

## 2020 Gibbs Race – August 29, 2020 – NOR

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic we will be running a modified Tom Gibbs Memorial race this year. We will not be going to Kelleys Island (or any other port) for an overnight. We will instead be conducting a one day, offshore Triangle that starts and ends at the port of Lorain. There will also not be an organized meal with this race and of course all contestants can sleep in their own beds that night.

The race will mirror past MAST races. The MAST organization places mooring buoys over various shipwrecks in the area of Lorain and we will use one or more of these as turning marks. The choice of which marks and courses will be decided on race day based on the weather. Triangular course lengths will be between 27 and 32 nautical miles while straight line courses (out and back) will be between 16 and 18 nautical miles.

Potential marks will be:

- MAST Craftsman buoy, 1 nm north of Avon Point
- MAST Morning Star buoy, 8 nm north of Lorain
- NOAA 45005 Weather Buoy 15 nm NW of Lorain
- Temporary inflatable mark, 1 nm north of Vermilion

The race will start and finish in the outer harbor at Lorain, Ohio, between navigational marks "green 5" and "red 6" which mark the mouth of the black river. The start time is scheduled for 10am EDT, Saturday 29 August 2020. A standard start will be conducted with combined classes unless turn-out is too large. Each skipper will be responsible for taking their own finish time using their GPS device.

Provided there is sufficient interest we will provide both a JAM and SPIN class. If there isn't enough participation then the race will be conducted as JAM only.

There will be a time limit for the first boat in each class to reach the chosen first mark as provided in the Sailing Instructions. If the first-mark time limit is exceeded then it will be at the discretion of the race committee if the race is shortened or abandoned and racers will be informed via group text to your on-board cell phone and also using the race VHF channel.

All skippers and crew will be required to sign a liability waiver to participate.

The race fee is zero. In the interest of keeping the cost of the race at zero, Sailing Instructions will be distributed via email only.

It is traditional that a bottle of rum is awarded as a mid-race fastest corrected time in each class. This year we'll award the rum to the fastest correct time in each class. There will be no other awards made.

To compete please provide via email (to [wscott@wowway.com](mailto:wscott@wowway.com)) the following:

- Boat name, make, sail number and class-appropriate PHRF rating. If you don't have a PHRF rating one will be assigned from the PHRF-LE database.
- Skipper name, on-board cell phone number and number of crew
- Choice of class (JAM or SPIN) you wish to compete in

A waiver (to be signed and returned) will be provided with the Sailing Instructions.

**Sign-up deadline is Monday, August 24**