully we can wash, rinse, and repeat today."

Sailing begins today at 1000 hours with the regatta's Parade of Sail tour around Camden Harbor, followed by racing. Weather depending, the first guns are expected to begin sounding at noon, followed by the post-racing dinner-dance party and awards ceremony.

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