



2022 Camden Classics Cup

Class lines drawn at the
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Cup, presented
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Camden, Maine

Camden, Maine, USA —July 29, 2022 — John Pierpont Morgan Sr., the famous investment banker and financier, once quipped that he'd do business with anyone but that he only sailed with gentlemen. Morgan would be at home at the 2022 Camden Classics Cup (July 28-30): Its scratch sheet is populated with 92 elegant classic and modern yachts, ranging in size from Zig Zag, a modest Herreshoff 12 ½, to the 115-foot and 151-year-old schooner Stephen Taber, the latter of which is the regatta's flagship. But while the participating owners and crew may practice their polished politesse ashore, all have gathered on the waters of Western Penobscot Bay for two days of racing their classic and modern builds on some of New England's most scenic waters.

The regatta may be a friendly affair, but it's fair to say that everyone is sailing to win their class, and to hear their names called at Saturday's post-racing awards ceremony.

The 92-strong fleet is split among boats that will race under the Classic Rating Formula (CRF), the performance handicap rating fleet (PHRF), the ocean racing fleet (ORR-Club or ORR-Ez handicap certificates), the Daysailer Divisions (which will race under a variety of handicaps), and the J/42 and J/46 One Design fleets.

Competition is expected to be polite-but-stiff across all class, however the 10-strong CRF Spirit of Tradition class boasts the most big-boat entries. A closer look at this class's scratch sheet reveals the 76-foot Zemphira, the 48-foot Restive, and a pair of Lyman-Morse-built 46-footers, Arcadia and Hopgrasser, plus seven other yachts that will all be in contention.

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.

"The event is a celebration of vintage and classic yachts for the sailors and the surrounding community," said Holly Paterson, event director of the 2022 Camden Classic Cup, adding that the event will also feature a Youth Regatta on Friday (July 29). All told, some 50 junior sailors are expected to participate in this regatta-within-a-regatta, which will be contested in Optimists and 420s.

While great racing on beautiful, historic waters is something that all racing sailors—both young and young-at-heart—can appreciate, there's more to celebrate at this year's Camden Classics Cup. Lyman-Morse, the

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event's presenting sponsor, recently completed a major upgrade of their Camden facility, including a brand-new 34,000 square-foot structure that houses their carpentry, electronics, mechanics, and rigging shops. Other on-site amenities include the Blue Barren Distillery and the Salt Wharf restaurant.

"The big change for 2022 is the new Lyman-Morse facility on the Camden waterfront, which will be the hub of all activities," said Paterson. "There's an amazing new boardwalk overlooking the docks, crew accommodations, service offices, and the restaurant and distillery. We can't wait to show it off."

This show-and-tell began last night, with champagne and caviar at the Owners and Captains reception and will continue with Friday's boardwalk cocktail party and through Saturday night's awards presentation.

In addition to providing great sailing across a variety of designs and decades, as well as the chance to visit Lyman-Morse's new facilities, Paterson noted that the regatta is also giving back to the local communities. "All proceeds of the event go to LifeFlight of Maine, Maine's only statewide critical-care medical service," she said.

Racing is set to begin today at the 2022 Camden Classics Cup. The race committee will test the fleet with a variety of windward-leeward and around-the-buoy courses, with different classes sailing different courses. Conditions depending, the race committee plans to sound the regatta's first warning signal at 1200 hours on Friday, with the goal of scoring one race before the post-racing party begins at 1700 hours. Saturday kicks off with a Parade of Sail tour around Camden Harbor at 1000 hours, followed by the first warning signal at noon; the post-racing dinner-dance party and awards ceremony are set to begin at 1800 hours.

Please visit www.camdenclassicscup.com for the latest news about this classic- and new-build regatta, as it unfurls. ■