

Notice of Race
Short Ships
Sunday, September 20th 2026

The Apprenticeshop invites rowers to the Short Ships Regatta 2026! This regatta is a rowing event for teams or singles, skiffs, shells or any other rowing or paddle vessel less than 100 feet in overall length. It takes place in Rockland Harbor and has a strong focus on sportsmanship.

The current edition has a 3 mile race event for all vessels, new this year is a Susan Skiff one mile challenge, both these occur in the morning and similar to the past 2 year, a single oar stern sculling tournament on our Carney 8 foot Prams in the afternoon.

Hosted by: The Apprenticeshop

Location: 655 Main St. Rockland, ME 04841. 207-594-1800

Event Chairperson: João Strout-Bentes, joao@apprenticeshop.org, 207-323-3748

SCHEDULE:

08.00-08.45am	CHECK IN / REGISTRATION
09.00am	SKIPPER'S MEETING
10.00-12.00pm	3 MILE RACE / SUSAN SKF ONE MILE CHALLENGE
12.15-12.30pm	3 MILE RACE RESULTS AND PRIZES
12.30-01.30pm	LUNCH BREAK
01.45pm	STERN SCULLING CHECK IN/ SKIPPER'S MEETING
02.00-03.30pm	STERN SCULLING RACE TOURNAMENT
04.00pm	STERN SCULLING RACE RESULTS AND PRIZES

REGISTRATION: Online or on in person on site at the Bo'suns Locker

1. Rowers name
2. Vessels name, class and length
3. Event/Events
4. Emergency contact
5. Waiver

FORMAT/COURSE:

- 3 MILE RACE: Single start, vessels scored individually. Single or multiple rowers, scullers or paddlers. The course will be set with orange marks, first leg being Leron Cove start line at the Apprenticeshop dock to breakwater light mark, second leg being breakwater light mark to Jameson Point mark and third and last leg being Jameson Point mark to the finish line at the Apprenticeshop dock. Paddleboards will complete a shortened course.
- SUSAN SKIFF ONE MILE CHALLENGE : Single start, vessels scored individually. Single or multiple rowers. The Course will be announced at Skippers meeting.
- C8 PRAM SCULLING TOURNAMENT: Will follow a prediction bracket style and will be shown at skippers meeting. Course: Multiple straight course races of 100' at the dock.

RULES: Will follow US Coast Guard Colregs. Collisions will disqualify the vessel. Race results are based on time of finish.

PRIZES AND AWARDS: 3 MILE RACE will present the following awards: Single rowing, Team rowing, Kayak (single and tandem combined), Paddle. SUSAN SKIFF ONE MILE CHALLENGE will present an overall first prize. The Sculling Tournament will present an overall first prize.

SAFETY: USCG Approved PFDs are mandatory for all participants. The Apprenticeshop has PFDs available to borrow.

LAUNCHING VESSELS: All participants must supply their own boats for the 3 mile race. Vessels may be launched on Friday(HT 5/17), Saturday (HT 6/18) or Sunday Sep19th (HT 7am). Dock and trailer parking space is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis. Please call JB at 207 323 3748 to arrange dock space and/or trailer parking. Free, limited street parking is available within walking distance.

LOCATION/DIRECTIONS: The Apprenticeshop 655 Main Street Rockland, ME 04841. Heading north on RT 1, just past Dunkin Donuts on the right. Heading South on RT1, just past Claws on the left. Bosun's Locker is situated on the head of our pier and our water access ramp is right beside it. The course will be set on Rockland Harbor passing close to the Breakwater Lighthouse.

Waiver of Liability: Rowing is an activity that has inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating at entirely their own risk. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host organization, sponsors or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. **Please complete and sign the waiver at registration.**

Right to Use Name and Likeness: By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.