

Dear Sailor,

Welcome to the 32nd annual Arey's Pond Cat Gathering!



We look forward to our 32nd parade of sailboats on Pleasant Bay on Saturday, 17th August 2024. The race sequence starts at 11:50 a.m. In case of small craft warnings, electrical storms, or gusts of 20 knots, the rain date for the gathering will be Sunday, 18th August. This event celebrates our appreciation of the beautiful body of water on which we are privileged to sail. Proceeds from your sign-up fee will be donated to the Friends of Pleasant Bay and Sipson Island Trust to assist in their efforts to preserve the bay's natural beauty.

The groups, in order of start, are:

Blue Group: #101→

**APBY Daysailer 18, 19' Catboats & up, Baybirds, Marshall 18'/22's
Traditional Wooden Sloops or Gaff Rigged Sloops, and similar designs**

Yellow Group: #201→

**APBY Lynx 16', Marshall 15's
Herreshoff Americas, Crosby Cats 16' & 18',
Fenwick 15-18', Custom Cats and similar designs 15-18'**

Green Group: #301→

**APBY 14's
Handy Cat, Classic Cat, Minuteman, Beetle Cat, and similar designs up to 14'**

The post-race celebration will start at 4:30 p.m., beginning with an awards ceremony and followed by a celebration. This will be an outdoor event at the boat yard waterfront featuring live music until 7 p.m. and a tent will be set up in case of inclement weather. All race attendees are welcome to join the awards ceremony at 4:30 p.m.

The warm-up race will be on Friday, 16th August, with a single canon at 11:00 a.m., marks will be placed in Big Pleasant Bay and sailors are invited and encouraged to sail the course. **The committee boat will be monitoring VHF Channel 72 and any course changes during both race events will be announced there.**

There will be a Skippers' meeting at 9 a.m., Saturday the 17th, which we strongly encourage captains to attend. This will be an outdoor meeting at the waterfront and will also be held virtually for your convenience.

We look forward to your attendance at the 32nd Cat Gathering and we hope that all participants have a fun day of sailing!

- Arey's Pond Boat Yard Cat Gathering Committee

P.S. PLEASE NOTE: Your race packet is designed to be recycled, the number/chart page can even be used next year, so for the sake of the environment, please return or drop it in the **packet recycling bin** on your return to the boat yard. We appreciate the great participation over the last few events. Thanks to all of you for recycling!